



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 15, 2016**

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chair
Chandra Houston, Secretary
Marvin Arrington
Meredith Lilly
Brian McGowan
Sondra Rhoades-Johnson
Thomas Weyandt

Ex-Officio Members:

Joyce Sheperd, City of Atlanta Councilmember
Park Cannon, State House of Representatives, District 58
John Van Brunt, Office of Commissioner Camila Knowles

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
Peter Andrews, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Guests:

Clara Axam, IPMS/C&M
Quinton L. Spann, GDOT
Dave Crass, GA DNR

The Chairman called the meeting to order at approximately 2:10 P.M.

Announcements and Welcome:

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

Ms. Denise Perkins-Griffith, Director of Administration and Risk Management, 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 October 20, 2016 Board Minutes. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment:

No one signed in.

Item: 6: Community Engagement Subcommittee:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd gave the committee an update on the Fall Festival elaborating once again how successful it was and the appreciation that the community expressed in being informed on the happenings. Councilmember Sheperd also presented to the board an art piece that was drawn and painted on the day of the festival by a Ms. Ashley Dodson who lives in the area. Councilmember also informed the committee that the tour of the base was one of the highlights during the festival and that it was very informative and that more tours will be scheduled in the near future. Councilmember also mentioned that the job fair was also a huge success to the point that the room was filled near capacity.

Item: 7: Development Committee Update:

Mr. Thomas Weyandt, Chairman of the Development Committee, informed the board that for the last three months minutes and items of operation have not been approved due to lack of a quorum. Mr. Weyandt also mentioned that board member adjustment may be necessary soon.

Mr. Weyandt informed the board that items discussed during their meetings were VA Road completion, LCI funding, environmental updates, security and landscaping.

Item:8: Resolution- Building 136 Lease:

The board held a brief discussion on the positive outcome of entering a lease with Atlanta / WOLF Idea Group activating Building 136 (Bungalow) and the board members applauded the lease.

The Chairman recommended the acceptance of the Resolution for the leasing of Building 136. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Item: 9: Property Update:

Mr. Arthur Mallard, Director of Real Estate and Economic Development, gave an update on the security firm International Security Agency for Fort Mac LRA stating that there had only been one incident report on the base since July of this year and a total of just five since January 2016. Mr. Mallard also informed the board that monthly meetings are held between the various agencies to ensure that all parties are on the same page. A detailed 2016 Incident Report was included in the Board's package.

Mr. Mallard also stated that staff is looking at ways to cut cost in 2017 by reducing the number of hours for the roving patrol APD patrol car in addition to the number of security officers on the entrance gate and to put in place cameras at the gate. Mr. Mallard stated that before anything is changed on the security level a third-party security company or APD will be consulted for their feedback on the security assessment on the property.

Item: 10: Finance Committee Update:

Mr. Brian Hooker, Executive Director, gave a brief update stating that a film licensing agreement had been put in place and that it will gross \$50k per month for seven months. Mr. Hooker also informed the board that the 1st draw from our new OEA grant has been received. Also discussed was the intent to cut back on security and landscaping cost for 2017 and that the board had agreed to let staff put in place a six-month extension to the current contract.

Mr. Hooker also stated that the board had authorized staff to proceed with procuring a FiberNet provider and that negotiations are underway with a provider which will support Fort Mac property and the surrounding community.

Item: No. 11: Strategic Planning Team Introduction:

Mr. Hooker introduced Ms. Clara Hayley Axam, a member of the Strategic Planning Team. Ms. Hayley-Axam, gave a brief introduction of her company and stated that she was excited to have been selected to assist Fort Mac LRA with this process and that her company has partnered with Integrated Solution and that both firms are looking forward to working with Fort Mac LRA Staff.

Item: No.13: Executive Session:

Chairman Ward 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.

The Chairman made the following statement:

“Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-4(B), notwithstanding the lack of a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA who are present and will enter into executive session. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate, (2) deliberate concerning 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.”

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and 27 minutes.

Motion to Return to Open Session:

The Chairman asked for a motion to return to open session. Approval was unanimous.

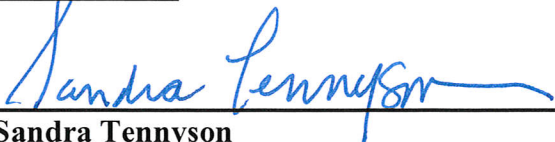
The Chairman stated that the Enabling Legislation of the Authority gives him the authority to excuse board members who miss three consecutive meeting and as it currently stands the board members that the Chairman excused are: Paul Shailendra and Fletcher Thornton.

Adjournment:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:37 P.M.

(signatures follow)

Recorded By:



Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:



Brian C. Hooker
Executive Director

OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY, APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Felker Ward, Jr., 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 15th day of December 2016.

- (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 to 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 15th day of December 2016 which was closed for the purpose of:

X DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS

X DELIBERATION REGARDING LEGAL MATTERS

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.

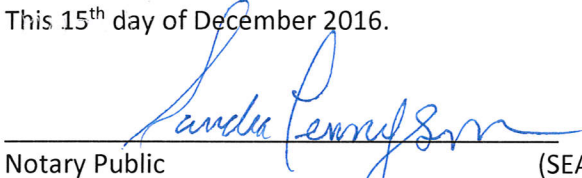
(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 15th day of December 2016.



Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer


Sworn and subscribed before me
This 15th day of December 2016.



Notary Public

(SEAL)

Witnessed:



Witness

*my commission expires
on April 20, 2019*