



McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority  
**Community Engagement Sub-committee Meeting Minutes**  
**May 24, 2023**

A meeting of the Community Engagement Sub-committee of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (Fort Mac LRA) was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 5:45pm at the ArtsXchange, 2148 Newnan Street, East Point, GA 30344.

**Sub-Committee Members:**

Marvin Arrington, Chairman  
James Harris, Capitol View (X)  
Erika Hall, Cascade Avenue (CANO) (S)  
Tamie Cook, Colonial Hills  
Michael Frierson, Villages of East Point  
Ruben Burney, Perkerson Neighborhood (X)  
Kate Little, Alternate. NPU-S  
Allison Hathaway, Alternate, Pamona Park (R)  
Ashley Barker, Alternate, Sylvan Hills (X)

**Fort Mac LRA Board:**

Young Hughley, FMLRA Board of Directors

**Fort Mac LRA Staff and Legal**

David Burt, Executive Director, Fort Mac LRA  
Joyce Allen, Fort Mac LRA  
Pete Hayley, Fort Mac LRA  
Tracey Upshaw, Fort Mac LRA  
Sandra Tennyson, Fort Mac LRA

**Guests:**

Steve Williams  
Mike McElwaney, Yesco Sign & Lighting  
Tanesha Miller, Yesco Sign & Lighting  
Judy Walker

**Call to Order and Welcome:**

Chairman Marvin Arrington called the meeting to order at approximately 5:57P.M.

**Determination of Quorum:**

The 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 Chair requested a motion to approve the April 26, 2023 minutes with the following amendments:

- Page 3: add an “e” to correct spelling of Tamie Cook’s name.
- Page 1: remove “e” to correct spelling of Ruben Burney’s name.

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

### **Public Comment #1:**

No one signed in.

### **Fort Mac LRA Updates:**

The Chair recognized David Burt, FMLRA Executive Director, for an update. He began with a discussion of the SAP document from TDJREV which contains the site plans for city permits. Mr. Burt also spoke concerning the FMLRA’s new office, which will be located on an entire floor in building 170 on the property. He stated that the FMLRA is currently occupying a co-working space at the Legacy Center in East Point, GA.

### **Update on Community Benefits:**

Mr. Burt reported on the document entitled “Community Engagement Subcommittee Funding for 2023”. The base of the document was penned by the CES, and contains the Four Areas of Focus, with additional comments by TDJREV as of May 21, 2023 noted in red, and MILRA comments dated May 23, 2023 noted in blue. MILRA addressed community activities that can be started fairly soon that can take place in the historic district of Fort Mac. The items listed in this document will be put into a spreadsheet to show responsibility, cost and the schedule for each activity and presented to the MILRA Benefits Committee and MILRA Board for approval.

The Chair requested that CES members review the document and provide their feedback to the FMLRA staff in the next 7-10 days. In preparation, six members of the CES requested a tour of Building 170 which was scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:15pm. The CES was also invited to attend the next Community Benefits Committee meeting, likely on June 8, 2023 with a firm date and time to be advised.

### **Public Comments #2:**

-Steve Williams – will reach out to City of East Point and City of Atlanta, urban farming department for information regarding farmers market to benefit community activity.

-Judy Walker – spoke to the history of the CES and desires and wishes of the community. She also addressed the CES’ responsibility to take information back to their communities and to encourage them to participate in future meetings.

**Adjournment:**

The Chairman requested a motion to adjourn. A motion was properly made and seconded. Approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27P.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