

**ABI Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, at the offices of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. located at 86 Pryor Street, S.W., Suite 300, Conference Room A - Atlanta, Georgia. The following members were present to constitute a quorum:

Board of Directors present:

Mr. John Somerhalder (via phone)
Ms. Elizabeth Chandler, Vice Chair
Councilmember Andre Dickens
Ms. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown
Commissioner Emma Darnell
Ms. Ernestine Garey

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:

Mr. Paul F. Morris
Ms. Lisa Gordon
Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker
Mr. Marshall Norwood
Mr. Lee Harrop
Mr. Jerald Mitchell
Ms. Jill Johnson
Mr. Ethan Davidson
Mr. James Alexander
Ms. Beth McMillian

CALL TO ORDER

Stated for the record, the Board of Directors meeting is called to order by Vice Chair, Elizabeth Chandler at 8:40 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A quorum was established at 8:50 a.m., a motion to approve the agenda was made by Ernestine Garey and seconded by Andre Dickens. The agenda for the Board of Director's meeting, March 12, 2014, was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2014 Board of Directors meeting was made by Ernestine Garey and seconded by Andre Dickens. The minutes were unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Marshall Norwood, Chief Financial Officer, presented the financial statements ending January 31, 2014.

ACTION ITEMS

Lee Harrop presented the third contract amendment of the corridor design. The corridor design permits corridor design and one permanent trail design (Eastside Trail design). We have received the TIGER V grant that allows 100% of the Westside Trail design which is in accordance of the TIGER V grant. This resolution includes everything up to but not including final design of Transit.

A motion to approve the Resolution by Ernestine Garey and seconded by Andre Dickens.

CEO REPORTS

Paul Morris highlighted key topics from his report that was provided in the Board Book. He discussed ABI as the recipient of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Overall Excellence in Smart Growth Award for the United States. Mayor Kasim Reed led the charge and received the award in Washington, D.C. in February, 2014. This award provides awareness of the Atlanta BeltLine as a creditable project and one of national significance for which the federal agencies lend opportunities of engagement.

Paul Morris highlighted the following project status of:

Westside Trail - completing 60% design for the Westside Trail, of which, the schedule is driven by the Office of the Secretary in Washington, D.C. This is due to Secretary Foxx's selection of Atlanta BeltLine's Westside Trail as the signature project of TIGER V which accelerates the project milestones.

Eastside Gateway Groundbreaking – January, 2014 groundbreaking of Eastside Trail connector to Historic Fourth Ward Park.

Urban Farm Site Prep – location of Allene and Murphy Crossing site is complete. A cover crop has been placed on the site. ABI will procure an Urban Farmer for this site.

Urban Agriculture Program – ABI has begun forging relationships with urban and commercial farmers around the Atlanta BeltLine. The University of Georgia, Athens (UGA) identified eight UGA departments that can assist ABI in a more holistic and green approach to our farming efforts.

Transit & Transportation – The team is conducting the next round of environmental clearances for the expansion of the Atlanta Streetcar/Atlanta BeltLine Streetcar System plan.

Urban Affordable Housing Projects – Boynton Village was selected for funding by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA). This is the first project selected in this area within the last four years.

Performance Objectives – Lisa Gordon provided an update on the proposed Performance Objectives for ABI. She identified several changes to the format including that the report will convert from calendar year to fiscal year. The report the Board reviewed included 18 months of planned work. The headers and topics were updated to include new Departments and initiatives for the upcoming reporting period. The report will also reflect when it is advancing the Strategic Implementation Plan (SIP) Goals.

STAFF REPORTS

Jill Johnson (Government Affairs Director) – provided an update on recent activities for government affairs including a report on ABI's Congressional Trip to Washington D.C., the outcome of the legislative effort for HB 960 (Clarified Urban Redevelopment Law), and the recent State Legislative Tour sponsored by Atlanta BeltLine, Inc.

Jerald Mitchell (Economic Development Director) – provided an update on the initial work that he is undertaking for Economic Development including Data Benchmarking and Workforce Development (working with Real Estate Plan and Affordable Housing) for job creation along the corridor.

Beth McMillian (Community Planning and Engagement Director) – provided an update on Community Engagement activities including: March 3, 2014 Quarterly Report (130 participants), Westside Trail engagement (2 meeting held), Engagement of ABI Open house (February), Setting up Environmental Assessment Meetings (March and April), and Participation of Read Across America Setting Environmental Assessment (March).

Ethan Davidson (Communications and Media Relations Director) – provided on highlights of media coverage, social media and Atlanta BeltLine etiquette campaign geared at users of the Eastside trail.

James Alexander (Housing and Development Policy Manager) – stated that the 2008 Trust Fund that will result 250 units of Affordable Housing around the Atlanta BeltLine when the following projects are completed: Boynton Apartments, Reynoldstown Senior, and Ponce City Market Workforce Housing. Major goal this year is the implementation of the Affordable Housing Action Plan.

Lee Harrop (Program Management Officer) – A ribbon cutting celebration for the Edgewood Bridge will be announced shortly. The bridge is scheduled to open in April.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Cynthia Briscoe-Brown and seconded by Andre Dickens. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ernestine Garey and duly seconded by Andre Dickens. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Lee Harrop, Assistant Secretary