

**Forest Park/Fort Gillem Implementation Local Redevelopment Authority**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 26, 2014  
Minutes

A regular meeting of the Forest Park/Fort Gillem Local Redevelopment Authority was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at the Forest Park City Hall, 745 Forest Parkway, Forest Park, GA 30297.

**Board Members:** Dabouze Antoine; Frank Brandon; Gail Hambrick; David Lockhart; Linda Lord; Maudie McCord; Willie Oswalt; Tommy Smith; and, John Westervelt.

**Staff, Legal Counsel and Others:** Fred Bryant; Executive Director; Angela Redding, Management Analyst; Mike Carellas, Forts McPherson/Gillem BRAC Office; Kimberly Sanders, Weston Solutions.

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:** Linda Lord made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting, seconded by Maudie McCord. 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 March 26, 2014, the ILRA forwarded to the Army the draft Intergovernmental Agreement and Assignment and Security Agreement. In the next few days, the revised MOA will be submitted. The ILRA expects to receive Army comments very soon.

The ILRA and Project Jasper have had numerous calls and meetings to discuss the Brownfields Program, real estate issues, construction schedules and plans, and the draft Purchase and Sale Agreement. We anticipate a final decision by mid-April. The ILRA Team and Development Partners met with Project Falcon the first week of February to complete a site visit and answer questions. We are still under consideration.

Five citizens of Forest Park have been appointed to the Urban Redevelopment Agency (URA). The Urban Redevelopment Plan addendum is being drafted for public hearing and approval. The URA will have an organization meeting in the near future. Mayor and Council will appoint the Chairperson. The ILRA has sent a letter to the Director of OEA requesting that the URA be recognized as the ILRA for future actions. The URA will then be asked to officially ratify all existing contracts and agreements.

**New Business:**

On March 11, 2014, Fred Bryant and Kim Sanders met with Clayton County Chairman Jeff Turner and Commissioner Sonna Singleton to provide an update on the Fort Gillem project. Chairman Turner is very supportive of our efforts.

Fred Bryant, Todd Silliman and Brooke Dickerson, Environmental Counsel to Project Jasper, will meet with the Deputy Administrator, EPA Region 4, and his staff on March 28, 2014. The purpose is to update EPA on the environmental remediation ongoing and planned for Fort Gillem and to discuss the ESCA and possible approaches to groundwater.

The ILRA has received bids from companies that can remove the equipment from Building 516 and the propane tanks south of Hood Avenue. These companies would pay the ILRA/ City to undertake these actions. The ILRA expects to receive licenses from the Army COE that will authorize work to begin immediately. Project Jasper has requested these removal actions to enable their contractors to prepare the site for development.

Fred Bryant has prepared an OEA grant amendment request to: extend the current until September 30, 2014 so that Weston can complete its approved contract on the ESCA discussions; cover an increase in legal fees for the BRAC Attorney, the Georgia Brownfields Attorney and the City Attorney; fund the approved scope of work and not to exceed price for the Hood Avenue Widening Design and Engineering awarded to Lowe Engineers in December 2013; and, fund the Executive Director's salary/benefits and Site and Facility Manager's Salary for an additional three months. Mayor and Council will receive a copy of the Amendment request after OEA technical review. John Westervelt requested a motion authorizing Fred to proceed with the grant amendment process, including preparing the ordinance to be sent to the Mayor and Council for approval.

David Lockhart made a motion to authorize Fred Bryant to continue the OEA grant amendment process and to prepare the ordinance to be submitted to Mayor and Council for approval, seconded by Tommy Smith. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Fred Bryant advised that the closing on the FOST property is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2014, at 11AM at Building 101, Fort Gillem. ASA Hammack and others will attend. A letter invitation to this event is being prepared for Mayor Lockhart's signature.

The next regular meeting will be April 23, 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 Dabouze Antoine. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

**Recorded By:**

Fred Bryant, Forest Park/Fort Gillem LRA  
Executive Director

**Approved:**

April 23, 2014

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Fred E. Bryant  
Executive Director