

Forest Park/Fort Gillem Implementation Local Redevelopment Authority
Board of Directors Meeting
August 28, 2013
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Forest Park/Fort Gillem Local Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, at the Forest Park City Hall, 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

Board Members: Latresa Akins; Frank Brandon; Odessa Archibald for Daryl Brown; Kim Carter for Gretchen Corbin; Gail Hambrick; David Lockhart; Linda Lord; Maudie McCord; Willie Oswalt; Sonna Singleton; Tommy Smith; and, John Westervelt.

Staff, Legal Counsel and Others: Fred Bryant; Executive Director; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; Mike Blandenburg, City Clerk; Steve Fincher, City Attorney; and, Glynn Ryan, Site Manager Forts McPherson/Gillem.

John Westervelt, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. There was a quorum present. The following matters were addressed:

Approval of Minutes: Latresa Akins made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2013 meeting, seconded by Willie Oswalt. 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 August 26, 2013, Fred Bryant and Mike Comodeca met with the Army Team in Washington, DC, to begin the ESCA discussions about the FOSET property. Mike Monteleone and Georgia EPD participated by conference call. Weston Solutions, our Environmental Contractor, had two representatives at the meeting. The meeting was very positive and productive and Georgia EPD indicated that it wanted to see jobs at Fort Gillem and a successful redevelopment. Fred Bryant indicated that the community is looking forward to the FOST transfer and working with EPD to place that property in the Georgia Brownfields Program. Fred indicated that the community wants the Army to retain responsibility for groundwater and vapor intrusion. By September 30th, the Army will prepare an analysis of each site that includes current status and planned remediation activities with a timeline. The community will provide a regulatory scheme for the Brownfields Program and its position on groundwater and vapor intrusion. The community will also provide information on its planned environmental insurance coverage.

Fred also discussed the status of the MOA and Quitclaim Deed for the FOST property and requested a face-to-face meeting with the Army Team as soon as possible to work on finalizing those documents.

On August 8, 2013, the ILRA provided Project Jasper with a revised Term Sheet covering incentives and the proposed financial terms for a deal. Project Jasper responded with a letter asking for assurances from the Army that the FOST property will be transferred by November 30, 2013. Both letters were provided to the Army Team. Project Jasper senior leadership is meeting on August 30th, and Fred has requested a letter or email providing Army assurances. The City Manager, City Attorney, David Welch and Fred Bryant will meet on August 29th to prepare a proposed response by the Mayor to Project Jasper.

New Business:

The ILRA worked with the Army to prepare a lease of portions of Fort Gillem that could be then subleased to a film company that desires to shoot a movie sequel in early to mid-October. The city Attorney was involved in reviewing and approving both the lease and sublease (Location Agreement). Due to timing issues, Fred Bryant contacted Chairman Westervelt to seek permission to sign, on behalf of the ILRA, the Lease with the Army and the Location Agreement. Copies of both documents have been provided to the ILRA Board of Directors. Chairman Westervelt recommended that the Board ratify both the Lease and Location Agreement.

Linda Lord made a motion to ratify the Lease with the Army, seconded by Tommy Smith. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion. Tommy Smith made a motion to ratify the Location Agreement, seconded by Willie Oswalt. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The next regular meeting will be September 25, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.

Open Discussion:

None.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Latresa Akins to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Maudie McCord. The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Recorded By:

Fred Bryant, Forest Park/Fort Gillem LRA
Executive Director

Approved:

October 1, 2013

Fred E. Bryant
Executive Director