



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority  
**Community Engagement Sub-committee Meeting Minutes**  
**June 27, 2023**

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, 5:45pm at the East Point Library, 2757 Main Street, East Point, GA 30344.

**Sub-Committee Members:**

Marvin Arrington, Chairman  
Ricardo Jacobs, Vice Chair, NPU-R  
Erika Hall, Cascade Avenue (CANO) (S)  
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood (X)  
Kate Little, Alternate. NPU-S  
Allison Hathaway, Alternate, Pamona Park (R)  
Sagirah Jones, NPU-X

**Fort Mac LRA Board:**

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**Fort Mac LRA Staff and Legal**

David Burt, Exécutive Director, Fort Mac LRA  
CeCe Ross, Fort Mac LRA  
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA  
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA  
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA

**Guests:**

Eric Franklin  
Mitsah Henry

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Vice Chair Ricardo Jacobs opened the meeting at approximately 6:15P.M. Chairman Marvin Arrington arrived shortly thereafter.

**Determination of Quorum:**

The Chair officially pronounced a quorum.

**Approval of Agenda:**

motion was properly made to amend the Agenda to add “CES Meeting Schedule” to be voted on by the members. The amended Agenda was approved and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Approval of the Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve the May 24, 2023 Minutes. The motion was approved and seconded. Approval was unanimous.

**Public Comment #1:**

No one signed in.

**Fort Mac LRA Updates:**

Mr. Burt stated that renovations on the future MILRA offices could not begin until Georgia Power completes their work. MILRA staff continues to work at the Legacy Center co-working space until the renovations on the new office are completed.

Mr. Burt and Tracey Upshaw of the LRA, met with a projection artist to discuss a possible free holiday drive-through event in the historic district of Fort Mac. Music, refreshments and candy would be provided for families and members of the community. Planning for this potential event is in the beginning stages. Comments concerning this idea from CES members were favorable with a discussion of CES members volunteering during the event.

In addition, Mr. Burt introduced “Food Truck Friday” which will provide an opportunity for the community to come to Fort Mac for an evening of food and fun each Friday. A small stage will be provided for musical entertainment.

**CES Requests and Updates:**

Mr. Burt reported that the MILRA Finance Committee and the Board approved the budget for the fiscal year to start July 1<sup>st</sup> which includes activities mentioned in the MILRA update. He stated that plans are also in the works to house community classes and an art gallery once Building 170 is completed.

Mr. Burt gave an overview of the Community Benefits Plan documents to be presented to the Finance Committee, Community Benefits Committee and the Board of Directors at a future meeting and asked for any comments or feedback from the committee. CES members asked that any agreement be documented and enforceable and that completion dates for individual items are added whenever possible.

**Public Comments #2:**

No one signed in.

**CES Meeting Schedule:**

It was suggested that CES meetings be held every other month after the July 2023 meeting, unless a special call meeting is required. The Chairman requested a motion to approve the new meeting schedule. A motion was properly made and seconded followed by discussion and a vote. The motion was approved with 5 yeas and 2 nays.

**Adjournment:**

The Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:05P.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 with a large initial "D".

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David Burt,  
Executive Director