

**Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2021**

The Community Engagement Subcommittee was held on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, via Zoom video conference.

ATTENDEES

Subcommittee Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd – Committee Chair
Glenda Knight, MACC
Michael Frierson, Villages of East Point
James Harris, Capitol View
Judy Walker, Oakland City
Corliss Claire, Adams Park
Charles Greene, Sylvan Hills
Floyd Porter, NPU- X
Allean Brown, NPU S
Corliss Claire, Adams Park
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R
Ruben Burney, Perkerson
Tamie Cook, East Point/ Colonial Hills

Alternates:

Kyle Lamont, Oakland City
Sagirah Jones, Capitol View
Allison Hathaway, Pamona Park

Ex-Officio: N/A

Fort MAC LRA Board: Young Hughley, West View & PAAC Chair

Staff: David Burt, Fort MAC LRA
Jocelyn Bivins, Councilmember Sheperd Office
Mark Hayes, Fort MAC LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort MAC LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort MAC LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort MAC LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort MAC LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort MAC LRA

Partners:

Sizemore Group: Nick Miller
TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement
TDJREV: Roxanne Gardner, Marcus Dawson
ULGATL: N/A
Fulton County Office of Marvin Arrington: Kipling Dunlap
A2D, Inc.: N/A
Office of Park Cannon Georgia House D58: N/A

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Special Guest MARTA:

Dominique Hollman-Gov. Affairs, Marcus Arnold-PM, Jonathan McKinley-Ext. Affairs

Other Guests: (24 participants)

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd welcomed the members, partners and guests to the CES Meeting via Zoom on June 23, 2021. Councilmember Sheperd introduced the new appointment from NPU-X, Floyd Porter. With a quorum present, the agenda and new NPU-X designee were approved with a motion by T. Cook and a second by A. Hathaway.

Approval of Minutes: May 26, 2021 The May 26, 2021 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with corrections via a motion by Councilmember Sheperd and second by Judy Walker. Approved and updated minutes will be emailed to CES members and posted on the Fort MAC LRA website, www.FortMacLRA.com.

Fort MAC LRA Board Updates

Pete Hayley, Dir. Real Estate Development, advised that David Burt would not attend due to a family emergency. Mr. Hayley acknowledged and introduced the representatives from MARTA for the Campbellton Road Transit Project discussion.

- **MARTA: Campbellton Road Transit Project—Dominique Holloman**

The planning study was launched in fall 2019 to define the best transit option (Bus Rapid Transit or Light Rail Transit) to serve the Campbellton Corridor and develop a plan to encourage transit-supportive redevelopment around proposed station areas. The two-year planning process began with gathering data, identifying project goals, followed by defining potential alternatives that meet community needs, and evaluating the alternatives. MARTA requested the public to provide feedback on the concepts and design to determine the community's preference for the Locally Preferred Alternative. The deadline to complete the online survey is June 27th, but will be extended to gather additional input.

Jonathan McKinley, External Affairs, recapped the community engagement process for the BRT and LRT design and project plans. Residents are able to complete the survey which will provide data for MARTA to determine the LPA for the project. Several public meetings involving the NPUs and the LRA Board were conducted since late 2019 with over 450 different people engaged. A recent meeting was held on June 10, 2021 with nearly 100 attendees.

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Project next steps: 1) Select LPA and preferred station plans, 2) MARTA Board to adopt during the summer Of 2021.

Questions regarding the project can be emailed to marnold-vhb@itsmarta.com

- Residents without personal computer access can call (404) 848-5299
- Documents in other languages, call (404) 848-4037 or email jmckinley@itsmarta.com

Mr. Hayley continued with a brief update on the June LRA Board meeting. The Board approved both resolutions for TDJREV and TPS projects. TDJREV will purchase 94 Acres and TPS will purchase 37.5 acres. Robert Mosby, controller commented that 14 acres are still pending conveyance from the Army DOD. Mr. Hayley added that the resolutions are separate transactions and not combined. Each will have a due diligence period of roughly 180 days to develop their plans. The Board has the authority to approve the plans and/or extend the 180 days. Councilmember Sheperd added that both parties will engage and share plans with the CES members.

Pete Hayley and Councilmember Sheperd provided the following information:

- TPS will not expand the studio and will add complementing services such as museum, tours, retail, and entertainment, all open to public.
- TDJREV and TPS will conduct surveys to determine their boundaries.
- Upon approval of the plans, the LRA Board will remain to ensure the development and guidelines are met.
- LRA will discuss the homeless commitment with TDJREV after input from City of Atlanta and HUD on how to modify commitment.
- There are 23 buildings on the historic register and they will remain, usage to be determined.
- Consider preservation of the veteran history and influence through art work.
- LRA will reconsider the community resource center.

Pete Hayley introduced the TDJREV representatives, Roxanne Gardner and Marcus Dawson. They both stated how proud they are of this project and are ready to engage the community. It is very good to hear and understand the communities' concerns. The development will connect diverse communities across various socio-economic divides. TDJREV has a passion for positive transformation which is reflected in their programs: Wealth Development, Prosperity Ownership, Military Veterans, Philanthropy and Recidivism. Ft MAC meets the mission. The site plans are being developed.

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The Sizemore Group has been hired to plan and conduct the community engagement process. Nick Miller summarized the process:

1. Develop a community engagement schedule
2. Conduct 2 future meetings with NPUs and Neighborhood Associations.
3. Meeting with CES members
4. Conduct Visioning and Design workshops using the LCI goals and include consideration for what the community would like to change and preserve
5. Community social

Councilmember Sheperd will meet with Sizemore to discuss timeframes. She expressed her appreciation for the Sizemore Group involvement and excitement to get started.

Committee Reports

- **Public Arts Advisory Council (PAAC):** Young Hughley stated that there has been no formal meeting and there is no information to report. He is still looking for people with resources who are interested in serving on this committee.
- **Tyler Perry Studios:** Jessica Hardaway provided the following report: We are currently in the planning phase for our next community engagement initiatives. Once the details are finalized I will share with the committee.
- **Jobs Creation Taskforce:** No meetings scheduled due to pandemic. No report provided.
- **Homeless Housing Committee:** Joyce Sheperd stated that the committee is still waiting for a meeting with HUD or a response regarding the unit obligations.

Unfinished Business : Develop Talking Points for TDJREV and TPS Community Response

James Harris stated that he is a committee of one and would like for others to volunteer to assist with developing a page of notes and the talking points. After discussion, James will update the online form, send to CES to complete, and report back to CES. Committee Volunteers: Kyle Lamont and Sigarah Jones. Also, James will share the completed talking points with the Jobs Taskforce

New Business

N/A

Public and Additional CES Comments, Suggestions

Public allowed to make comments throughout the meeting. A few additional questions and concerns:

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- 1) -SW-Glad it's ending---feels good about TDJREV. Has a concern about legacy and future work opportunities for local businesses.
- 2) -BB-How do you volunteer for committees. (*CM Sheperd responded that committees are currently internal to community appointment, not open to non-CES member*)
- 3) What is definition of affordable and attainable housing? (*CM Sheperd stated that she would ensure a definition is provided in next meeting*)

Meeting Adjourned at approximately 7:54p.m.

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