

McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority

Board of Directors Meeting

January 18, 2011

Minutes

A meeting of the McPherson Implementing Local Redevelopment Authority (MILRA) was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the Atlanta Development Authority at 86 Pryor Street, Suite 300, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Board Members:

Felker Ward, Jr., Chairman

Peggy McCormick

Kenneth DeLeon

Richard Holmes

John Akin

Chandra Houston

Ex-Officio Members:

Councilmember Joyce Sheperd

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:

Jack Sprott, MILRA

Sandra Tennyson, MILRA

Darlene Hawksley, MILRA

General Phil Browning, U.S. Army Retired

Frank Barton, DOD/OEA

Kristin Denius, Assistant City Attorney, City of Atlanta

Michelynn G. Carellas, BRAC Army, Fort McPherson

Ken Neighbors, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

Guests

Mike Walker, C.E.R.M.

Deris Thomas, C.E.R.M.

Charles Edwards, ACSS

Jim Schneider, APAB

Bruce Gunter, PRI

Dave Crass, DNR

Kay Wallace, Stand-UP

Aaron Johnson, Fulton County Chairman's Office

Oliver Yarbrough, Frazier Service Co.,

Albert Murph, Frazier Service Co.,

Wilford Ray, MATRIX-3D

Lonnie Johnson, MARTA

Jeff Baillis

Hakim Young, SWAED
Paul Brightbill, Resident
Beth Fuller, Georgia Health Policy Center, GSU
Charletta Wilson-Jack, City of Atlanta Dept., of Planning
Jewelle Kennedy, City of Atlanta Dept., of Planning
Tom Hurby, The Beck Group
Horace Brown, Brown & Brown
Penny Canalizo, ADA

Chairman Ward called the MILRA meeting to order at approximately 1:00 p.m. It was determined that a quorum was not present. Chairman Ward asked that the Board review and discuss the minutes and agenda in anticipation of a formal vote when a quorum is achieved.

Announcements and Welcome:

Chairman Ward thanked the audience for their continued interest. He reminded the audience about the sign-in-sheet for public comment for non-board members asking that anyone making a comment to the Board to please state their name, address and to limit their comment to three minutes. Chairman Ward also announced the cancelation of the MILRA, February 16, 2011 MILRA Board Meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

Confirming that a quorum was now present, Chairman Ward recommended the adoption of the agenda. Richard Holmes made a motion to approve, seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Ward called for the approval of the November 17, 2010 Minutes. Richard Holmes made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous.

Regular Session:

Item No. 4: Zoning and Land Use Blueprint Public Meetings:

Mr. Sprott stated that work on a zoning blueprint for Fort McPherson including the establishment of protective zoning for the Historic District has been ongoing since October 20, 2009 and a decision was made to revisit the Reuse Plan and to create a Master Plan for the Science and Technology Park, the intergovernmental contract with the City of Atlanta was extended until December 31, 2010 to ensure that the new zoning blueprint mirrors the Updated Plan. Mr. Sprott also stated that a Public Meeting Notice was recently sent out to all MILRA Board members announcing a series of community meetings to be held at Atlanta Technical College to present and review an update of the proposed Fort McPherson Zoning and Land Use Blueprint in order to gather input from the community in regards to the District provisions and boundaries of the proposed development districts.

Mr. Sprott introduced Ms. Charletta Jacks, Director of the Bureau of Planning for the City of Atlanta.

Ms. Jacks presented an updated PowerPoint presentation to the Board on the zoning blueprint project, which was also included the agenda with dates and times of the upcoming community meetings. The presentation was self explanatory.

Item No. 5: Community Engagement Subcommittee Update:

Mr. Sprott stated that at its October 20, 2010 meeting the Board approved the purpose for the Community Engagement Subcommittee, as recommended by staff and amended to remove references to specific neighborhoods. The Board also approved the purpose and structure of the Resource Subcommittee. As recommended by the Nominating Committee, Chairman Ward chose Councilmember Joyce Sheperd to chair the Community Engagement Subcommittee and Richard Holmes to chair the Resource Subcommittee. Mr. Sprott also stated that at its November 17, 2010 meeting the MILRA Board approved the final structure of the Community Engagement Subcommittee and tasked Councilmember Sheperd to begin the process of populating the subcommittee.

Councilmember Sheperd gave a brief presentation on her progress thus far on her outreach to the various communities that will be affected by the closure of Fort McPherson. Councilmember Sheperd stated that she had contacted Council persons Lance Rhodes, and Sharonda Hubbard of East Point representing Wards A & B in regard to persons interested in representing their respective Wards. Councilmember Sheperd stated that she had sent letters out to elected officials to inform them of the creation of the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Councilmember Sheperd also noted that it was brought to her attention that the Villages of East Point be included as part of the Community Engagement Subcommittee, this particular community is located directly behind Fort McPherson.

Approval of adding a Representative from the Villages of East Point to the Community Engagement Subcommittee:

John Akin made a recommendation to add a representative from the Villages of East Point to be included in the Community Engagement Subcommittee. Ken DeLeon made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Richard Holmes. Approval was unanimous.

Item No. 6: Quarterly Financial Report:

Mr. Sprott gave a brief financial report for the second quarter of the 2010-2011 Fiscal Year. The financial report was also included in the Board's Member's handout for their perusal.

Public Comments:

Chairman Ward invited public comment and several participants took advantage of the opportunity to speak.

Adjournment:

Richard Holmes made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Chandra Houston. Approval was unanimous. The MILRA meeting ended at approximately 2:20 p.m.

Recorded By:


Sandra Tennyson
Executive Assistant

3/15/11
Date

Approved By:


Jack C. Spratt
Executive Director