

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes**  
**August 28, 2019**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, in the LRA Building located at 1794 Walker Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

**ATTENDEES**

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair  
Wil Miller, East Point-Ward B  
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X  
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R  
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Community  
Judy Walker, OCCO  
Robbie Hunter, NPU-S  
Corliss Claire, Adams Park  
Roslyn Baughn, CANO  
Gamba Stewart, Sylvan Hills

Alternates: Allison Hathaway, Pamona Park  
Alleean Brown, NPU S  
Shirley Gomez, Venetian Hills  
Sagirah Jones, CVNA

Ex-Officio: Nan Orrock, State Senator

Fort MAC LRA Board: Young Hughley

Staff:

Alan Ferguson, Interim Executive Director  
Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office  
CeCe Ross, LRA  
Sandra Tennyson, LRA  
Robert Mosby LRA  
David Burt, LRA  
Michael Reese, Realtor

Guests: 12

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members and guests to the CES Meeting on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. With a quorum present, the members approved the agenda following a motion to approve and second. A safety briefing was provided by CeCe Ross. Joyce Sheperd introduced Young Hughley and Alan Ferguson , Interim Executive Director of FORT MAC LRA.

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**Approval of Minutes:**

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2019 meeting minutes approved with a motion to approve and second.

Partners and Board members in attendance acknowledged:

- Erica Pines, MARTA
- Tori Hill, The Collaborative Firm
- State Senator Nan Orrock

**MARTA Presentation: Station Renaming Project --Oakland Station**

Tori Hill, TCF and Erica Pines, MARTA recapped Marta's story, vision, and process for naming transit stations. Gathering community input was not a part of the consideration in the past. Tori and Erica went through reasons to rename stations and listed the five stations under consideration which includes Lakewood-Fort McPherson . Public input will be gathered in community, APAB, NPU's and neighborhood association meetings. A handout and survey card were distributed to the CES members

**LRA Board Updates:**

Joyce Sheperd, Councilmember, and Alan Ferguson shared the following Board approvals and information:

- The LRA Board voted to sell the FORSCOM Building to Federal Drug Administration for \$17M. The FDA will relocate 350-400 jobs
- Authority granted to continue negotiation with Macauley Investments. Macauley Investments will determine if they can carry out the vision and will make recommendations to the Board for consideration.
- Board voted to lease temporary parking to the Veterans Administration while their deck is under construction.
- Recommendations for Committee assignments and chairs were made. Since the Board has a quorum, regular meeting dates will be established for the upcoming months
- David Burt, Senior Director Real Estate-Fort MAC LRA, was questioned about the information/proposal to create "Downtown 30310 Fort MAC" in the historic district which was presented to the LRA Board but not the CES members.
  - Several CES members voiced concerns about the presentation to the Board before sharing with the CES representatives for their input and feedback. Mr. Burt was asked to do a presentation in the next CES meeting.

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The CES members continued with concerns about:

- development or the lack thereof
- making the external portion of the property more inviting, consider landscaping as interim improvements
- removal of the walls
- recent media reporting and impact on perceptions

**Request** identified:

- a. Present and discuss Lee Street Trail Plan
- b. TPS hiring data focusing on zip 30310
- c. LRA Board to convene at least 3 evening meetings
- d. CES By-laws
- e. BIOs of new Board members

Also, **House Bill 1129 TO AMEND AN ACT TO CREATE THE MCPHERSON IMPLEMENTING LOCAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, APPROVED MAY 14, 2008** was provided for CES members to review.

**Committee Reports**

- PAAC and CES Jobs Creation Taskforce Committees will reconvene soon and provide updates and reports.
- Tyler Perry Studios, Ms. Jessica Hardaway provided the following hiring information:

**A. Internal Growth:**

All employees hired locally in Metro Atlanta Area:

- 7 new roles in a new post production department that was created
- Visual Effect certified technicians
- 6 Colorist and 6 Editors for Production
- 18 Grounds and Roads positions
- 4 Housekeeping positions

**B. Job Descriptions open currently:**

- General Maintenance
- HVAC
- Carpenters
- Grounds and Roads
- Housekeeping
- Facilities Technicians

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**Unfinished Business**

N/A

**New Business/Announcements**

N/A

**Public Comments:**

- *Although two guests signed, all guests that wanted to make comments were permitted, accordingly:*
  - *Discussion on process to make Board appointments, resignations and filling vacancies*
  - *Process for providing feedback to LRA from CES meeting*
  - *Request to publish and post all questions and answers online*
  - *Concern about what **is not** happening with the property*

**Announcements and Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned after motion at approximately 8:00p.m.

*Minutes Recorded by: Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd's Staff*