

# **McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority**

Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2014

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

## **Board Members:**

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman

Kenneth Deleon

Ayesha Khanna

Chandra Houston

Thomas Weyandt

John Eaves

## **Ex-Officio:**

Joyce Sheperd, Atlanta City Councilmember

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

Brian Hooker, MILRA

Sandra Tennyson, MILRA

Darlene Hawksley, MILRA

James McCormick, MILRA

Michael Lusk, MILRA

Ken Neighbors, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Jocelyn Bivens, City of Atlanta Council Staff

Senator Vincent Fort, District 39

## **Guests:**

Robbie Hunter, NPUS

Roslyn Baugh, CANO

Janice Cain, Resident

Glenda Knight, MACC

Yolanda Fittens, Ashmels Plumbing

Shelley Peatt, COA-DPW

Alleean Brown, CES-NPU-S

Gamba Stewart, Sylvan Hills, CES

Lovenia Gates, OCCO

K. Leslie, AJC

Matt Garbet, APJ

Phyllis Charles, Resident

James Harris, Capitol View NA

Carrie Williams, S.E. Region News

Reginald Clark, Resident

Chioke Perry, APSA

James Baily, Resident  
Jo G. Emerson, Resident  
Deborah McCoy, Remnant  
Patricia Williams, Callouch  
Renee Mays, CANO-NPUS  
Minam Montgery  
Kyeron Simmons, the RAF  
Edith Ladepo, Cascade Heights Com Bus Ass  
John Hathaway, Pomona Park  
B. E. Tucker, Adams Park Resident  
Judy H. Garlington, Adams Park Resident  
Tommy L. Everett  
Tonya Jones, TRJ Development Consultants  
Charles Barlow, EWNA  
Torrez Neal, Neal Cutts  
Catina Stewart, The Way Empowering Mission International  
Barbara Washington, Atlanta City Council-District 4

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 6:14 PM. Chairman ward recognized that a quorum was not yet in place and preceded with items that did not require a vote until a quorum was in place.

**Announcements and Welcome:**

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting. Chairman Ward reminded the audience about the sign-in-sheet for public comment and asking that anyone making a comment to the Board to please state their name, address and to limit their comment to three minutes.

**Item No. 4: Introduction of MILRA Board Members:**

Chairman Ward ask that each MILRA board member give a brief introduction of themselves to the audience.

**Item No. 5: Presentation:**

Councilmember Sheperd gave a brief synopsis of the Community Engagement Subcommittee and its correlation with the MILRA Board stating that there are seventeen neighborhoods surrounding the Fort McPherson community and that each neighborhood has representation on the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Councilmember Sheperd stated that an Ad Hoc Task Force was formed within the Community Engagement Subcommittee to discuss what they would like to see happen within their community with the prospect of Tyler Perry Studios purchasing a major portion of Fort McPherson. And after several meetings of the Ad Hoc Task Force, tonight they would be

presenting their thoughts to the MILRA Board members for comments and feedback. Councilmember Sheperd, had each of the Community Engagement Subcommittee members to introduce themselves to the audience along with their respective Neighborhood/Community, Ward and NPU which they represented.

James Harris representative of Capitol View delivered the Power Point presentation and it was self-explanatory.

**Approval of Agenda:**

Confirming that a quorum was now present, Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the agenda. Tom Weyandt made a motion to approve and it was seconded by John Eaves. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the September 16, 2014 Minutes and the November 18, 2014 Minutes. Chandra Houston made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Kenneth DeLeon. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comments:**

Chairman Ward invited public comment and a number of citizens took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

**Approval of Item No. 8: Deliberation Regarding Acquisition of Real Estate:**

Chairman Ward made an announcement to move into Executive Session and read the following statement.

“Ladies and Gentleman:

In accordance with O.C.G.A. SECTION 50-14-4(B), a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and will enter into executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate, (2) receive Attorney-Client Communication concerning active litigation, and (3) discuss 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 Ward read the statement Kenneth DeLeon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Thomas Weyandt. Approval was unanimous.

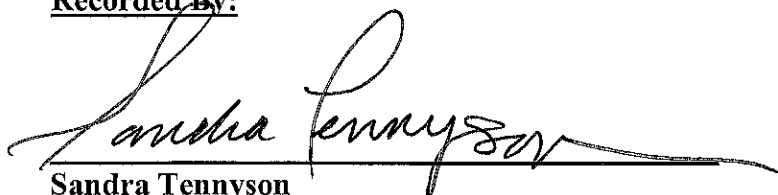
The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and 11 minutes. Ken DeLeon made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Tom Weyandt. Approval was unanimous.

After the Executive Session ended Chairman Ward asked that the meeting be reopened to the public. Kenneth DeLeon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

**Adjournment:**

Tom Weyandt made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Ken DeLeon. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 8:37pm.

**Recorded By:**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Tennyson", written over a horizontal line.

**Sandra Tennyson  
Executive Assistant**

**Approved By**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian Hooker", written over a horizontal line.

**Executive Director  
Brian Hooker**

**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 4th day of December, 2014.
  
- (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 4th day of December 2014 which was closed for the purpose of:

**DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER**

- X 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**

**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.

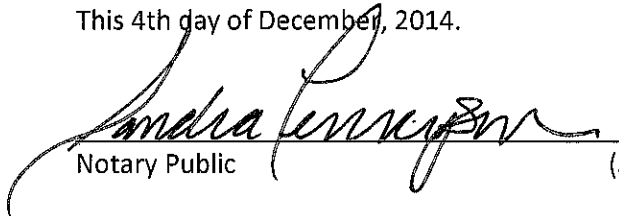
(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.


4th day of December, 2014.

  
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Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me  
This 4th day of December, 2014.

Witnessed:

  
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Notary Public (SEAL)

  
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Witness

*my Commission  
expires on 5/17/2015*