



**McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority  
Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2022**

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the office of Fort Mac LRA.

**Committee Members:**

Thomas Calloway - Chairman  
Ricardo Jacobs, Vice-Chairman  
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood  
Ashley Barker- Alternate, Sylvan Hills  
Allean Brown, NPU-S  
Sagira Jones – Alternate, Capitol View  
James Harris, Capitol View  
Kate Little-Alternate, NPU-S  
Floyd Porter, NPU-X  
Cameron Boivin-Alternate-Villages of East Point  
Allison Hathaway-Alternate, Pamona Park  
Jimmy Allen – Alternate, Oakland City

**Ex-Officios:**

N/A

**Fort Mac LRA Board:**

Young Hughley, West View & PAAC Chair

**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

**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:**

Steve Williams  
Martine Philippe  
Brian Sumlin  
Judy Walker

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Chair Thomas Calloway called the meeting to order at approximately 5:40 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 May 25, 2022 agenda. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. Chairman Calloway called for a change to the agenda requested by David Burt to add a presentation by Martine Philippe, District 12 Arts & Culture Task Force to follow the presentation by Roxanne Gardner. A motion to approve was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. An approved and updated agenda will be emailed to CES members and posted on the Fort Mac LRA website, [www.fortmaclra.com](http://www.fortmaclra.com).

**Approval of the Minutes:**

The Chair requested a motion to approve the April 27, 2022 Minutes. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The Minutes were unanimously approved with an addition via a motion by Committee member Sagirah Jones to page 3, 1st paragraph to read "Sagirah Jones, Sub-committee member, asked for specifics concerning the Foundation's commitment to the community in terms of a timeline and monetary amount. Mr. Phillips did not give a definitive comment on either". Ms. Jones also asked to have the "8 minute" restriction to the second public comments session on page 8 under "Chairman's Announcements" removed. Approved and updated minutes will be emailed to CES members and posted on the Fort Mac LRA website, [www.fortmaclra.com](http://www.fortmaclra.com).

**Committee Member Announcements:**

The Chair requested a motion to open the meeting for committee member announcements. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. Ms. Sagirah Jones reported the Goodwill on Metropolitan Parkway is still hiring and asked that members share this information with the community. She also commented on MARTA's 350-million-dollar transit project which will extend from Oakland City to Barge Road with nine different stops. She alluded to an upcoming MARTA board meeting to discuss light rail around June 16<sup>th</sup> and referred committee members to MARTA's website for additional information.

**Public Comment:**

The Chair requested a motion to open the meeting for public comments. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. Steve Williams and Brian Sumlin asked to hold their questions until the next public comments session.

### **Update CES By-Laws – Additional Public Comments:**

The Chair entertained a motion to open the meeting to discuss updates to the CES By-Laws and addition of a second public comments session. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. Questions and comments from the committee centered around: time limits on public comments with a proposed 3 minute limit and ability to yield to one's associate; the addition of Roberts Rules of Order to the CES By-Laws to govern amendments; rules for special called meetings and mechanisms involved; non-discrimination laws; rules concerning alternate committee members; terms and eligibility for reappointment of committee members; recusal law; number that constitutes a quorum and more. Committee members also discussed the process and timeline for voting on requested changes to the By-Laws which could span a two- month period or longer following notice on a previous meeting agenda. David Burt recommended sending the list of questions and comments to FMLRA attorneys, Greenberg Traurig, for a full legal review, with the response to be shared with the committee at a subsequent meeting.

### **Fort Mac LRA Board Updates:**

The Chair requested a motion to open the meeting for Fort Mac LRA Board Updates. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA, announced that the May meeting of the Board was canceled. He stated that with fewer agenda items for the Board of Director's consideration, meetings may be held every other month going forward. Mr. Burt reported that the last payment of a million dollars has been transferred to the army and the last of the property has been transferred from the army to FMLRA. He reported that the Authority is now working on the coordination between Easterly, who already purchased the Forces Command building, TDJ REV and TPS on infrastructure and easements which require a lot of important unseen work. He concluded that the Authority will relocate in the near future and are currently looking for office space which may be in a building or trailer.

### **Presentation- TD Jakes REV Redevelopment:**

The Chair requested a motion to open the meeting for a presentation by TD Jakes Real Estate Ventures. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. Mr. Marcus Dawson, Managing Partner, reported working with the Authority to sponsor a hiring event which will include job training and financial literacy programs to be offered to the community in the near future. He stated that the Charter School, to be located on the property, plans to offer a STEAM program and adult education classes. Mr. Dawson affirmed that between TDJ REV, TDJ Foundation and other institutions, their role will be to bring as many programs as possible to the community. Ms. Roxanne Gardner, also Managing Partner, answered written questions from the CES provided to TDJ REV and TPS at a previous question and answer session from James Harris and peers. CES Sub-Committee members received copies of the questions for their perusal via email prior to the meeting.

Prior to the District 12 Arts and Culture Task Force presentation, Chairman Calloway excused himself from the meeting and turned it over to Vice-Chairman Ricardo Jacobs. After a brief discussion, it was agreed to go forth without an additional motion for each agenda item as all items were covered under the approval of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting.



### **Presentation- District 12 Arts & Culture Task Force:**

David Burt introduced Ms. Martine Philippe, District 12 Arts and Culture Task Force. Ms. Philippe stated that the newly formed task force is responsible for bringing a vivid vision regarding art and culture to the district. The task force consists of twenty members representing various backgrounds and interests, who will work in conjunction with public schools, MARTA, NPUs and business owners to promote diverse programs across the district and provide a support system for the arts to the neighborhoods. They are charged with three tasks: to promote the arts across the district, enhance the support system to get funding for the arts, and engage the community in the arts. Ms. Philippe invited the community to participate with the task force through their community groups and NPUs and entertained questions from the CES members.

### **Update from Tyler Perry Studios:**

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

- TPS hosted its 2nd annual Coding Academy program for William M. Finch Elementary students. We had 18 students from the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade to participate in the program. This five-week instructor-led course provided the students with the fundamentals of coding by utilizing programming language to build their own calculator. In celebration of graduating from the program, students received an official certificate of completions and, along with their teachers, were given Apple gift cards. The program ran from April 21<sup>st</sup> through May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- TPS is working with the local community to donate either gently worn or new clothing items from their warehouse. Recently, the following organizations have received clothing donations from TPS: Tri-Cities High School, Sylvan Hills Middle School, Impact Church, and Cathedral of Faith Church of God in Christ. We are continually looking for more organizations in the local community who can accept and provide these clothing items to people in need.

### **Oakland City Fort Mac LCI Plan 2016**

### **Fort McPherson Community Action Plan 2010-2011**

### **Fort Mac Community Events Survey 2020**

### **CES Committee Questions 2021**

### **MOU – BRAC Stand Down 2015**

The above items were tabled by Vice-Chairman Ricardo Jacobs until the next meeting.

### **Public Comments:**

- 1) -SW-would like to see short-term rentals on property
- 2) -BS-would like to see a Lantern Parade and other events on property
- 3) -JW-created CES Sub-committee whose primary purpose is to create knowledge and relate to all community organizations. Minutes should be sent to everyone to get information out. Also, should limit who can be on board and limit time of service. Understand development and federal mandates that must be satisfied. Learn what mandates are and develop within guidelines.

### **Chairman's Announcements:**

Vice-Chairman Ricardo Jacobs made no announcements.

**Adjournment:**

The Vice-Chair Ricardo Jacobs requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

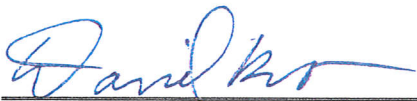
The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:08 P.M.

**(Signatures follow)**

Recorded By:

  
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Joyce Allen,  
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

  
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David Burt,  
Executive Director