



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority
Community Engagement Sub-committee Meeting Minutes
April 26, 2023

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5:45pm at the ArtsXchange, 2148 Newnan Street, East Point, GA 30344.

Sub-Committee Members:

Ricardo Jacobs, NPU-R, Vice Chairman
James Harris, Capitol View (X)
Sagirah Jones, NPU- X
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills
Michael Frierson, Villages of East Point
Allean Brown, NPU-S
Reuben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood (X)
Kate Little, Alternate. NPU-S

Fort Mac LRA Board:

N/A

Fort Mac LRA Staff and Legal

David Burt, Exécutive Director, Fort Mac LRA
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA

Guests:

Tracie Roberson, MARTA, Office of Planning & Development
Steve Williams
Eric Franklin
Mitsah Henry

Call to Order and Welcome:

Vice Chairman Ricardo Jacobs called the meeting to order at approximately 5:47P.M.

Determination of Quorum:

The Vice Chair officially pronounced a quorum.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Approval of the Minutes:

The Vice Chair requested a motion to approve the March 22, 2023 minutes with the following amendments:

- Add announcement by Antonio Lewis, Atlanta City Council, to repair and replace street lights in the Campbellton Road area in five days from date of last meeting.
- Add Rosalyn Baugh to Sub-committee member attendance list.
- Change number of farmers to 4-5 represented at urban market in East Point, Ga.

A motion was properly made with the noted amendments and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

Public Comment #1:

No one signed in.

Presentation – MARTA:

The Vice Chair recognized Ms. Tracie Roberson, Office of Planning & Development for MARTA who presented highlights on the Locally Preferred Alternative for Campbellton Road and the Campbellton Road Investment projects. Ms. Roberson gave an overview of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project which will feature a bus hub at Greenbriar mall. She also reported on a Land Use Master Plan, project timelines, and coordination with TDJREV on the various projects in the area. Ms. Roberson concluded by entertaining questions from Sub-committee members and invited written questions to be forwarded to her for a response.

CES Resource Strategy Document:

David Burt, Executive Director of MILRA, stated that the staff has looked over and has begun research on the document approved by CES at the last meeting. After any final clarifications during the meeting this evening, the document in its final form will be presented to the Community Benefits Committee, and MILRA will begin putting together background information for dollar amounts on the items listed in the document for next year's budget.

Fort Mac LRA Updates:

The Vice Chair recognized David Burt for an update on Fort Mac LRA. He reported that the Easterly property has been cleaned up, with the owners promising to better maintain the grounds in the future. He stated that both TDJREV and TPS have turned in paperwork for infrastructure permits.

Public Comments #2:

-Steve Williams – requested copy of shared development plans.

-Eric Franklin – inquired regarding traffic development study and traffic lights in and around property.

Announcements:

The Vice Chair recognized members of CES for announcements.

- Ricardo Jacobs – Veterans Post will host Stand Down to be held in September 2023. Georgia Power will raise rates. Public meetings - May 2, 3, 11 at 9:00am at 244 Washington Street, Atlanta.
- Allean Brown – Fort Mac documentary is in process; requested information from individuals who may want to contribute.
- Tami Cook–Farmers market and cooking demonstrations, Saturday 11:00am-5:00p, in front of East Point City Hall. May 6th - ArtsXchange is having a “Reimagine Your Way festival on May 6th “with music, dancing, sculpture classes, yoga and garden demos.
- James Harris – Capitol City neighborhood has a community garden with three areas of focus: commercial, residential and urban agriculture. Would like to see a community garden on property to help solve the problems of food deserts and the need for fresh food.
- Sagirah Jones –The YMCA of Metro Atlanta will hold their Healthy Kids Day on April 29th from 12:00-3:00pm. Free and open to the community. Lots of activities. Worksource Atlanta will provide IT project management internships for high school students. See the website for details.

Adjournment:

The Vice Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:13P.M.

(Signatures follow)

Recorded By:



Joyce Allen,
Senior Administrative Assistant

Approved By:



David Burt,
Executive Director