

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

December 17, 2013

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 1794 Walker Ave. Atlanta, GA 30310.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman
Kenneth Deleon
Thomas Weyandt
John Akin, Jr.
Joseph Macon
Chandra Houston
Brian McGowan

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Jack Sprott, MILRA
Sandra Tennyson, MILRA
Darlene Hawksley, MILRA
Michael Lusk, MILRA
James McCormick, MILRA
Michelynn Carellas, Army

Ex-Officio Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd, City of Atlanta
Jalal Slade, City of Atlanta, Mayor's Office

Guests:

Darlene Jackson, COA-APD
Chanto'l Webster-Jackson, COA-APD
Starlyn Baxter, ACU
Alleean Brown, SVC 3
Carolyn Crato, Antioch Baptist Church
Hattie Way, Community
Mickie Williams, GHC
Glenda Knight, MACC
Rod Mathers, Atlanta Fire Dept.
Carolyn White, Antioch Baptist Church
Judy Walker, OCCO
Rhonda Appleby, City of East Point
Kenneth Swift, Villages of East Point
Justin Giboney, Invest Atlanta
Lee M. Mayweather, Mayweather Enterprises
Jon Tuley, ARC
Sanja Cooper, NPUX

Jocelyn Bivens, Council Staff
Michael Span, East Point City Housing

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued support and welcomed them to the meeting. Chairman Ward informed the audience that the Board would begin the meeting by going into the Executive Session and would reconvene to the regular session in about an hour.

Chairman Ward reminded the audience about the sign-in-sheet for public comment for non-board members and asking that anyone making a comment to the Board to please state their name, address and to limit their comment to three minutes.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the agenda. Tom Weyandt made a motion to approve and it was second by John Akin. Approval was unanimous.

Item No. 3: Executive Session: USARC Building and Adjoining Land Sale/MILRA Army Transfer Negotiations:

Chairman Ward made an announcement to move into Executive Session and read the required statement.

“Ladies and Gentleman:

In accordance with O.C.A. SECTION 50-14-4(B), a quorum of the McPherson Implementing LRA is present and will enter into executive session by a majority vote. The purpose for the closed section is for members to (1) deliberate regarding the acquisition of interest in real estate. (2) Receive Attorney-Client Communication. The specific reason for the closed session is to (1) discuss the acquisition of real property at Fort McPherson. The specific reasons for the closed session will be entered in the official minutes and a notarized affidavit will be executed stating that the executive session was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law.”

After Chairman Ward read the statement, Chandra Houston made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Joe Macon. The vote was unanimous.

The Board went into Executive Session for approximately 44 minutes. Joe Macon made a motion to end the Executive Session and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

After the Executive Session had ended Chairman Ward asked that the meeting be reopened to the public.

Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Ward recommended the approval of the August 13, 19, 2013 minutes, and the September 17, 2013 minutes. Chandra Houston made a motion to approve and it was seconded by John Akin. Approval was unanimous.

Item No. 5: USARC Building and Adjoining Land Sale:

Mr. Sprott informed the Board that the land sale approval is delayed until related documents are prepared.

Item No. 6: Community Engagement Subcommittee:

Councilmember Sheperd stated that the 2nd Annual Open House held on the grounds of Fort McPherson on Saturday, October 12, 2013, was a success and that there was several tours given on the base that day with Darlene Hawksley being the tour guide. Councilmember Sheperd announced to the board and audience that there would be a Community Engagement Subcommittee Meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at the office of MILRA from 5-30 pm-7:30 pm and that the board, public and community was invited. A draft copy of the Community Engagement Subcommittee Minutes was attached in the Board's packet for their perusal.

Item No. 7: 2014 Board Meeting Schedule:

Mr. Sprott stated that a tentative 2014 MILRA Board Meeting Schedule was attached for the Board's perusal and they should review their calendar and to pencil the suggested dates as placeholders and that at each meeting the date and time of the preceding meeting will be confirmed.

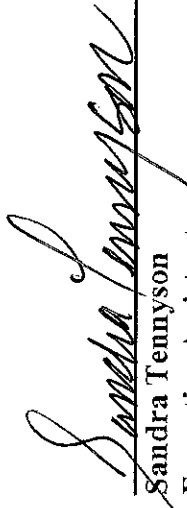
Public Comments:

Chairman Ward invited public comment and an audience member took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

Adjournment:

Joe Macon made a motion to adjourn; it was seconded by Brian McGowan. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 2:08 pm.

Recorded By:



Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

Approved By:


12/17/13

Jack Sprott
Executive Director

OPEN MEETINGS AFFIDAVIT

PERSONALLY APPEARED before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Felker Ward, Jr., who, after being duly sworn in, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") held on the 17th day of December, 2013.
- (2) I have been advised that *O.C.G.A* § 50-14-4(b) requires that when any meeting of the Authority is closed in accordance with an exception to the Open Meetings Law that:
 - (i) the specific reason for the closure is to be entered upon the official minutes of the meeting;
 - (ii) the meeting is be closed only upon a majority vote of a quorum present for the meeting;
 - (iii) the minutes are to reflect the names of the members present and those voting for closure; and
 - (iv) the person presiding over the meeting is to execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.
- (3) The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 17th day of December, 2013 which was closed for the purpose of:

DELIBERATION REGARDING PERSONNEL MATTER

- X DELIBERATION REGARDING ACQUISITION OF INTEREST IN REAL ESTATE**
(To be spread on minutes upon conclusion of disposition of interest in real estate)

DELIBERATION REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION

- X ATTORNEY-CLIENT COMMUNICATION**

as allowed by *O.C.G. A.*, Title 50, Chapter 14 and was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

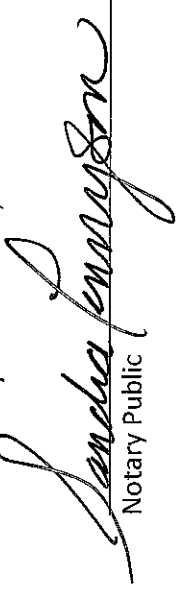
(4) This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 17th day of December, 2013.


Felker Ward, Jr., Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 17th day of December, 2013.

Witnessed:


Notary Public (SEAL)


Witness

my commission expires on 5/17/2015