



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2022

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at the office of Fort Mac LRA.

Committee Members:

Thomas Calloway, Chairman
Ricardo Jacobs, Vice Chair, NPU-R
Ashley Barker- Alternate, Sylvan Hills
James Harris, Capitol View (X)
Kate Little-Alternate, NPU-S
Floyd Porter, NPU-X
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood (X)
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Michael Frierson, Villages of East Point
Allison Hathaway, Alternate, Pamona Park (R)
Jared Evans, Alternate, Cascade Avenue (CANO) (S)

Fort Mac LRA Board:

N/A

Fort Mac LRA Staff:

David Burt, Executive director, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA

Partners:

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement

Guests:

Minah Turabi
Mitsah Henry
Gail Jordan
Whitney Fuller
Steve Williams

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chairman Calloway called the meeting to order at approximately 5:39P.M. and welcomed everyone.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum:

The Chair requested a roll call, and a quorum was officially pronounced.

Approval of Agenda:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the October 26, 2022 agenda. A motion was properly made to approve and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the September 28, 2022 Minutes. A motion was properly made to approve and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Committee Member Announcements:

Allean Brown, stated she would liked to have seen CES members in attendance at the Fort Mac LRA sponsored fashion show which was held on October 22, 2022. She also suggested that the Sub-committee consider a later start time for regularly scheduled CES meetings. The Chair suggested an amendment to the current agenda to add a discussion of a new meeting start time following the Committee Member Announcements.

Richard Jacobs spoke concerning the possibility of consolidations of NPUs in the city of Atlanta. More information should be upcoming. He also announced that there will be a distribution of food items for the upcoming holiday by his Veteran's Post and asked the Sub-committee to recommend fifteen families who might be in need of a Thanksgiving dinner by next week.

The Chairman asked Allean Brown to make a motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion of CES start times. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The agenda was amended to add this item for discussion following the Update from Tyler Perry Studios.

Public Comment #1:

No one signed in.

Review – Resource Strategy Document:

The Chairman asked for a motion to amend the agenda to table this item temporarily as the document provided by James Harris was in the process of being printed for distribution to CES members. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Jobs Committee Report:

CES member James Harris gave an update on the start of the Jobs Committee which was formed following TPS's purchase of land at the former Fort McPherson Military Base. The committee was comprised of former CES Chairwoman Joyce Shepard, James Harris, and representatives from Invest Atlanta, Workforce Atlanta, Atlanta Area Tech and later the Urban League. The initial focus was to ensure that job opportunities were made available for people in the community, including construction, pre and post-construction and other supporting jobs at TPS. Mr. Harris explained that this initiative was not feasible as it

became apparent TPS was not directly responsible for hiring for filmmakers renting space from TPS.

The Jobs Committee then focused on opportunities at other projects in neighborhoods surrounding TPS. Mr. Harris stated that job opportunities in the film industry are very specific and through their Committee, funds were made available to support job training for grips, job seminars and fairs until the Covid pandemic ended these activities.

He concluded that in current conversations, the Jobs Committee needs to determine how to engage Invest Atlanta and the Urban League going forward to expand on other projects such as Pittsburgh Yards and other developments in the area to provide not only jobs but entrepreneurial opportunities to service the area.

Update on October Fashion Show:

The Chair recognized Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA, who stated that the fashion show held on Saturday, October 22, 2022 sponsored by Fort Mac LRA and Ms. Kymm of Young Talent Experience Xpo, Inc. was a huge success. The program included 24 models, one of whom was Ms. Allean Brown of the CES who was applauded for her participation, a musician and a comedian as M.C. The audience consisted of approximately 85 to 90 participants. Ms. Upshaw thanked everyone involved in the success of this event.

Update – FMLRA Community Benefits Committee:

The Chair stated details concerning the FMLRA Community Benefits Committee would be shared this evening by FMLRA Executive Director, David Burt. Mr. Burt stated that the Benefits Committee, with the help of our Attorneys, will look into details concerning proceeds from the sale of the property to ensure that BRAC guidelines pertaining to the wall surrounding Fort Mac, which will come down later, affordable housing, retail, grocery stores, community space and the arts are adhered to. He stated that there will be some money from the TPS sale and commitments to carryout certain guidelines from TD REV. Mr. Burt suggested that a copy of the Resource Document from James Harris could be submitted to the Benefits Committee and recommended that the document be updated before-hand to change information that may no longer be pertinent.

Fort Mac LRA Updates:

Fort Mac LRA updates by David Burt were included in the Community Benefits update.

Review – Resource Strategy Document:

The Chair recommended a vote to untable the Resource Strategy Document. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

James Harris gave the history of the Resource Document presented to Tyler Perry several years ago to introduce the ideas and desires of the community concerning amenities they would like to see as a part of the development of the property. He stated that the community wanted to be stakeholders and build a partnership in this effort. He used the nearby community of Serenbe, a new urbanistic neighborhood within the city limits of Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, in Fulton County, in the Atlanta metropolitan area as an example of a working and funded partnership with developers of that community to highlight what they produced in the arts for its inhabitants. Funding for these and other activities were put into the agreements for this project. Mr. Harris commented on the focus

of the Resource Strategy, how moneys would be contributed to fund projects, management of the funds, and other pertinent and related items such as job training. He concluded that the document could be revised and used as an instrument going forward to bring some of these ideas into manifestation.

Update from Tyler Perry Studios:

Ms. Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications and Engagement, TPS, presented the following report:

- A team from TPS participated in The Race 5K and Half-Marathon event held on October 1, 2022.
- TPS donated and delivered furniture items to Tri-Cities High School's new Unidos Center (Student and Engagement Center). This center will support the efforts to bring resources to students and families in the TCHS cluster.

Discussion of CES Start Time:

The Chair opened the floor go discuss a new CES start time. The discussion centered around a 6:00PM and a 5:45PM start time. An email will be sent to Sub-committee members to poll members for their choice of a start time.

Public Comments #2:

- Steve Williams suggested a 6:00pm meeting start time and requested a fence be in place when construction begins. Asked for opportunity to get jobs during development.

Announcements:

The Chair opened the floor to closing comments from the Sub-Committee:

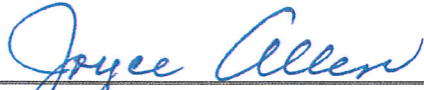
-Allean Brown – Invited Sub-committee members to visit the Oral History Art Wall exhibit on Lee Street and the Campbellton Road gate. The exhibit will run until November 11, 2022.

Adjournment:

The Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 P.M.

(Signatures follow)

Recorded By:



Joyce Allen,
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



David Burt,
Executive Director