

# McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Fort Mac LRA Board Meeting October 20, 2022

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

## Board Members:

Cassius Butts
Marvin Arrington, Jr.
Sondra Rhoades-Johnson
Ernestine Garey
Audra Cunningham
Nicholas Hess
Courtney English
Liz Hausmann
Eshe Collins

#### Ex-Officio Members:

Antonio Lewis, City of Atlanta Councilmember-District 12

## Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

David Burt, Fort Mac LRA Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA Jonathan Perry, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig Victoria Sparks, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

#### Guests

Tracy Campbell, Kids Gym USA Bruce Gunter, Civitas Housing Tracie Sanchez, Georgia DCA Scott Walker, 3 Keys, Inc Cathryn Vassell, Partners for Home Allean Brown, NPU-S Mina Turabi

## Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Cassius Butts called the meeting to order at approximately 1:20 P.M.

## Approval of the Agenda:

The Chairman presented the agenda for approval. Board member Sondra-Rhoades Johnson made a motion to amend the meeting agenda to add the approval of: (a) a resolution of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority approving Marvin Arrington, Jr.'s excuse for failing to attend the regular meeting of the Authority referenced herein; and for other related purposes; and (b) a resolution of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority approving Leonard Adams's excuse for failing to attend the regular meeting of the Authority referenced herein; and for other related purposes, after agenda item "5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from July 21, 2022."

A motion to approve the amended agenda was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

#### Approval of Minutes from July 21, 2022:

Chairman Butts presented the meeting minutes from July 21, 2022 for the Fort Mac LRA Board of Director's meeting. It was brought to the Chairman's attention that the date in the July minutes was in error.

A motion to approve the amended meeting minutes was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

#### **Approval of Excused Absences**

A motion was made for the approval of a resolution of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority approving Marvin Arrington, Jr.'s excuse for failing to attend the regular meeting of the Authority referenced herein; and for other related purposes.

A motion to approve the resolution was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was made for the approval of a resolution of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority approving Leonard Adams's excuse for failing to attend the regular meeting of the Authority referenced herein; and for other related purposes.

A motion to approve the resolution was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

#### Finance Update:

Mr. David Burt, Executive Director, gave an update and provided a spreadsheet with detailed information for the year-to-date financials.

## **Property Update:**

Mr. David Burt, Executive Director, stated that Mr. Wayne Clark has been contracted by the owners of the FORSCOM property to clean up the grounds of the property. Board member Ernestine Garey requested an update from the property owner, Easterly Government Properties, on the planned development timeline.

Ms. Tracey Upshaw informed the board that a Fashion Show was going to be held on the base Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 1pm-4pm and invited Board members and the audience to attend.

## **Executive Session:**

Chairman Butts asked for a motion to convene to Executive Session and to reconvene to open session to approve and vote on matters before the Board at that time.

A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman Butts read the following statement:

## "Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(B), a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and has agreed to enter executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding real estate, (2) other legal matters, and (3) personnel matters. The specific reasons for the closed session will be entered in the official minutes and a notarized affidavit will be executed stating that the executive session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law."

After Chairman Butts read the statement, a motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Chairman Butts stated the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal matters, real estate matters, and personnel matters.

#### Motion to return to Open Session:

Chairman Butts asked for a motion to return to open session. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The Board was in Executive Session for approximately 45 minutes.

Chairman Butts stated that the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss real estate matters. A resolution was presented to approve the Sixth Amendment to the Sale and Purchase Agreement between McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority and Fort TPS Properties effective as of October 1, 2021.

A motion to approve the resolution was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

## **Public Comment:**

Cathryn Vassell from Partners for Home introduced herself and offered her assistance in efforts to provide supportive services.

Mr. Scott Walker from Three Keys, Inc. introduced himself and his organization and stated that they would like to explore participation in future development opportunities at Fort Mac.

Ms. Allean Brown updated the Board on the Elevate oral history and public art project taking place on the base.

## Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:46pm.

(Signatures to follow)

Recorded By:

Sandra Tennyson, Executive Assistant

Approved By:

David Burt,

Executive Director

#### **OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT**

**PERSONALLY, APPEARED** before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Cassius F. Butts, who, after being duly sworn in, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.
- (2) I have been advised that O.C.G.A § 50-14-4(b) requires that when any meeting of the Authority is closed in accordance with an exception to the Open Meetings Law that:
  - (i) the specific reason for the closure is to be entered upon the official minutes of the meeting:
  - (ii) the meeting is be closed only upon a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting;
  - (iii) the minutes are to reflect the names of the members present and those voting for closure; and
  - (iv) the person presiding over the meeting is to execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022 which was closed for the purpose of:
- X LEGAL MATTERS
- X DELIBRATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS
- X PERSONNEL

**DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION/DISPOSITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE** (To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

**DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION OR OTHER LEGAL MATTERS** 

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as allowed by O.C.G. A., Title 50, Chapter 14 and was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of *O.C.G.A.* § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022.

Cassius F. Butts, Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me This 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022. Witnessed:

Notary Public

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Witness