

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, via Zoom video conference.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
James Harris, CVNA
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills, East Point
Charles Greene, SHNA
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X
Roslyn Baughn, CANO
Ruben Burney, Perkerson

Alternates: Allison Hathaway, Pamona Park
Alleean Brown, NPU-S

Ex-Officio: N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board: Young Hughley

Staff: David Burt, LRA
Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office
CeCe Ross, LRA
Sandra Tennyson, LRA
Robert Mosby, LRA
Joyce Allen, LRA
Pete Hayley, LRA

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement

ULGATL: Tamara Roulhac

Fulton County Office of Marvin Arrington: Mitsah Henry

Guests: 2 (Nia Garrett and Steve Willilams)

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members, partners and guests to the CES Meeting via Zoom on May 27, 2020. With a quorum present, the agenda was approved: Tamie Cook-motion and Ricardo Jacobs-seconded.

Approval of Minutes:

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April 22, 2020 meeting minutes unanimously approved: Tamie Cook-motion and Roz Baughn-seconded. Approved minutes will be posted on the Fort MAC LRA website, www.FortMacLRA.com .

Presentation

N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board Updates

- ***TPS Lease-LRA License Agreements:*** David Burt, Interim Executive Director, reported that the Tyler Perry Studios wanted to resume/continue productions on his property during the pandemic. To accomplish this safely for the cast and crews, a process was developed to quarantine the cast/crews together on his property. Testing and housing would be needed on site for several weeks. Since TPS zoning does not permit housing, the LRA as a government entity could be permitted for the project. After meeting with Zoning, an agreement was reached that allows MILRA to lease property on TPS side and then the LRA will license the property back to TPS. The agreement was approved with a minor change that allows TPS to use the parade grounds due to fire and safety concerns. The initial terms are for six months and can be extended to one year if needed. The LRA received \$3000 upfront to cover legal cost and will receive \$2000 monthly for the license. This transaction created a mutual win for TPS and the LRA.

- ***Budget:*** The LRA Board adopted the budget for fiscal year 2021. Expenses are generally flat except for adjustments to the revenue stream for the following :
 - Cost of insurance due to the sale of the FORSCOM building,
 - Sale of the FORSCOM building,
 - \$16.2 M usage of reserve funds to make up for revenue shortfall

Additional information pursuant to CES members' questions and/or concerns:

1. LRA has various sources of income including the \$2000 from the license agreement with TPS and rental income from TPS and VA parking lots.
2. David Burt will remain as the Interim until further notice.
3. Easterly has begun work on the FORSCOM building including some internal demolition. Tents and grading work will be visible soon.
4. LRA hired an environmental firm to randomly inspect around the perimeter of the property. Some lead contamination was identified on Campbellton Road side, The Army agreed to clean site.
5. LRA secured environmental insurance coverage for 10 years which is enough to cover future developers. Also, coverage can be subdivided if needed.

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6. The Army will continue to work on environmental remediation for known and unknown areas as identified. If the Army does not move aggressively enough for a specified area, the insurance permits the LRA to fix issues and pursue reimbursements from Army at a later time.
7. Budget reports are available upon request.
8. TPS has established a process that includes food, testing, housing and other amenities for the duration of the process and will handle any safety/health procedures on his property in the event the process moves from quarantine to isolation.
9. There will be no impact to the LRA side.

Committee Reports

- **Public Arts Advisory Council (PAAC):** Nothing to report due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- **Tyler Perry Studios:** Jessica Hardaway reported no recent activity for hiring at TPS due to the pandemic. However, recent community engagement activity included the following:
 - To show support and appreciation to the frontline healthcare workers who are in the trenches with COVID-19, hundreds of meals were delivered to Grady Memorial Hospital courtesy of a donation by the staff at Tyler Perry Studios. The meals were prepared by Atlanta-based celebrity Chef Elliott Farmer and his team.
 - The Perry Foundation has partnered with Tri-Cities High School to provide support and funding during the pandemic. A special video message was created by TPS for the graduating senior's virtual graduation ceremony. The video included pictures from the student's past visits at the studio and inspirational messages from the staff at TPS.
- **Jobs Creation Task Force:** Tamara Roulhac reported that some type of virtual TV and Film Symposium was under consideration since the Urban League and other firms are delivering training and various sessions online. The group engaged in an extensive dialogue and after substantial discussion, Joyce Sheperd suggested that a meeting be convened in about 2 weeks to continue the dialogue. James Harris volunteered to work with the task force and he has researched information on virtual platforms.

Unfinished Business

N/A

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New Business

N/A

Public Comments:

- *Steve Williams and Nia Garrett were acknowledged and permitted to comment accordingly.*

Announcements and Adjournment:

Mitsah Henry, Fulton County Commissioner Marvin Arrington Office, announced mobile testing and voting sites in South Fulton and Sandy Springs the week of May 26 – 29th at 10:00am. Other sites available on Fulton County website including details for Garden Hills Elementary School. More details on Fresh Food sites will be sent to CM Sheperd’s office for distribution.

Meeting Adjourned after motion and several “seconds” at approximately 6:08p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd’s Staff