

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Fort Mac LRA Board Meeting January 19, 2023

A meeting of the members of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 1794 Walker Avenue, SW, Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Marvin Arrington, Jr.
Sondra Rhoades-Johnson
Ernestine Garey
Audra Cunningham
Nicholas Hess
Thomas Calloway
Laurel Hart
Eshe Collins
Young Hughley

Ex-Officio Members:

Antonio Lewis, City of Atlanta Councilmember-District 12

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

David Burt, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA
Robert Mosby, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA
Melissa Lopez-Rogers, Attorney, Greenberg Traurig
Victoria Sparks, Associate, Greenberg Traurig

Guests

Josh Carroll, Mauldin & Jenkins

Announcements and Welcome:

Vice-Chair, Marvin Arrington, Jr. announced at approximately 1:33 P.M. that a quorum was not yet present, but the Board would move forward and discuss items not requiring official action.

Community Engagement Subcommittee Update:

Mr. Thomas Calloway, Chair of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, informed the Board that the subcommittee holds monthly meetings, and he extended an open invitation to the Board members to attend their meetings. Mr. Calloway also stated that a letter was written and will be presented to the Board outlining the concerns of the CES members. Several Board members requested to view the letter and offered to attend a future CES meeting to hear from the subcommittee members.

Councilmember Antonio Lewis voiced concerns regarding the impact of development on stormwater in the area and asked that this issue be considered in discussions regarding community benefits.

Approval of the Agenda:

Vice-Chair Arrington recognized that a quorum was in place and called the meeting to order. Mr. Arrington presented the agenda for approval.

A motion to approve the agenda was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes from October 20, 2022:

Vice-Chair Arrington presented the meeting minutes from the October 20, 2022 Board of Director's meeting. Councilmember Antonio Lewis stated that his City Council district number was incorrect in the minutes.

A motion to approve the amended meeting minutes with the noted correction was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

2023 Board Meeting Schedule:

Vice Chairman Arrington led a discussion on the meeting schedule going forward. After discussion, it was recommended that the MILRA Board meetings for the remainder of the 2023 calendar year would be held quarterly on April 20, 2023; July 20, 2023; and October 19, 2023.

A motion to approve the meeting calendar for 2023 was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Finance Committee Update:

Ms. Ernestine Garey, Chair of the Finance Committee, gave an update and informed the Board that a Finance Committee meeting was held prior to the Board meeting and the committee discussed the findings of the annual audit report for the previous fiscal year.

Ms. Garey asked for additional volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee, and Board Member Nicholas Hess volunteered to serve on the committee.

Monthly and Year-to-Date Financial Update:

Mr. Robert Mosby, Controller, Fort Mac LRA, gave an update on the finances and stated that the overall spending was in line with the budget. Mr. Mosby updated the Board on the recent sale of the property to Tyler Perry Studios (TPS). In addition to the income from the sale of the property, this sale will also lead to decreased expenses going forward.

Audit Presentation:

Mr. Josh Carroll, a Director with the Mauldin & Jenkins accounting firm, gave a presentation on the MILRA audit for the previous fiscal year. A copy of the findings and Mr. Carroll's presentation were included in the Board member packets. Mr. Carroll mentioned that it was necessary to reclassify and write off a few items from previous years, but Mr. Carroll stated that there were no discrepancies found during the audit and a clean unmodified audit opinion was provided.

A motion to approve the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Property Update:

Mr. David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA, stated that on December 28, 2022, Tyler Perry Studios (TPS) completed the purchase of approximately 38 acres. The current MILRA office was included in the purchase. MILRA will have to vacate their current office within the next month or so.

Executive Session:

No Executive Session.

Public Comment:

No one signed in.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:52pm.

(Signatures to follow)

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Sandra Tennyson	, /		
Executive Assist			

Approved By:

David Burt,

Executive Director