

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Executive Committee Board of Directors Meeting

November 18, 2014

A meeting of the MILRA's Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman

Kenneth Deleon

Chandra Houston

John Akin

Richard Holmes

T. Rogers Wade

Brian McGowan

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Brian Hooker, MILRA

Sandra Tennyson, MILRA

James McCormick, MILRA

Ken Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Darryl Carver, Office of Chairman Eaves, Fulton County

Jocelyn Bivens, City of Atlanta Council Staff

Ex-Officio:

Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Councilmember

Guests:

John W. Hathaway

Louvenia Gates

Amy Johnson

Chioke Perry

Ricardo Jacobs

Allean Brown

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 2:13 PM

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the agenda. Richard Holmes made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

Item No. 3: Community Engagement Subcommittee Report:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd gave a brief up to the board and stated that the Community Engagement Subcommittee-Ad Hoc Task Force wanted to present to the MILRA's Board Executive Committee a draft of the document in which they are preparing to present to Tyler Perry Studios, but was advised due to time restraints, it would not be feasible. In lieu of that, the Ad Hoc Task Force is tentatively scheduled to meet on December 4, 2014, at 6:00pm and is requesting members of the MILRA's Board to attend so they can present their presentation. Chairman Ward stated that there has to be a level of organization in the Task Force before it comes before the board and the board will not referee. At this time, Chairman Ward said that a commitment could not be made as to whether or not board members would attend. However, he would inform the board members of the Ad Hoc Task Force request for their presence and feedback.

Item No. 4: Executive Director's Report:

Brian Hooker, the Executive Director gave an update to the MILRA Board where he expounded on the following:

- **Community Engagement:** which included updates from the Ad Hoc Committee, initiation of e-mail blasts designed to reach a broader audience within the community. And Mr. Hooker also stated that he has met and toured with several representatives from the community and plans to meet with more representatives. Mr. Hooker has also given presentations to various entities to update them on the current happenings at Fort McPherson and more are scheduled.
- **Collaboration:** Mr. Hooker stated that MILRA is working closely with the City of Atlanta's public Works and Real Estate groups, Invest Atlanta and several other entities. And that an application has been submitted to ARC to fund an update of the 2004 Oakland City/Lakewood Livable Centers Initiative.
- **Homeless Providers:** Mr. Hooker stated that on November 6, 2014, MILRA hosted a pre-proposal workshop for Homeless Services Providers interested in submitting proposals for operating one or both of the two remaining groups as described in MILRA's Legally Binding Agreement.
- **Financial Snapshot:** A breakdown of cash on hand and accounts payable was shared with the board.

A detailed handout was given to each board member for their perusal.

Public Comments:

Chairman Ward invited public comment and Ms. Amy Johnson, a resident of Oakland City took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

Item No. 6: (Executive Session) (1.) Acquisition and Disposition of Real Estate and (2.) Litigation/Attorney Client Privileged Communication:

Chairman Ward made an announcement to move into Executive Session and read the following statement.

“Ladies and Gentleman:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. SECTION 50-14-4(B), a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and will enter into executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate, (2) receive Attorney-Client Communication concerning active litigation, and (3) discuss personnel matters. The specific reasons for the closed session will be entered in the official minutes and a notarized affidavit will be executed stating that the executive session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.”

After Chairman Ward read the statement T. Rogers Wade made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

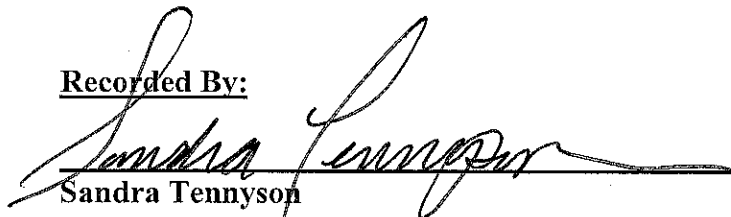
The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 2 hours and 27 minutes. Ken DeLeon made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

After the Executive Session ended Chairman Ward asked that the meeting be reopened to the public. Ken DeLeon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.


Adjournment:

John Akin made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA’s Board Executive Committee meeting ended at approximately 5:24pm.

Recorded By:


Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By


Brian Hooker
Executive Director

OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Felker Ward, Jr., who, after being duly sworn in, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 18th day of November, 2014.

- (2) I have been advised that *O.C.G.A* § 50-14-4(b) requires that when any meeting of the Authority is closed in accordance with an exception to the Open Meetings Law that:
 - (i) the specific reason for the closure is to be entered upon the official minutes of the meeting;
 - (ii) the meeting is be closed only upon a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting;
 - (iii) the minutes are to reflect the names of the members present and those voting for closure; and
 - (iv) the person presiding over the meeting is to execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 18th day of November 2014 which was closed for the purpose of:

DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER

- X DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE**
(To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

- X ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

as allowed by *O.C.G. A.*, Title 50, Chapter 14 and was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

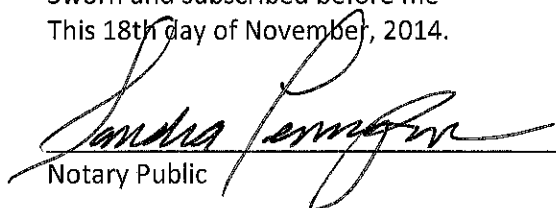
18th day of November, 2014.




Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 18th day of November, 2014.

Witnessed:



Notary Public (SEAL)



Witness

my commission expires on 5/17/15