

Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes February 24, 2021

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2020, via Zoom video conference.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Charles Greene, SHNA
Michael Hopkins, NPU-X
Roslyn Baughn, CANO

Alternates: Allean Brown, NPU-S
Sagirah Jones, CV
Allison Hathaway, Pamona Park

Ex-Officio: N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board: N/A

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

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement
ULGATL: N/A
Fulton County Office of Marvin Arrington: N/A
A2D, Inc.: N/A

Guests: 6 (Sherry Williams + 6)

Joyce Sheperd, chair, welcomed the members, partners and guests to the CES Meeting via Zoom on February 24, 2021. With a quorum present, the agenda was approved with a motion from R. Baughn and a second by R. Jacobs. Chair Sheperd reviewed the subcommittee updates and new appointments: Michael Frierson to replace Monica Callier-Villages of East Point, Allean Brown designee switched positions with Robbie Hunter Alternate –NPU-S, Peter Soder new Alternate replaced Jeffrey Elrod-CANO. All updates and changes were properly approved with motions and seconds by several subcommittee members: J. Sheperd, R. Jacobs, and, A. Hathaway.

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Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2020 The December 3, 2020 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with correction: R. Jacobs -motion and M. Hopkins - seconded. Approved minutes will be posted on the Fort MAC LRA website, www.FortMacLRA.com .

Presentations

N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board Updates

Joyce Sheperd, Chair, announced the selection of David Burt as the new Executive Director for the LRA. Members acknowledged their appreciation for his interim service and approved the selection. David continued with LRA updates and activities:

- The LRA Board announced the appointment of Laurel Hart by the Governor to replace seat vacated by Ms. Audrey King.
- The LRA Board approved the following items:
 1. The audit of the LRA financial statements for fiscal year 2020 was recently completed with no issues identified.
 2. The GDOT offer to acquire land to use for easement for traffic signal improvements along Lee Street.
- David stated the interior of the FORSCOM building has been cleaned out. Also, Easterly is very open to hiring local and would seek subcontractors with the RFP process.
- Pete Hayley reviewed the Small Business/Vendor Directory that the LRA is compiling. Additions to the LRA Vendor List with small businesses in the area should be submitted to Pete Hayley or Jocelyn Bivins.
- Joyce Sheperd stated that she was excited about the partnership with Easterly and additional discussions will be included in the Jobs Creation Taskforce meetings.
- Ricardo Jacobs, vice chair, asked about future events or movie nights on the LRA property. David advised that they are open to suggestions especially since spring and Braves games are coming soon. Email suggestions to David Burt.

Committee Reports

- **Public Arts Advisory Council (PAAC):** No report was provided.
- **Tyler Perry Studios:** Jessica Hardaway provided the following report:
 1. TPS partnered with Meals on Wheels Atlanta for an MLK Day of Service event held on January 18th. Volunteers from TPS had the opportunity to engage in a friendly phone conversation with seniors from the local community.

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2. TPS participated in Finch Elementary School Virtual Career Day event held on February 11th. Volunteers from TPS had the opportunity to come share stories about their careers and the industry.
 3. TPS will be partnering with Clark Atlanta University on a virtual event this upcoming Thursday, February 25th at 6pm in celebration for Black History Month. During this event Clark Atlanta University alumni who are also TPS employees will share their personal stories about their careers and lessons learned along the way.
- **Jobs Creation Taskforce:** No report provided.
 - **Homeless Housing Committee:** Joyce Sheperd stated that a meeting with HUD to review unit obligations will be scheduled and a report will be provided to the members.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Public Comments:

Sherry Williams submitted public comment via email regarding the saving Greenbriar Mall and TPS input which was read in the meeting. Ms. Hardaway with TPS responded that she will discuss internally with the TPS organization and will provide a response.

Announcements, Q&As, and Concerns:

- Additional comments and concerns voiced by CES members (Allean, Michael, and others) :
 1. "...Several LRA members visited T.D. Jakes property recently". Sheperd advised that there are no active real estate deals and unable to respond to any T.D. Jakes plans. The Development Committee is researching and reviewing the LRA property to determine how to move forward with future developments.
 2. "A developer attended a community meeting and advised that they were or will renovate a hotel onsite" ---David stated that he had no knowledge of an existing hotel LRA or TPS site
 3. "What is Atlanta Tech leasing?" David reported that the commissary is still under lease with Atlanta Tech for their trainees to practice driving tractor trailers.
 4. Resend the Community Survey/Business Vendor list to CES

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Sagirah announced a Free Bike Lessons session for Finch Elementary School

- <https://www.atlantabike.org/bikefamily>
- Registration for this cohort is open to families with at least one participating family member being a student at Finch Elementary School in Atlanta.

Each confirmed participant who meets the criteria -- on a first-come, first-serve registration basis -- and completes the two virtual classes will receive a bicycle and bike safety supplies from a local neighborhood bike shop.

- [Registration Form](#)
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- Also of interest is the new version of our [City Cycling](#) class.
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- Whether you are riding our city streets to get to work, to the pharmacy, to the grocery store, or to an appointment or you want to just get out and move your body, the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition is here for you. We will be partnering with a local group to create this new learning and community experience.
- **Sagirah Jones**
- **Engagement Programs Manager**
- sagirah@atlantabike.org | 678.894.0830
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Meeting Adjourned at approximately 6:35p.m.

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