



## **McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority**

### **Executive Committee Meeting September 15, 2016**

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 1794 Walker Avenue SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

#### **Executive Committee Members:**

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman  
Richard Holmes, Vice Chair  
Chandra Houston, Secretary  
Fletcher Thornton

#### **Other Board Members:**

Sondra Rhoades-Johnson  
Brian McGowan  
Councilmember Joyce Sheperd  
Thomas Weyandt

#### **Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:**

Brian Hooker, Fort Mac LRA  
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA  
Denise Perkins-Griffith, Fort Mac LRA  
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA  
Arthur Mallard, Fort Mac LRA  
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA  
Peter Andrews, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

#### **Guests:**

Chairman Ward called the meeting to order at approximately 3:40pm

#### **Announcements and Welcome:**

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

Ms. Denise Perkins-Griffith, gave a brief announcement in reference to the location of restrooms, exits and fire extinguishers at Fort Mac office and informed the board that Fort Mac was now connected to the Atlanta Police and Fire Department in case of an emergency.

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Public Comment:**

The Chairman invited public comment and no one signed in.

**Item No.4: Procurement Update-Strategic Planning Caretaker:**

Mr. Brian Hooker, Executive Director, informed the committee that a Request for Proposal for Strategic Planning Services was out for solicitation and it has been posted on Fort Mac's website with a closing/submittal date of October 5<sup>th</sup> by 2pm. Mr. Hooker stated that this RFP is about the organization and not the property of Fort Mac LRA and this is a result of the mission and vision that was established and approved by the board last Summer as a result of the LCI study.

Mr. Hooker also informed the committee that the contracts for security, landscaping and operations and maintenance were only put in place for 1 year without the option to renew and that he's asking the committee for their advice as to whether or not to renew the contract for an additional year or should they put out another RFP for each of the services. The committee was informed by Mr. Peter Andrews, Fort Mac LRA legal counsel, that nothing prohibits the extension of the contracts by adding an amendment to renew. However, several committee members expressed concerns and the Chairman asked that they table this until the next meeting.

**Item No. 5: Partner Presentation-Atlanta Public Schools:**

Mr. Hooker, introduced Mr. David Jernigan, Deputy Superintendent with the Atlanta Public Schools, who presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Executive Committee, staff and audience in reference to the Charter System and he informed the committee that there are several Charter Schools located within the Fort Mac footprint. Mr. Jernigan also explained that the Charter System is different from a Charter School because it is community based and it has flexibility from certain state rules in exchange for greater accountability. Their emphasis is on school based leadership and decision making. Mr. Jernigan stated that the operating model has 4 areas of interest (1.) Academics (2.) Talent (3.) Culture and (4.) Resources.

Mr. Jernigan also mentioned that an RFQ was posted last year to assist with the Charter System and it outlined several areas of interest: (1.) Kindezi Schools (2.) Purpose Built Schools and (3.) Rensselaerville Institute. The Charter System has set in place a mission and vision for the transformation of the Atlanta Public Schools starting with the lowest performing schools in various communities with the goal of providing all APS students with access to consistent, high quality instruction delivered by teachers with knowledge of both content and the standards. In addition, offering a program that would allow students to learn their core courses in both English and Spanish. Mr. Jernigan stated on

the November 2016 ballot voters will be asked to vote on a State Appointed Superintendent for the Charter System.

A packet was provided for each committee member with detailed information on the Atlanta Public Schools Framework for Transformation, outlining the mission, vision, guiding principles and core values in addition to the list of schools that were in the Fort Mac community.

**Item No. 7: Executive Session: (1.) Personnel Matters:**

The Chairman made an announcement and 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 INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

THE PURPOSE FOR THE CLOSED SESSION IS FOR THE MEMBERS TO DELIBERATE REGARDING:

- (1) LEGAL MATTERS
- (2) PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE REASONS FOR THE CLOSED SESSION WILL BE ENTERED IN THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING AND A NOTARIZED AFFIDAVIT WILL BE EXECUTED STATING 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 and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

The Committee went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour 32 minutes.

After the Executive Session ended a motion to reopen to the public was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

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

**Motion to return to Open Session:**

Chairman Ward asked for a motion to go back into open session. A motion to go back into open session was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

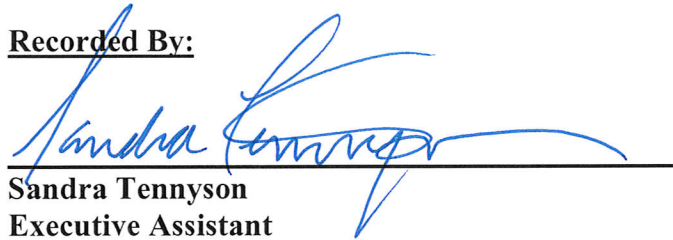
Mr. Hooker stated that on July 6, 2016 at 1:00 pm at the Fort Mac LRA office, there was an inadvertent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors. This meeting was not advertised in manner that would give the public prior notice. Present at this meeting were Chairman Ward, Mr. Holmes, Ms. Houston, Mr. Weyandt, and Councilmember Sheperd, along with Mr. Hooker serving as staff and Mr. Andrews serving as legal counsel. The topic discussed was budget matters, and no official action was taken.

**Adjournment:**

A motion to adjourn was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:26pm.

(signatures follow)

**Recorded By:**



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**Sandra Tennyson**  
Executive Assistant

**Approved By**



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**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 **Executive Committee** of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 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 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016 which was closed for the purpose of:

### **X DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER**

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

*Felker Ward, Jr.*

Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.

Witnessed:

*Andrea Ferguson*

Notary Public

(SEAL)

*Ben C. Hod*

Witness

*my Commission  
expires on 4/20/2019*