

**Forest Park/Fort Gillem Implementation Local Redevelopment Authority**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 18, 2013  
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Forest Park/Fort Gillem Local Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at the Forest Park City Hall, 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

**Board Members:** Latresa Akins; David Lockhart; Linda Lord; Maudie McCord; Willie Oswald; Tommy Smith; and, John Westervelt.

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:** Fred Bryant; Executive Director; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; and, Mike Carellas, Forts McPherson/Gillem POC.

John Westervelt, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. There was a quorum present. The following matters were addressed:

**Approval of Minutes:** Linda Lord made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting, seconded by Latresa Akins. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

**Chairman's Announcements and Comments:**  
John Westervelt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Executive Director's Update:**

None.

**Old Business:**

On December 18, 2013, the ILRA had a conference call with the Army Team to discuss the environmental provisions in the MOA and Quitclaim Deed. After discussion, the Army agreed to include provisions acceptable to the ILRA in both documents.

Project Jasper has provided a draft Purchase and Sale Agreement that is being staffed through our team. The ILRA will have call with Project Bluebird on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The ILRA Team and Development Partners will also meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> to provide a complete update on Fort Gillem.

**New Business:**

Fred Bryant discussed the competitive RFP process used to receive proposals for the Design and Engineering work necessary to widen Hood Avenue to four lanes and connect it to Forest Parkway. Lowe Engineers, Kimley-Horn and Engineering Design Technologies/United Consulting submitted responses that were reviewed and evaluated, using the selection criteria, by Mike Bladenburg, Al Wiggins and Matt Jackson. Their evaluation determined that Lowe Engineers had submitted the most responsive proposal, and they recommend that the ILRA hire Lowe at a not to exceed contract price of \$228,352.

David Lockhart expressed concern that there was no direct entrance to Fort Gillem in Forest Park. The primary entrance is at Moreland Avenue and the proposed Hood Avenue extension would be connected to Forest Parkway in Lake City. This approach would preclude citizens and workers on the site from entering directly into the City and may cause them not use any facilities and amenities offered in Forest Park. He asked that work be done to determine if direct connectivity to the City is possible along Flankers/Metcalf Road.

Fred Bryant explained that the ILRA had expressed concern about this to the Army when it established the Enclave that effectively cut Hood Avenue off from the City. The army determined that no portion of Hood Avenue in the Enclave could be used. Studies have been done to determine if Flankers/Metcalf could be used with an extension from Courtney Drive and Main Street. Due to engineering and railroad right of way considerations Flankers/Metcalf will have to remain two- lane except for the area where the rail spur extends into Fort Gillem. Whoever is selected to do the engineering and design project will be asked to consider appropriate options for Flankers/Metcalf.

Tommy Smith made a motion to select Lowe Engineers to do the Hood Avenue widening Design and Engineering work at a not to exceed contract price of \$228,352, seconded by Willie Oswald. The Board voted 7-1 to approve the motion.

Fred Bryant will include this contract in the next OEA Grant Amendment Request. The scope of work has already been approved by OEA.

The Board reviewed and approved the ILRA Meeting Schedule Notice for 2014.

The next regular meeting will be January 22, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

**Open Discussion:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Linda Lord to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Maudie McCord. The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

**Recorded By:**

Fred Bryant, Forest Park/Fort Gillem LRA  
Executive Director

**Approved:**

January 22, 2014

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Fred E. Bryant  
Executive Director