



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

October 20, 2016

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chair
Richard Holmes, Vice Chair
Aaron Watson, Treasurer
John Akin
Sharonda Hubbard
Sondra Rhoades-Johnson
Thomas Weyandt

Ex-Officio Members:

Joyce Sheperd, City of Atlanta Councilmember
Park Cannon, State House of Representatives, District 58

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Brian Hooker, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA
Denise-Perkins Griffith, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Arthur Mallard, Fort Mac LRA
Jeffrey Hicks, Fort Mac LRA
Eboni Carter-Moore, Fort Mac LRA, Fellow
Peter Andrews, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Guests:

Christopher Coxel
Irene J. Cole

Chairman Felker Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 3:20 P.M.

Announcements and Welcome:

The Chairman thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting.

Ms. Denise Perkins-Griffith provided a safety briefing describing the location of exits, fire extinguishers and restrooms in this facility and instructed that in the event of an emergency Fort Mac LRA Security must be called immediately after calling 911.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chairman recommended the approval of the agenda. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chairman recommended the approval of the August 18, 2016 Board Minutes. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment:

No one signed in.

Item: 6: Executive Committee Update:

The Chairman stated that the primary reason for this meeting was to receive a presentation from Atlanta Public Schools. One additional topic was to conduct the Executive Director's performance review.

The Chairman recommended the approval of the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2016. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: 7: Community Engagement Subcommittee Update:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd gave an update from the CES (Community Engagement Subcommittee) meeting held on September 21, 2016, and stated that Fort Mac LRA staff was preparing for the upcoming grant season and that RFP's were going out for grounds and security. Councilmember also stated that the Atlanta Board of Education had presented at the last Fort Mac LRA Executive Committee meeting during which they discussed the status of APS schools near Fort Mac. In addition, Councilmember stated that Ms. Nancy Flake Johnson gave an update on jobs and that several community residents have been employed through the Urban League of Greater Atlanta.

Councilmember Sheperd also stated that Atlanta Metropolitan College, Atlanta Technical College, Atlanta Workforce Development and Fulton County Workforce all are now taking part in the process of training individuals for employment. Councilmember Sheperd also stated that a format has been created for those looking for employment with TPS, and that 5 people from the community have been hired at the TPS warehouse located on Fulton Industrial Boulevard.

Councilmember mentioned that the Fall Festival, to be held on Saturday, October 29th was well underway and thanks to Jocelyn Bivens, Pete Hayley, Eboni Carter-Moore and several CES committee chairs and that this year's Fall Festival promises to be an even greater than the one last year. There will be another bus tour of the base and the focus this year is on jobs readiness.

Councilmember also mentioned that a discussion was held about making a change to the CES Bylaws in which they would change the number of CES board members to seven to have a quorum at their meetings. Councilmember stated that before any changes to their ByLaws could be made they would need the approval of MILRA's Board members.

The Chairman recommended the quorum for the Community Engagement Subcommittee be set to seven. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Mr. Brian Hooker, Executive Director, also introduced Fort Mac LRA's Communication/Community Engagement Fall Fellow Ms. Eboni Carter-Moore.

Item:8: Development Committee Update:

Mr. Thomas Weyandt, Chair of the Development Committee, asked to forego this item and to move on to the next agenda item since there was not a quorum at the last Development Committee meeting.

Item: 9: Resolution-TACSFF MOU:

Mr. Hooker, noting that the Oakland City / Fort Mac LCI plans calls for a high quality public school on the Fort Mac site, and following the discussion with Atlanta Public Schools at the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 15th, stated that staff recommended the Authority enter into a non-binding MOU with Turner Agassi Charter School Facilities Fund.

Mr. Weyandt added that at the previous Development Committee meeting it was noted that this school would be an early way to activate an important part of property as well as provide a benefit for the community..

The Chairman recommended the approval and authorization of executing a non-binding MOU with Turner Agassi. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: 10: Finance Committee Update:

Mr. Aaron Watson, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that wonderful news was presented at the Finance Committee meeting and asked Mr. Hooker to share. Mr. Hooker stated that the Authority has received from OEA the full grant amount that was requested for Fiscal Year 2017. The total grant amount is approximately \$1.4 million, of which \$1.1 million will be provided by OEA.

Item: No. 11: Statement of Support for a Formation of 501c3

Mr. Hooker read the following statement regarding creation of a non-profit entity:

“The Members of the Authority hereby express their support for the formation of a not for profit, foundation or other similar philanthropic entity (the “Supportive NPE”), for the purpose of, among other things, serving as a catalyst for the funding and/or implementation of the redevelopment and/or revitalization of the neighborhoods and commercial areas located within the impact area identified by the Fort Mac LRA or otherwise described in the LCI plan. In this connection, the staff and Members of the Authority are expressly authorized to participate in steering committee, plenary and other efforts designed to assist in the formation of any such Supportive NPE, recognizing that such entity will be independent of the Authority.”

The Chairman recommended approval of the Statement of Support for the formation of a 501c3. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No. 12: Resolution-Acceptance of Audit:

Mr. Hooker stated that since the Finance Committee meeting the auditor confirmed that the Authority is now a low risk auditee and that the audit report was updated with that clarification. Mr. Watson recommended the Authority accept the auditors’ report..

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the audit report with the correction. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No.13: Resolution-Pre-Authorization of Security Procurement:

Mr. Hooker stated staff is asking for the approval to negotiate a 6-month extension on the current Security contract. The Finance committee recommended the full board approve.

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the Resolution. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No.14: Resolution-Pre-Authorization of Landscaping Procurement:

Mr. Hooker stated staff is asking for the approval to negotiate a 6-month extension on the current Landscaping contract. The Finance committee recommended the full board approve.

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the Resolution. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No. 15: Resolution-Pre-Authorization of Salvage Procurement:

Mr. Hooker explained that the purpose of the Salvage Procurement is to have a professional organization to come in and remove the furniture systems and other larger items from the FORSCOM and hospital buildings and to clean the building upon completion. Mr. Hooker also mentioned a revenue share with sale of any scrap.

State House Representative Park Cannon, requested that the language in the Resolution be tailored so that smaller non-profit professional liquidation services be considered to respond to the RFP.

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the Resolution with the amended language change that House Representative Cannon suggested. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No: 16: Resolution-Pre-Authorization of Surplus Procurement:

Mr. Hooker explained that the purpose of the Surplus Procurement is to have a non-profit organization to come in with the capacity of being able to remove smaller items such as desks and chairs and to also clean the area upon completion.

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the Resolution for the Surplus Procurement with the amended language change that House Representative Cannon suggested for the Salvage Procurement. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: No: 17: Resolution-VA Road Extension Contract Amendment:

Mr. Hooker informed the board that due to change orders imposed by City of Atlanta, requirements, staff requested a 10% increase to the contract limit for the VA Road Project.

The Chairman recommended the approval of VA Road Extension Contract Amendment. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item No: 18: Resolution -Strategic Planning Services Contract:

Mr. Hooker stated the selection for the finalist has been selected and staff is asking the board for their approval to move forward. Mr. Hooker mentioned that along with himself, Ms. Chandra Houston and Chairman Ward served on the selection committee and chose Integrated Public Management Solutions as the top candidate.

The Chairman recommended the approval of Integrated Public Management Solution as the Strategic Planner. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: 19: Resolution-Development Committee Members:

The Chairman recommended the Board adopt a Resolution revising the members of the Development Committee:

- Thomas Weyandt, Chair
- John Akin
- Brian McGowan
- Sharonda Hubbard
- Joyce Sheperd

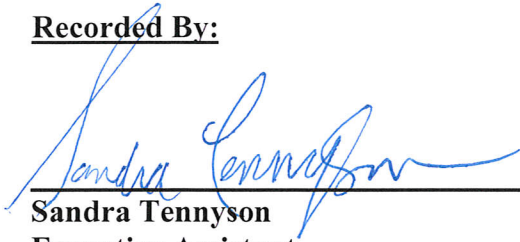
The Chairman recommended the approval of the Resolution. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Adjournment:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:00 P.M.

(signatures follow)

Recorded By:



**Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant**

Approved By:



**Brian C. Hooker
Executive Director**