



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Fort Mac LRA Board Meeting
November 19, 2020

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, November 19, 2020, via ZOOM.

Board Members:

Cassius Butts, Chairman
Marvin Arrington, Jr., Vice- Chairman
Aaron Watson, Treasurer
Sondra Rhoades Johnson, Secretary
Shuntel Beach
Jeremy Farmer
Ernestine Garey
Carmen Chubb
Liz Hausmann
Young Hughley
Audrey King

Ex-Officio Members:

Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Councilmember, District 11
Nan Orrock, State Representative, District 36
John VanBrunt, Office of Commissioner Christopher Dunn

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

David Burt, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA Staff
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Peter Andrews, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Guests

Mark Hayes
Kelly King
Steve Williams
Amanda Rhein
Jocelyn Bivins-Ford
Maggie Lee
Marcus Stevenson
Nia M.
Sherman D.
Vida Gibson
Wendell Wingo
Kate Little
Enrico L. Washington, Sr.

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Cassius Butts called the meeting to order at approximately 1:10 P.M. and thanked everyone for their attendance. The Chairman informed those in attendance who wished to make a comment to email all comments to publiccomment@fortmaclra.com.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chairman presented the Agenda for approval. A motion to approve the Agenda was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the October 15, 2020 Fort Mac LRA Board of Director's Meeting. A motion to approve the Minutes was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Board Committees Reports:

Cassius Butts, Chairman of the **Executive Committee**, stated that there was a committee meeting prior to the Board meeting, but there were no action items to report.

Board member and Fulton County Commissioner, Liz Hausmann, Chair of the Fort Mac LRA **Development Committee** stated that a meeting of the Development Committee was held on November 10th. The only item on the Agenda was an Executive Session.

Board member and Atlanta City Council Member Joyce Sheperd, Chair of the Fort Mac LRA **Community Engagement Subcommittee** (CES), stated that the CES Minutes from their October 15th meeting are included in the Board's agenda package, and the main topic of discussion at that meeting was the Halloween movie night event that took place on October 30th on the grounds of Fort Mac LRA.

Board member Young Hughley, Chair of the **Public Arts Advisory Committee**, stated that there was nothing new to report at this time, but discussions are underway to set up an upcoming meeting.

Board member and Atlanta City Council Member, Joyce Sheperd, Chair of the **Homeless Housing Committee**, informed the Board that no meeting has taken place since the October 14th meeting, and there was nothing to report at this time.

Board member Ernestine Garey, Chair of the **Finance Committee**, stated that there was no report from the committee and that Robert Mosby, Controller, would be giving an update on the financials later during the meeting.

Financial Update:

Mr. Robert Mosby, Controller, gave an update on the financials and reported that the LRA continued to operate under budget for the first four months of the fiscal year. Mr. Mosby concluded that the YTD favorable net income was \$332,872. Mr. Mosby also mentioned that the financial audit was underway and should be completed in early December 2020. A spreadsheet outlining the YTD financials was provided to the Board.

Property Update:

Mr. David Burt, Interim Executive Director, informed the Board that the drive-in movie night event was a success, and that approximately 200-250 people attended both showings. Mr. Burt also stated that the feedback from the community was positive, and staff is looking forward to hosting other community events in the future.

Resolution to allow for a 12-month extension of the Lease and License agreements with Tyler Perry Studios:

Mr. Burt explained that Tyler Perry Studios had requested a twelve month extension of an existing agreement with MILRA for MILRA to lease land from TPS and then license the use of the land back to TPS for temporary housing. This agreement will allow TPS to continue production in a safe manner during the pandemic.

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

Executive Session:

The Chairman 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 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 session is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate, (2) and other legal matters, (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 the Chairman read the statement, a motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately one hour and forty-five minutes.

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

Motion to return to Open Session:

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

Public Comments:

No one signed in for public comment.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:17p.m.

(Signatures follow)

Recorded By:



Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:



David Burt,
Interim 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 19th day of November 2020.

- (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 19th day of November 2020 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)

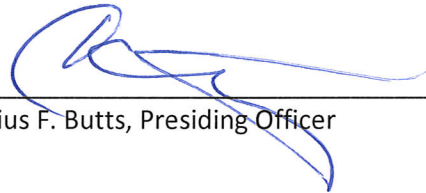
DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION OR OTHER LEGAL MATTERS

ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION

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 19th day of November 2020.



Cassius F. Butts, Presiding Officer

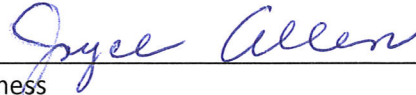
Sworn and subscribed before me
This 19th day of November 2020.

Witnessed:



Notary Public

(SEAL)



Witness

my Commission
expires on
3/24/2023