

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2014

A Special called meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Thursday, December 9, 2014 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman
Kenneth Deleon
Richard Holmes
Chandra Houston
Thomas Weyandt
T. Rogers Wade
John Eaves
John Akin
Meredith Lilly
Aaron Watson

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
William Hover, Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Guests:

Ayesha Khanna, Points of Light Institute
Tacuma Brown, NPU-T
Glenda Knight, MACC
Louvenia Gates, OCCO
John Hathaway, Pamona Park
Gamba Stewart, Sylvan Hills
Greg Green
K Leon Saunders
Edward Powers, Hope Atlanta

Michael Simanga
Reggie Hadley, Hadley Ventures
Matt Garbett, Adair
Steve Williams, CV
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Kyeron Simmons, The RAF
C. Shalom Johnson, Oakland City
DeUndre Eberhart, Office of State Representative Enca Thomas

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:05 PM.

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. Chairman Ward also took the opportunity to acknowledge and welcome Mr. William Hover, the Historic Resources Section Chief with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Item No. 2: Introduction of MILRA Board Members:

Chairman Ward announced to the audience that 2 new Board Members, Meredith Lilly and Aaron Watson had been newly appointed to the MILRA Board and he ask that they give a brief introduction of themselves to the audience. Chairman Ward also recognized Ayesha Khanna a former MILRA Board Member who had served on the board from its conception. Chairman Ward thank Ms. Khanna for her dedication and relentless work that she had devoted to the board and Ms. Khanna gave a brief narrative of her duties while serving on the board and stated that she would continue to support the board wholeheartedly.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the agenda. Rogers Wade made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Ken DeLeon. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the December 04, 2014 Minutes. Thomas Weyandt made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Ken DeLeon. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Item No. 5: Deliberation Regarding Acquisition of Real Estate and Legal Matters:

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 session 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 John Akin made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 1 hour and 12 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.

Item No. 5

Motion was made by John Akin to approve the Resolution of the Members of the McPherson Implementing Local redevelopment Authority and concerning approval of the amended boundary description contained in the Memorandum of Understanding relating to the disposition of a portion of Fort McPherson and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

After the approval of the Resolution, Chairman Ward asked that Mr. Hooker, MILRA Executive Director, give a brief synopsis of the Resolution to the audience. Mr. Hooker explained the Memorandum of Understanding with Tyler Perry Studios and the revised Boundary Map. Mr. Hooker also stated that MILRA will have the right of first offer to purchase property back from Tyler Perry Studios in order to best ensure that development on the MILRA property is consistent with our goals and the community needs.

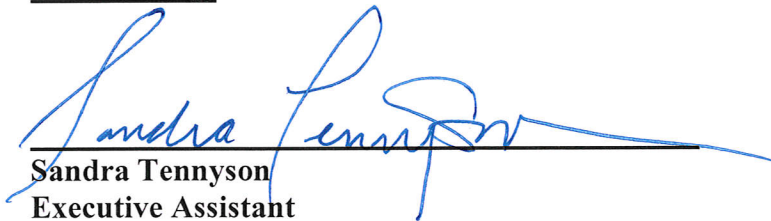
Public Comment:

Chairman Ward invited public comment and several audience members took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

Adjournment:


Tom Weyandt made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 2:58pm.

Recorded By:



Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By



Brian C. Hooker
Executive Director