



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2022

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, July 27, 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
Kate Little-Alternate, NPU-S
Floyd Porter, NPU-X
Allison Hathaway-Alternate, Pamona Park
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills
Michel Frierson, Villages of East Point
Jared Evans, Cascade Avenue (CANO) (S)

Ex-Officios:

Young Hughley, FMLRA Board of Directors, West View

Fort Mac LRA Board:

N/A

Fort Mac LRA Staff:

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA

Partners:

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement

Guests:

Micah McClure
Joel Dixon
Zach Murray
Steve Williams
Judy Walker

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chair Thomas Calloway called the meeting to order at approximately 5:37 P.M.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum:

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

Approval of Agenda:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the July 27, 2022 agenda. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the June 22, 2022 Minutes. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Committee Member Announcements:

None were given.

Public Comment:

The Chair opened the meeting for public comments. Judy Walker, Zach Murray and Steve Williams asked to hold their questions for the second public comments session.

Fort Mac LRA Board Updates:

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA, announced that the Board of Directors had a short agenda on July 21, 2022, but important items were covered. The Board officially appointed Ms. Martine Phillippe to the Public Arts Advisory Committee. The Board also passed two amendments to finalize a few issues for closing on the contracts with T.D. Jakes and TPS. TPS should be closing on the 37.5 acres within the next three or four weeks. It includes the LRA office we currently occupy, however, negotiations with TPS will allow the LRA to stay in the office until the end of the year or longer. In the interim, the LRA will be working with TDJ Rev to find another space on the property to relocate to, perhaps in the historic district, using shared space with the TDJ Rev team when they come into town. TDJ REV will begin phase 1 redevelopment soon, which includes a small area around the bungalows, tennis courts, and playground beyond the chapel, then close on additional acreage over the next 2-3 years.

Mr. Burt reported that a portion of the proceeds from the property sale to TPS are being set aside to possibly be spent off the base and that the FMLRA Board will have to determine with the attorneys what type of spending will be allowed under the BRAC agreement.

Discussion – Community Benefits Committee:

Chairman Calloway opened the discussion on the MILRA Community Benefits Committee whose task will be to manage a portion of MILRA's proceeds from the property sale that will be used for community benefit. There are legal questions as to what the monies can be used for, how it will be set up, if it will be used at one time or established for perpetuity, used as matching funds, etc.

Mr. James Harris, CES, commented on a document, composed by the CES over three years ago which focused on what may be done with funds allotted to the community from the sale of property.

Update from Tyler Perry Studios:

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

- TPS donated ten boxes of clothing from their warehouse to Antioch Urban Ministries Inc.
These donated items will go to their AUMI Apparel Shoppe where they provide clothing to individuals in need.
- TPS partnered with Tri-Cities High School for a Day of Service; volunteers from TPS came together to bring lively color throughout the classrooms for their upcoming school year. Following the painting, we also had the opportunity to help sort through clothing (TPS donated) that will be offered to students and families in need from their clothing closet program.
- TPS partnered with HouseProud Atlanta for another Day of Service; volunteers from TPS came together to complete landscaping and outdoor painting of a home that belongs to a senior couple who lives in Oakland City.

Discussion – Proposed Future Committees:

The Chairman opened the meeting to discuss proposed future committees composed of CES members. Mr. James Harris proposed a jobs and workforce training committee be established. Mr. Calloway stated that a comprehensive list of committees will be set-up with a list of volunteer participants. Legal will decide what constitutes a quorum for these committees. He stated that further discussion will take place at the next meeting, and proposals for committees will be taken to the MILRA Board for approval.

Discussion – Meeting Date/Action Regarding By-Laws:

The Chairman reported that legal recommends a special called meeting to discuss amendments to the CES By-Laws. Volunteer participants constitute a quorum, therefore, we will set a date for an open meeting to discuss by-laws. The week of August 8th was selected and after consultation with legal, a date will be confirmed, and the Sub-Committee will be notified.

Public Comments:

- 1) -Judy Walker-Thanked Jessica and Tyler Perry Foundation. Encouraged greater outreach of information to community regarding redevelopment. Challenged LRA to outreach to community.
- 2) –Zach Murray-attending CES for first time. Public land deal has citizen wide implications. Looking for affordable housing. Deepen engagement and benefit of public land.
- 3) -Steve Williams- better job of contacting community; get information out more.

- 4) -Micah McClure- Community Benefits Committee needs to listen to voice of people on outside. How can we make sure that people who look like this community have a voice.

Announcements:

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


- Tamie Cook-thanked people that served; so much more can be done. New members should take notes and share with neighborhood organizations.
- James Harris- Found document mentioned earlier regarding expenditure of funds in the community. Please read as document of opportunity and growth.
- Young Hughley- thanked Judy Walker for her comments and recognized the importance of resident input
- Michael Frierson-Join boards and be on committees and more engaged and do whatever we can do to broaden our outreach.
- Ashley Barker-thanked long term CES members for their service.
- Ricardo Jacobs – 13-15 years on CES. Put out communications and reports to NPR. We do our best to encourage community to attend meetings. Encouraged Mr. McClure to put on Antonio Lewis’ communication network.
- Floyd Porter-continue to encourage neighbors to come out.
- Jared Evans-It takes an active and engaged community to participate.
- Kate Little- Put information on FMLRA website. (Mr. Calloway responded that information is already listed there).
- Chairman Thomas Calloway – suggested that CES members attend Board and committee meetings. An email blast will be sent to CES membership with notification of all LRA meetings.

Adjournment:

Chairman Calloway requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:28 P.M.

(Signatures follow)

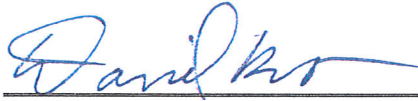
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Joyce Allen,

Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



David Burt,

Executive Director