

**ABI Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015 8:37 a.m. – 10:09 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015, at the offices of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. located at 100 Peachtree Street, N.W., Conference Room 23rd Floor-Atlanta, Georgia. The following members were present to constitute a quorum:

Board of Directors present:

Mr. John Somerhalder, Chair
Ms. Beth Chandler, Vice Chair
Mr. Andre Dickens, Treasurer
Ms. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown, via phone
Mr. Michael Donnelly
Ms. Ernestine Garey
Ms. Joan Garner, via phone

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:

Mr. Paul F. Morris
Mr. Clyde Higgs
Mr. Marshall Norwood
Mr. Lee Harrop
Ms. Ericka Davis
Mr. Ben Limmer
Ms. Beth McMillian
Mr. Jerald Mitchell
Mr. James Alexander
Ms. Stacy Patton
Ms. Michelle Thomas
Mr. Fred Yalouris

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Somerhalder called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of October 14, 2015 was made by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Ms. Chandler. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting on August 12, 2015 and the Executive Committee meeting on September 9, 2015 was made by Ms. Garey and seconded by Mr. Dickens.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Norwood presented the Financial Report for August 2015.

ACTION ITEMS

The resolution was made to authorize negotiations and execution of a contract for construction of the East Side Trail Extension. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Mr. Dickens and seconded by Ms. Chandler. The motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate and HR matters was made by Ms. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Donnelly. The motion was unanimously approved. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, a motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Ms. Garey and seconded by Ms. Chandler. The Board then moved to approve the recommendation discussed in Executive Session regarding payroll matters. Ms. Chandler moved to approve the recommendation and Mr. Donnelly seconded the recommendation. The motion was approved unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Burke, Senior Landscape Architect provided an update to the Board on the status of construction on the Westside Trail.

Mr. Buchen, Art & Culture Project Coordinator presented a presentation on the 2015 Art on the BeltLine.

PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT

Mr. Morris presented his report and briefly summarized all of the activities that were undertaken by ABI with regard to the following:

1. Introduction of Clyde Higgs as ABI's new Vice President & Chief Operating Officer.

2. Commissioner Mendoza has expressed an interest in assigning ABI several projects from the Infrastructure Bond in order to expedite the projects funded through these monies. He reported that there are 7 projects in total that may be sent to ABI for assistance with implantation: 5 complete street roads and 2 bridges.
3. ABI is investigating the potential creation of an Atlanta BeltLine Community Improvement District (CID) and Special Services District (SSD). The purpose of these two districts would be to allow commercial and industrial property owners and multi-family property owners to levy or be assessed modest property assessments that would be used to assist in the funding of ABI and its components. It was recommended that the revenues from the districts be directed to three key components: public safety, operations and maintenance support and programmatic enhancements.
4. He reported that our structured partnership with FHLB continues to be a success. As of this meeting, he indicated that there have been a total of 114 applicants for the Down Payment Assistance program of which 16 have closed and three have pending commitments and six owner occupied rehab applications are also pending.

Mr. Morris informed the members of the board that the Stanton Oaks grand opening ceremony will be scheduled after final construction is complete at the end of October.

5. Mr. Morris reported on the status of various trails and greenspace project. He indicated that due to recent inclement weather, the Westside Trail has had a brief period where construction has been inactive. He reported that the Southside Trail RFQ has been posted and the pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for October 27th at 10am. He indicated that the response proposals are due on November 11th. He reported that the bids for the Eastside Trail extension have gone out with the bid process ending on October 13th and construction of the North Avenue Plaza has begun and is expected to be completed by the end of 2015. He reported that the RFQ for the mural being funded by Coca Cola is in development. He also indicated that discussions of the Langford Skate Park ribbon cutting event have been tentatively scheduled for Dec. 3rd.
6. Mr. Morris reported that on August 19th the City's Design Review Committee convened for the first time for orientation and a meet and greet. He stated that committee members were provided an overview of the BeltLine Overlay District Regulations. The first official meeting of the DRC was held on September 16th. The committee reviewed two projects; one apartment development and one industrial garage. He indicated that the next meeting is scheduled for October 21st.

Mr. Morris reported that over 130 guests attended the third Quarterly Briefing which was held on August 17th at Park Tavern. The final Quarterly Briefing for the year is scheduled for November 3rd.

7. Mr. Morris indicated that ABI has finalized the RFP for the Murphy Crossing Economic Development Plan which will be issued in mid-October. He reported that the plan is being funded through a public grant from EDA.
8. Mr. Morris indicated that ABI submitted the draft Environmental Assessment for the Atlanta BeltLine East to the FTA and anticipate a 45-60 day review period. He stated that ABI is continuing to work on the feasible alternatives for Crosstown and the Atlanta BeltLine West in the EA. He reported that ABI will make a recommendation on the locally preferred alternative for Crosstown in late 2015 and for the BeltLine West in 2016.
9. Mr. Morris reported that on September 11th Ponce City Market opened the bridge that connects the mixed used development to the Atlanta BeltLine.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Dickens. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:09 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Lee Harrop, Assistant Secretary