



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at the office of Fort Mac LRA.

Committee Members:

Thomas Calloway, Chairman
Ricardo Jacobs, Vice Chair, NPU-R
James Harris, Capitol View (X)
Kate Little, Alternate, NPU-S
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood (X)
Jimmy Allen, Oakland City (S)
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills
Kyle Lamont, Alternate, Oakland City (S)

Fort Mac LRA Board:

Nick Hess, FMLRA Board of Directors
Young Hughley, FMLRA Board of Directors
Antonio Lewis, Atlanta City Councilmember, District 12

Fort Mac LRA Staff and Legal

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

Partners:

N/A

Guests:

Mina Turabi
Melissa Hughley
Randy Glascock II
Steve Williams
Brian Sumlin

Call to Order and Welcome:

Chairman Calloway called the meeting to order at approximately 5:46P.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 December 14, 2022, agenda with an amendment to add Councilmember Antonio Lewis as a presenter before the “Fort Mac LRA Updates” and to move the “Update-FMLRA Community Benefits Committee” presentation before “Update- Resource Strategy Document”. A motion was properly made to approve the agenda with the stated changes and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes:

The Chair requested a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 Minutes. Ruben Burney proposed a correction to page 1 under “Fort MAC LRA Staff” to capitalize “D” in Executive “Director”. Kate Little proposed a name change to page 2 under “Committee Member Announcements” 5th paragraph, from Floyd Porter to Kyle Lamont. A motion was properly made to approve the Minutes with the stated corrections and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Committee Member Announcements:

Nick Hess announced that NPU S will not hold a monthly meeting in December for the first time in years – Happy Holidays.

Ricardo Jacobs – Veterans Post 911 will hold a giveaway of 65 bikes on Saturday.

Public Comment #1:

No one signed in.

Presentation – Antonio Lewis:

Tabled via unanimous vote until Mr. Lewis arrives.

Fort Mac LRA Updates:

David Burt announced that the Community Benefits Committee held its first meeting earlier today. He recognized the presence of Attorney Melissa Lopez-Rogers from Greenberg Traurig who has worked with the LRA for many years on the development of Fort Mac and will be available to answer questions concerning the same. He stated that the normally scheduled Board of Directors meeting will not be held on December 15th but anticipates a January meeting. Mr. Burt reported that Tyler Perry Studios may close on the 37 acres of property, including the LRA office, very soon, after which the LRA may have up to 60 days to pack and move. This will mean future CES meetings will be held at other locations until the LRA moves into a new office building, possibly building 162.

Update-FMLRA Community Benefits Committee:

Chair Calloway gave a brief overview of the Community Benefits Committee’s assignment and today’s meeting. He noted that Young Hughley, Nick Hess Antonio Lewis and himself

are members of the new Committee. The Chair stated that the Benefits Committee is very interested in input from the CES and would like an executive overview of the Resource Strategy Document before commencing their second meeting. CES members were then given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the expenditure of funds by the Benefits Committee. The Chair recognized legal and Mr. Burt for further explanation and details on BRAC regulations regarding the benefit funds.

Following robust, lengthy discussion, questions and comments concerning the BRAC regulations, the CES members decided to draft a letter which would express their distrust regarding the timing and the way in which the regulations and stipulations concerning the expenditure of funds from the sale of the property were presented to them. The proposed letter would be directed to the Chairman of the MILRA Board, Board members and the Mayor of the City of Atlanta at the next Board meeting.

The motion to draft the letter was approved and properly seconded. Approval was unanimous. The Chair then asked for discussion of the proposed letter to the Board and a draft was created and read to the Sub-Committee by Kyle Lamont. A motion was made to approve the letter as written and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

An additional motion was made requesting the (CES) Chair disperse the letter to a broader audience to include the MILRA Board, Atlanta City Council, the Mayor of Atlanta, Rob Pitts, the Governor of Georgia, the Mayor of East Point and others deemed necessary as set forth by the Sub-Committee. The motion was properly seconded. Approval was unanimous.

A motion was properly made to table the following two agenda items until next meeting and seconded. Approval was unanimous:

Update-Resource Strategy Document:
Discussion-Town Hall Meeting:

Public Comments #2:

- Steve Williams – would have liked work on draft of letter to be last agenda item so meeting could move forward in a timely manner. Suggested that money from sale of property be put in some kind of account. Disappointed agenda items were tabled.
- Brian Sumlin- Asked to see twelve items re BRAC regulations. Could see no problem working with those items. Needs a later start time for the CES meeting.
- Stephanie Massey-questions re development plans for property including cost of housing.

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 8:28 P.M.

(Signatures follow)

Recorded By:

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Joyce Allen,
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Burt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Burt,
Executive Director