

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Executive Committee

October 20, 2015

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Chairman

Richard Holmes, Vice Chairman

Chandra Houston, Secretary

Aaron Watson, Treasurer

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Brian Hooker, MILRA

Sandra Tennyson, MILRA

Denise-Perkins Griffith, MILRA

John Schindler, MILRA,

Pete Hayley, MILRA,

Robert Myrick, MILRA, Fellow

Robert Mosby, MILRA

Bobbie Thomas, MILRA

Sherod-Malik Davis, MILRA, Fellow

Curtis Tyger, MILRA, Fellow

Amy Stinson, HL Strategy

Guests:

Alan Travis, Board of Regents

The Chairman called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 10:09 A.M.

Announcements and Welcome:

The Chairman thanked the audience for their support and stated that at this time he would welcome public comment.

Public Comment:

No one signed in for public comment.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chairman recommended the approval of the agenda. Aaron Watson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

Item: 4: Executive Director's Update:

Mr. Brain C. Hooker, MILRA's Executive Director, stated that inside the board members packet there was a Board Organization Chart and that he would revisit that a little later. Mr. Hooker informed the board that at this time MILRA is currently under an extensive planning process and that MILRA has engaged the Sizemore Group, The Collaborative Firm, McCain Design Landscape Architect, Kimberley Horn, HJ Russell and Noel Consulting and that our marketing consultants are leading MILRA through the Initiative Center Study process. Mr. Hooker stated that the 1st meeting was held on October 1, 2015 at the Reverend James Orange Center and over 80 participants attended the event and since the meeting, massive emails as well as fliers have gone out and in addition there are over 200 survey responses that have been returned. Mr. Hooker also informed the board that on next Saturday, October 24th MILRA is hosting a Fall Festival and all are invited to come out stating that there will be activities for everyone to participate including informative sessions with MILRA's consultants about the LCI (Livable Centers Initiative) study.

Mr. Hooker also informed the board that the consulting teams have been meeting with key stakeholders and the next meeting will be held on November 17, 2015 which will be an all-day design workshop and we will be seeing the first results from Noel Consulting and with this we will have a better understanding as to what the Community is looking for.

Mr. Hooker briefed the board on MILRA staffing is changing and he gave a brief introduction of the new staff members to the board Mr. Pete Hayley, Program Manager and informing the board that Mr. Hayley has taken on the lead with the LCI study, next Mr. John Schindler, who is the Assets/ Property Manager, and has taken on the responsibilities of caretaker and real estate, Ms. Denise Perkins-Griffith is the overseer of human resources and Mr. Robert Mosby, has taken on the lead of MILRA's Finance and Bobbie Thomas, CPA and Sherod Malik Davis a graduate fellow are assisting in preparing for MILRA's upcoming audit and Amy Stinson, with HL Strategy our communications consultant.

In conclusion, Mr. Hooker stated that Mr. Ward has been selected by the Atlanta Business Chronicle as one of the Outstanding Directors and will be honored on December 2, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown Atlanta and tickets are \$200 apiece and table sponsorship is available, Mr. Hooker stated that he would leave that up

to the board members to discuss amongst themselves as to how they would like to handle this honor for the Chairman.

Item No. 5: Discussion- Committee Charter:

The Chairman stated that the Executive Committee Charter was pretty clear on the responsibilities of the committee and he was open for discussion.

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd had suggested that the Community Engagement Subcommittee and the Homeless Provider Engagement Subcommittee merge into one. Councilmember Sheperd suggested the Committee be called Community Development Resources or Community Outreach because the CES is looking to bring many opportunities to the community for example creation of jobs, training for jobs and the redevelopment of neighborhoods.

Mr. Holmes and several other board members had a difference of opinion stating that the Homeless Committee should remain separate due to several reasons, one being that before the Army would transfer the property to MILRA the Federal guidelines for the Homeless had to be in place and approved by HUD. Also, the financial impact of the Homeless carries a lot of weight.

In conclusion it was clear that this is a topic in which there were various opinions but it was agreed that for now the two committees should remain separate.

Item No. 7: Executive Session:

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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 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:

- (1) DELIBERATE REGARDING THE ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE.
- (2) LITIGATION / ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION.
- (3) PERSONNEL MATTERS

THE SPECIFIC REASON FOR THE CLOSED SESSION IS TO:

- (1) PRESENTATION REGARDING INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE.
- (2) LEGAL MATTERS.
- (3) PERSONNEL MATTERS.

THE SPECIFIC 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 Aaron Watson made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

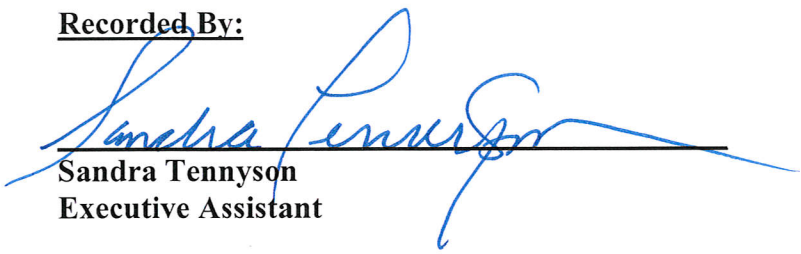
The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 2hour and 20minutes.

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


Adjournment:

The Executive Committee meeting ended at approximately 1:29P.M.

Recorded By:


Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:


Executive Director
Brian C. 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 20th day of October 2015.
- (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 20th day of October 2015 which was closed for the purpose of:

X 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)

X 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.

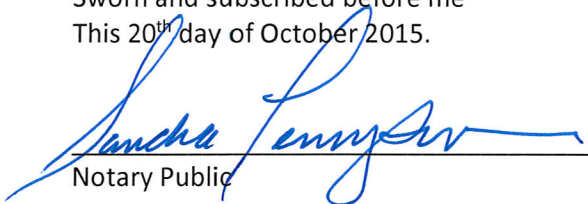
This 20th day of October 2015.




Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 20th day of October 2015.

Witnessed:



Notary Public (SEAL)



Witness

*my Commission
Expires on 4/20/2019*