



CITY OF FOREST PARK
URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY STRATEGIC RETREAT

Friday, July 26, 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Shared Workspace by Technique
1142 Main Street, Forest Park, GA

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
745 Forest Parkway
Forest Park, GA 30297

MINUTES

Kimberly James, Chairwoman
Avery Wilson, Vice Chairman
Eliot Lawrence, Member
Yasmin Julio, Member
Debra Patrick, Member

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME: Chairwoman James called the Urban Redevelopment Agency Strategic Board Retreat to order on July 26, 2024, at 9:02 a.m.

PRESENT:

Councilmember Kimberly James
Avery Wilson
Eliot Lawrence
Yasmin Julio

ALSO PRESENT:

Ricky L. Clark, Jr., City Manager
Danielle Matricardi, Esq., City / URA Attorney
Marsellas Williams, Economic Development Director
Derry Walker, Code Enforcement Director
Jeremi Patterson, Deputy Finance Director
Rochelle B. Dennis, Main Street Director
Charise Clay, Staff Assistant
Kathryn Lookofsky, Carl Vinson Institute

WELCOME: Kimberly James provided a welcome and introductory remarks followed by City Manager Ricky L. Clark, Jr.

AGENDA & GOALS: Rochelle B. Dennis reviewed the agenda and goals for the day-long strategic retreat. Ms. Dennis introduced Kathryn Lookofsky with the Carl Vinson Institute who facilitated the retreat.

VISION EXERCISE: Kathryn Lookofsky led the board in "Vision 2050" exercise.

URA POWERS: URA Attorney Danielle Matricardi reviewed the powers of the URA including planning and the ability to address blight.

URA BEST PRACTICES: Carl Vinson Institute facilitator Kathryn Lookofsky presented on best practices for Urban Redevelopment Agencies.

BLIGHT: Code Enforcement Director Derry Walker presented on measures being taken to address commercial and residential blight. Director Walker will present to the URA board a list of blighted commercial and residential properties.

URA EXPANSION & OPPORTUNITIES: Marsellas Williams reviewed the current URA boundary. The following projects were presented for the URA's consideration: Jonesboro Road, Main Street / City Center, Aerotropolis Catalytic Site and 330 Forest Parkway.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: *(Executive Session may be called for issues concerning Personnel, Litigation or Real Estate)*

- Avery Wilson made a motion to enter executive session at 3:13 p.m. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Yasmin Julio made a motion to exit the executive session at 4:13 p.m. Eliot Lawrence seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.
- Kimberly James made a motion to authorize the Chair to authorize the agreement with Leff & Associates to provide communication services for Project Sunshine pending negotiation of final details by Economic Development staff. The motion was seconded by Eliot Lawrence. Motion approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Eliot Lawrence made a motion to adjourn the strategic board retreat at 4:17 p.m. The motion was seconded by Avery Wilson. The motion was approved unanimously.

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