

Fairgrounds Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday – July 24, 2013 – 1:00pm

Members Present: Greg O’Neal, Craig Vanderburg, Kim Tandy, Frank Hammer
Members Absent: Doris Ewing

Staff Present: Kim Homan, Michigan Land Bank
Jill Robinson, Michigan Land Bank
Mario Morrow, Manager of Communications Outreach

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman O’Neal called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

Jill Robinson presented the roll call. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman O’Neal presented the agenda for approval.

- Report for Land Bank Director Kim Homan
- April 23 letter from Chairman O’Neal
- May 20 letter from GWCA
- Public Meeting
- Public Comment
- Adjourn

Motion: Member Tandy / ***Supported by:*** Member Hammer
“To accept agenda as articulated by Chairman O’Neal”

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Report for Land Bank Director Kim Homan

Chairman O’Neal invited Director Homan to report on the progress of the project. Director Homan provided updates on a variety of meetings with the developer, MDOT and the RTA. In addition, she stated that negotiations are still underway but should be ready for approval by the MLB board in a few weeks.

It was stated that during meetings with the RTA, they were firm that they did not want to cause any delay in the process and will continue communicating with the developer about transit needs.

Director Homan discussed the assistance offered by the Detroit Future City team to help organize the community visioning session that will happen after the purchase agreement is signed.

Member Hammer asked about the next steps and Homan responded that there would be a purchase agreement signed, which will allow the developer to put together necessary financing and identify potential tenants. Then there will be community visioning

sessions while the transit groups are kept in communication to assist in the planning of future transit.

Motion: Member Tandy / Supported by: Member Hammer

Would like the FAC to be provided information about any stipulations that are put into the purchase / development agreement prior to the vote of the MLB Board so the FAC has an opportunity to review and raise questions.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

APRIL 23 LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN O'NEAL

The April 23 letter served as the agenda for this meeting.

Member of the public, Karen Hammer gave Chairman O'Neal a letter. He asked that it be put into the minutes from the meeting.

Member Hammer asked that the developer and development keep transit in mind.

PUBLIC MEETING

Member Hammer would like there to be another public meeting scheduled based on new information at the Northwest Activity Center.

Member Tandy thought a meeting might be good, but not until the timing of any visioning sessions is figured out.

Member Vanderburg thought that the FAC should call for a meeting when there is more information. He thought blasting out the information via email or websites regarding dates for the visioning sessions would be required. Members Tandy and Hammer along with Chairman O'Neal agreed.

Chairman O'Neal asked for assistance in getting the word out. Director Homan stated that the Detroit Future City team would help in this regard. Mario Morrow, Manager of Communications Outreach offered assistance as well.

Motion: Member Vanderburg / Supported by: Member Hammer

Move to develop communications plan about current status of property, which will lead to the visioning session communication blast.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman O'Neal asked for public comments.

- Euni Rose, Southfield, MI read a letter into the record;
- Karen Hammer, Greenacres Woodward Civic Association read a letter into the record and submitted a petition regarding halting development until the RTA can review other concepts. Member Tandy mentioned that this had already be resolved

and that meetings have happened with the RTA. Member Vanderburg stated that he assumed that the petition is off the table because the RTA has already become involved and suggested that they do not want to delay the project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Member Tandy / ***Supported by:*** Member Hammer

MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Robinson
Property Analyst

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Eight Mile Road

Greenacres Woodward
Civic Association
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To: FAC ✓
MLBA
SFDC
Governor Snyder

July 18, 2013

Enclosed please find a 2nd installment of petitions signed by Michigan residents to delay transfer of the Fairgrounds land - until the merits of the META Expo multi-modal transit hub & solicited federal funding can be considered ^{evaluated} by the Regional Transit Authority (possibly a public private partnership) in light of 2 transportation studies (Complete Streets & Transit Alternatives) being conducted presently along Woodward.

Sincerely,

Rachael Hammer, GWCA Corresp. Secy

Livernois

Woodward

SOUTHFIELD

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TO QUOTE A WONDERFUL OLD PIECE OF MUSIC, "IT SEEMS TO ME YOU'VE HEARD THIS SONG BEFORE; IT'S FROM AN OLD FAMILIAR SCORE." YOU WILL HEAR IT AGAIN FROM ME.

HERE WE GO AGAIN. NOW THAT THE REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY IS IN PLACE, IT BEHOOVES THE FAST TRACK LAND BANK TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE PEOPLES' LAND TO THAT ENTITY SO THAT, INSTEAD OF A BIG BOX OUTDATED DEVELOPMENT FOR PROFIT ON OUR PROPERTY, WE WILL HAVE A PUBLIC TRANSIT HUB IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR REGION THAT WILL PROVIDE A SPACE THAT INCLUDES EXHIBITION, ENTERTAINMENT, AGRICULTURE, AND EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES. EVERY CITY AND TOWN IN THIS NATION IS NOW CONCENTRATING ON CHANGING THEIR OLD STYLE IDEAS TO THAT OF COMPLETE STREETS, NOT HUGE BIG BOX DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE EYESORES AT THE LEAST AND LESS THAN SATISFACTORY SHOPPING CENTERS AT THE MOST. MICHIGAN MUST NOT LAG BEHIND. AS IT IS, WE ARE LOSING OUR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO COMPLETE STREET CITIES WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT AS A GIVEN. MUST WE CONTINUE TO CLING TO OLD IDEAS JUST SO WE CAN KEEP A FEW MILLIONAIRES HAPPY, OR DO WE MARCH TO A DIFFERENT TUNE AND MAKE MICHIGAN THE IDEAL FOR ALL OTHER STATES TO FOLLOW? THE LAND BANK IS RECEIVING RESOLUTIONS FROM CITIES ALL OVER SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN (MY OWN CITY OF SOUTHFIELD INCLUDED) TO STOP THIS PLAN OF MAGIC PLUS AND MOVE TO THE TRANSIT ORIENTED PLAN THAT HAS BEEN PUT BEFORE THEM. THEY ARE HEARING FROM THE PEOPLE OF MICHIGAN. YOU, AS MEMBERS OF THE FAC, MUST FOLLOW THE WISHES OF THE CITIZENS OF THIS STATE, AND CONVINCED THE LAND BANK TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF THE STATE FAIRGROUNDS, OUR PROPERTY, TO THE RTA, SO THAT THE TRANSIT HUB ORIENTED META EXPO PLAN CAN GO FORWARD. YOU CANNOT; YOU MUST NOT, ALLOW A SHODDY FOR PROFIT DEVELOPMENT TO BE BUILT ON OUR STATE PROPERTY.

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