

**ABI Executive Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, September 10, 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, Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Chandler, Vice Chair
Ms. Cathy Woolard, Secretary
Mr. Andre Dickens, Treasurer
Mr. Charlie Shufeldt

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:

Mr. Paul F. Morris
Ms. Lisa Y. Gordon
Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker
Mr. Marshall Norwood
Mr. Lee Harrop

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Somerhalder, at 8:40 a.m.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Norwood presented the Financial Report as of July 31, 2014 to the Executive Committee. He introduced a financial dashboard of revenues by TAD; Grant Income; ABLP; and, revenues from the City of Atlanta. Members requested that future reports include TAD vs operational expenses.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Norwood presented information on the resolution granting the President and CEO the authority to obtain a Line of Credit from SunTrust Bank in an amount not to exceed \$5 million dollars and to finalize negotiations on the terms and conditions of the same. Ms. Chandler moved to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Woolard.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Morris highlighted the 5th Annual Art on the Atlanta BeltLine Lantern Parade. He indicated that the parade had over 23,000 participants, doubling in size from last year, with over 100 works of art and performances on the trail. Art on the BeltLine will run through November 15th.

Mr. Morris reported on the Eastside Trail Gateway opening on August 25th. Mayor Reed led the ceremony and hundreds of people attended. Mr. Morris indicated that the Gateway has become an important link to the Corridor. He stated that this project further reinforces the critical importance of all of our vertical connections from neighborhoods to and from the Atlanta BeltLine corridor.

Mr. Morris gave an update on the status of Trail and Greenspace projects, reporting that ABI met the federal deadline of June 30th to complete the final design and land acquisition for the Southwest Trail. He reported that construction bids are in review and an authorization to proceed with construction is anticipated to be issued in early November. He stated that the mandated federal guidelines of DBE participation of only 14% were met by the bidders. He also reported that design of the Eastside Trail Extension has reached 97% and is now being reviewed by staff and the Path Foundation. He indicated that the North Avenue Plaza and Ponce de Leon Streetscape projects are going forward. He reported that ABI is on track to hire a contractor for the construction of the plaza; and, we are moving forward with the right of way analysis and identifying the easement acquisitions needed for the Ponce streetscape improvements.

Mr. Morris stated that three environmental assessments are active and underway for the next phase of the transit expansion of the Downtown Streetcar. He indicated that we are planning to have the local alternative alignment which will enable us to compete for federal grants and a funding match from the City through its infrastructure bonds.

Mr. Morris provided an update of the Affordable Housing Economic Development and Real Estate Implementation Action Plan. He indicated that consultants have started work on the projects and by the end of the year. He stated that ABI anticipates receiving a draft five-year work plan for the three departments to assist in the advancement of their respective goals.

He reported that Community Engagement continues to conduct numerous meetings informing and soliciting input from the community of our construction and environmental assessments projects.

He indicated that our Governmental Affairs department will be convening an internal working team to start looking at our state and congressional agenda for next year. He stated that ABI is planning to put forth a more robust formalized agenda on the federal level with approximately eleven different federal agencies.

Mr. Morris reported that ABI has received funding and started work on environmental clean-up of the Northeast segment of the Eastside Corridor from 10th & Monroe to the Buford connector. He stated that in anticipation of the City's action to advance the Westside Reservoir, ABI has started conversations with the City's Parks and Recreation Department regarding portions of the site requiring environmental review. He reported that the City's Department of Watershed has taken the lead on the project.

Mr. Morris informed the Executive Committee that a new transportation director, Ben Limmer, has been selected and will start next week. He also stated that ABI has also received numerous applicants for the Communications Director and have posted the position for a Real Estate Director.

Ms. McMillan provided an update on the Design Review Committee which will be presented to the full Board for approval prior to submission to the City Counsel. Ms. Woolard requested specific conversations regarding design compliance to ensure that new developers are in compliance. Mr. Harrop will convene a meeting with Mr. Yalouris to review concerns regarding compliance design standards and meet with Ms. Woolard.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Woolard and seconded by Ms. Chandler. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Lee Harrop, Assistant Secretary