



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-committee Meeting Minutes
March 22, 2023

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 5:45pm at Saint Peters Missionary Baptist Church (Educational Building), 1535 Alma Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30311.

Sub-Committee Members:

Marvin Arrington, Chairman
Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R, Vice Chairman
Jimmy Allen, Oakland City
Quadrus Black, Venetian Hills
James Harris, Capitol View (X)
Sagirah Jones, NPU- X
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills
Ashley Barker, Alternate, Sylvan Hills (X)
Michael Frierson, Villages of East Point
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Roselyn Baugh, Cascade Avenue

Fort Mac LRA Board:

Young Hughley, FMLRA Board of Directors
Antonio Lewis, Ex-officio, FMLRA Board of Directors
Courtney English, FMLRA Board of Directors
Ernestine Garey, FMLRA Board of Directors

Fort Mac LRA Staff and Legal

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA
Melissa Lopez-Rogers, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig
Jonathan Perry, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig

Guests:

Gail Jordan

Steve Williams
Eric Carswell
Randy Tyson

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chairman Marvin Arrington, Jr. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:09P.M. and introduced himself as the new Chair of the Committee. Chairman Marvin Arrington welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Roll Call/Determination of Quorum:

The Chair officially pronounced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was properly made to approve the Agenda with an amendment to change the name of the Chair to Marvin Arrington, Jr. and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the February 22, 2023 minutes. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Committee Member Announcements:

-Tamie Cook - Beginning each Saturday from March 25th through June 17th, there will be a farmers and urban market in East Point in front of City Hall. Highlighted will be cooking demonstrations, with 4-5 farmers represented, between the hours of 11AM -5:00PM. See the East Point website for more information.

-Councilman Antonio Lewis – Councilman Lewis’ office, in partnership with Kroger, Chick-fil-A, McDonalds, Six Flags and the Atlanta Airport will sponsor a job fair at Carver High School to serve high school students in District 12. There will be 125 jobs with salaries between \$12.00 -\$15.00/hour, some within walking distance from the high school.

-Sagirah Jones – APS is in the middle of a rezoning process of some schools that may possibly affect the area surrounding Fort Mac.

-Ricardo Jacobs – Post 911 at 3011 Campbellton Road, will host an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 8th from 12:00PM – 5:00PM. The Post also provides weekly fundraisers for veterans, Bingo on every Monday night at 8:00PM, and clothing donations to the homeless every 3rd weekend of the month. Clothing donations are welcomed.

-Marvin Arrington – April 1st is the deadline for Homestead Exemptions. Since this falls on a Saturday, the deadline will be extended to April 3rd, 11:59PM. At age 62, 65 and 70 there are additional exemptions. There are also exemptions for veterans, those with disabilities and spouses of fallen police and firemen.

-Antonio Lewis, Atlanta City Council, to repair and replace street lights in the Campbellton Road area in five days from date of last meeting.

Public Comment #1:

No one signed in.

Status of Development:

The Chair recognized Attorney Jonathan Perry, Greenberg Traurig, for an update on the developer contract status. Mr. Perry reported on the clean-up of the Forces Command site and status of future construction as requested of Easterly by the FMLRA Board of Directors. He also reported on the real estate closings on the property by TPS and TDJ REV.

CES Resource Strategy Document:

The Chair recognized James Harris for a presentation of the Resource Strategy Document which in its final form will be presented to the FMLRA Community Benefits Committee. It will be used as a working document for consideration of programs and projects. It was noted that the first four pages in its current form, is a summary of the unabridged document. Discussions centered around Four Areas of Focus: (A) Safety, Security & Well Being (B) Economic Development & Entrepreneurship (C) Real Estate & Community Needs (D) Communications & Future Dialogue. Updates and changes suggested during the discussion will be edited by James Harris. A motion was made to incorporate the proposed changes to the summary document and properly seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Update-Membership List:

A form entitled “CES Membership Certificate” was forwarded to the Sub-committee to be used as the official document for reporting changes to the membership. The completed forms should be forwarded to FMLRA to be recorded.

Installation of Sagirah Jones – NPU-X Chair:

The Chair acknowledged Ms. Sagirah Jones as the newly appointed NPU-X President and CES designee representing that organization. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Fort Mac LRA Updates:

The Chair recognized David Burt for an update on Fort Mac LRA. He reported that the FMLRA staff is in the process of moving to a temporary workspace at the Legacy Center in East Point, for approximately three months, or until the renovation of permanent office space in the historic district is available.

Update-FMLRA Community Benefits Committee:

The Chair recognized Mr. Courtney English, Chairman of the Community Benefits Committee for remarks. Mr. English introduced himself and stated that his committee is looking forward to working with the Community Engagement Sub-committee.

Public Comments #2:

-Steve Williams – Volunteered to put graphics to Resource Strategy document. Working at TPS for two weeks, looking for places to eat. Requested paving for parts of Campbellton Road and surrounding streets.

Announcements:

There were no announcements.

Adjournment:

The Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45P.M.

(Signatures follow)

Recorded By:

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Joyce Allen,
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

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David Burt,
Executive Director