



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2022

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at the office of Fort Mac LRA.

Committee Members:

Thomas Calloway - Chairman
Roselyn Baugh, Cascade Avenue
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood
Ashley Barker- Alternate, Sylvan Hills
Sagirah Jones – Alternate, Capitol View
James Harris, Capitol View
Kate Little-Alternate, NPU-S
Floyd Porter, NPU-X
Allison Hathaway-Alternate, Pamona Park

Ex-Officios:

N/A

Fort Mac LRA Board:

N/A

Fort Mac LRA Staff:

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA

Partners:

TPS: Jessica Hardaway, Director Communications & Engagement
TDJ Real Estate Ventures, LLC: Roxanne Gardner, Managing Partner
TDJ Real Estate Ventures, LLC: Marcus Dawson, Managing Partner

Guests:

Bryson Barnes
Lisa Jones
Lori Lemansk
Iris Reese
Steve Williams
Brian Sumlin

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chair Thomas Calloway called the meeting to order at approximately 5:41 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 June 22, 2022 agenda. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the May 25, 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. Steve Williams asked to hold his question until the second public comments session.

Discussion of CES By-Laws:

The Chair opened the meeting for discussion on updates to the CES By-Laws and recognized the FMLRA general counsel, Melissa Lopez-Rogers of Greenberg Traurig for a legal perspective. Based on the diversity and complexity of proposed amendments submitted at the May 25, 2022 meeting, Ms. Lopez-Rogers suggested convening a special called meeting, composed of Sub-committee volunteers, to address proposed changes. Ms. Lopez-Rogers suggested proposed amendments be presented to the FMLRA Board of Directors for a vote of approval.

The Chair requested a motion to schedule a special called meeting of Sub-committee volunteers to address amendments to the CES By-Laws, date to be determined. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Fort Mac LRA Board Updates:

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA, announced that the Board of Directors had a productive meeting on June 21, 2022, which included the signing of a Resolution providing for Board approval of the Master Development Plan between TD Jakes Real Estate Ventures, LL and the Authority. In addition, Mr. Burt reported that the Board approved Resolutions for the budget for the upcoming fiscal year 2022/2023 and renewal of the general liability and property insurance for 2022/2023.

Presentation- TD Jakes REV Redevelopment:

Marcus Dawson and Roxanne Gardner, Managing Partners with TD Jakes Real Estate Ventures, LLC distributed an overview of the proposed redevelopment at Fort Mac. Ms. Gardner discussed housing affordability and low-income housing vs market rate. They also discussed lending ideas similar to programs launched in Dallas, TX by CDFI that could possibly provide down-payment assistance with forgivable loans designed to close gaps from the lending side to as low as 3%. These programs will allow this project to meet or exceed the Beltline in affordable housing.

Update from PAAC:

In the absence of Chair Young Hughley, David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA, gave an update on the Special Called meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC), held on June 13, 2022. He reported that Ms. Martine Philippe, Chair, District 12 Arts and Culture Task Force, a guest speaker at the last CES meeting, will be joining PAAC. Ms. Philippe, appointed by Councilman Antonio Lewis, works in District 12 in conjunction with public schools, MARTA, NPUs and business owners to promote diverse programs across the district and provides a support system for the arts to the neighborhoods. Her expertise will be a great addition to PAAC.

Mr. Burt also reported on an art project proposed, by Ms. Althea Brown, community resident and member of the District 12 Arts Task Force, for an oral history and photo project on the exterior wall of Fort Mac. He also addressed a project by PAAC member, Ms. Alice Lovelace, who curated a neon sign as a public art project.

Mr. Burt announced that the next PAAC meeting will be held in the Fort Mac historic district for a tour and presentations from TDJ REV. He stated that in the future, the historic district may be used as an area where public activities and entertainment can be held on a regular basis. Tracey Upshaw, FMLRA, spoke concerning proposed upcoming activities which may include a play entitled “Rooted and Ground” written by an African-American woman, Ballethnic, a professional ballet company, the African-American Philharmonic Orchestra and art festival. She also suggested Dinner En Blanc, a worldwide event spanning six continents in which people dress in all white attire, have a meal in a temporary dining setup in a public space. Tables and chairs would be provided. Diners would be required to provide their own food, and tablecloths.

Events may start as early as late summer/early fall. Volunteers may be needed. Mr. Burt invited CES and community members to attend future PAAC meetings for more information. Meeting notices will be forwarded via email to CES and posted on the FMLRA website.

Update from Tyler Perry Studios:

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

- TPS donated twenty-three boxes of clothing from their warehouse to the AMVETS Post 9-1-1 organization. These donated items were distributed by AMVETS Post 9-1-1 to various organizations, churches and families in need throughout the community.

- The Perry Foundation recently partnered with [HouseProud Atlanta](#) on a home repair initiative for the local community. The HouseProud Atlanta organization is dedicated to keeping low-income seniors, veterans, and disabled homeowners warm, safe and dry by providing no-cost home repairs.

Through this partnership, repairs for nine homeowners will be provided in the following neighborhoods: Oakland City, Sylvan Hills, and Colonial Hills. These nine homeowners represent either the senior or disability community. Examples of the repairs needed for the homes include roofing, HVAC, grab bars, plumbing, gutters, rescreening, burglar doors and wheelchair ramps.

Public Comments:

- 1) -SW-expressed concerns regarding adequate parking spaces on property.
- 2) -BS-would like to see a MARTA charrette/TPS-neighborhood needs help.

Chairman's Announcements:

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

-James Harris suggested reorganizing committee on jobs. He offered to submit an agenda from the former jobs committee for CES consideration.


-Members discussed cost and funding of small electric vehicles which could be used as transportation to loop around the Fort Mac mile. The owner of an existing business nearby needs to be identified.

-Kate Little suggested a representative from Invest Atlanta attend a future CES or jobs committee meeting to discuss resources and programs they have available and provide information to Fort Mac developers re workforce development. Reuben Burney asked for representation from the Urban League as well.

Adjournment:

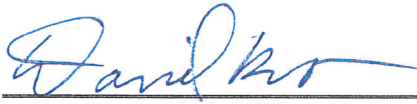
Chairman Calloway requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 P.M.

Recorded By:



Joyce Allen,
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



David Burt,
Executive Director