

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in the LRA Building located at 1794 Walker Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
James Harris, CVNA
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills, East Point
Charles Greene, SHNA
Judy Walker
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X

Alternates: Jeffrey Elrod, CANO

Ex-Officio: N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board: N/A

Staff:

Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office
CeCe Ross, LRA
Sandra Tennyson, LRA
Pete Hayley, LRA

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement

Guests: 2

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members, partners and guests to the CES Meeting on February 26, 2020. Recommended appointments to the CES members were approved: Jeffrey Elrod, Alternate for CANO.

Approval of Minutes:

January 22, 2020 meeting minutes unanimously approved with corrections. Approved minutes will be posted on the Fort MAC LRA website, www.FortMacLRA.com.

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Presentation on Pittsburgh Yards by James Harris

James reviewed the history of the property from the Civil War, purchase of the land to create Clark College, to current times. The Pittsburgh area is the second neighborhood founded by slaves while Reynoldstown is the first. Area includes Ariel Bowen United Methodist Church which was established in 1862 and remains in the community. The property consist of 35 acres which is being planned for development with heavy community input and involvement, such as naming the streets, branding, color choices, and recent community input to name greenspace for the beloved and deceased community resident James Bridges.

The CES members are invited to update meeting at Ariel Bowen and walking tour on Thursday at 10:45A. Additional community update on 2nd Thursday March at 6:15p.m. onsite at 352 University Avenue. Meetings are open to the public

Fort MAC LRA Board Updates

Joyce Sheperd, CES Chair, reported that the Board did not meet on January 31st due to lack of quorum. Next meeting scheduled for February 19th. The LRA staff is still working on the utility studies for the infrastructure. Search for new Executive Director still in progress and no additional information available at this time.

More information for Pittsburgh Yards can be found on website
www.Pittsburghyards.com :

Pittsburgh Yards® is an unprecedented opportunity to spur economic equity, job growth and entrepreneurship for residents of Adair Park, Capitol Gateway, Mechanicsville, Peoplestown, Pittsburgh and Summerhill—often referred to as Neighborhood Planning Unit V (NPU-V)—and other southwest Atlanta neighborhoods. It's more than a development project. It's a transformative, community-led catalyst to positively impact residents and entrepreneurs for generations to come.

Committee Reports

- **Public Arts Advisory Council (PAAC):** Nothing to report.
- **Tyler Perry Studios,** Ms. Jessica Hardaway provided the following new partnerships and community activities:

Hired:

13– Roads and Grounds
2- General Facilities Maintenance

Open Positions:

- Purchasing Admin.
- Staff Accountant
- Grounds

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- HVAC Helper
- Certified Carpenter

TPS Community Engagement Update:

- TPS partnered with Finch Elementary and Humphries Elementary for Career Day. We had volunteers from TPS come and share highlights about their careers, the industry and lessons learned. Both career days were held on February 5th and February 7th.
- TPS participated in Clark Atlanta University Spring Career Fair. Volunteers from TPS who were also alumni of Clark Atlanta University hosted a table at the fair. Volunteers spoke with current CAU students about career opportunities, internships, and experiences at the studio.
- In celebration for Black History Month TPS sponsored a field trip for Finch Elementary School students to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights. Students learned about the history of the Civil and Human Rights Movement with a guided tour and interactive activities throughout the center.
- **Jobs Creation Task Force**, Joyce Sheperd announced the Atlanta 2020 TV and Film Symposium which will be held on March 21, 2020 at Sylvan Hills Middle School. Chair Sheperd encouraged the community's participation and suggested that they volunteer. Flyers will be emailed to members for distribution via their channels to the residents. CES suggestions:

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Public Comments:

- *Guest did not sign list to make comments; however, those in the audience were permitted to ask questions during the meeting.*

Announcements and Adjournment:

- Code Enforcement Class scheduled for end of March.

Meeting adjourned after motion at approximately 6:47p.m. *Minutes Recorded by: Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd's Staff*