ABI Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2015 8:35 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, at the offices of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. located at 100 Peachtree Street, S.W., Conference Room 18<sup>th</sup> Floor- 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 via phone

Mr. Andre Dickens, Treasurer

# Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:

Mr. Paul F. Morris

Ms. Lisa Y. Gordon

Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker

Mr. Marshall Norwood

Mr. Lee Harrop

Ms. Ericka Davis

Ms. Jill Johnson

Mr. James Alexander

Mr. Ben Limmer

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Somerhalder, at 8:35 a.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Norwood presented the Financial Report through December 2014 as well as the unaudited Consolidated Income Statement for July through December 2014. He also updated the Committee on the FY16 Budget process and timeline. Mr. Norwood indicated that the preliminary budget will be presented at the April Executive Committee meeting and at their May meeting.

## PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT

Mr. Morris presented reports for all ABI departments, highlighted below:

# Government Affairs:

Mr. Morris updated the officers on the status of Senate Bill 4 that was introduced in the Georgia General Assembly and passed unanimously. This bill will provide additional support for the construction of the Atlanta BeltLine under the Urban Redevelopment Powers Act. The Bill has to be passed by the Senate and House to be enacted.

# **Trails and Greenspace:**

- Survey work has started on the Westside Trail and construction of the Martin Luther King Blvd. bridge will be coming down March 4, 2015 with detours required. Mr. Morris informed the Committee that ABI will notify City Council, residents and businesses of the road closure and detours.
- 2. ABI is coordinating with Watershed and GDOT to evaluate the costs associated with the proposed expansion to Memorial Drive.
- 3. ABI is currently under negotiations for a farmer to manage the Urban Farm site on the Westside Trail. ABI's goal is to have plantings this spring or summer.
- 4. Request for Proposals for Atlanta BeltLine signature benches closed on January 23, 2015 and ABI received 30 design submissions.

#### Community Engagement:

- 1. The next round of Quarterly Briefings will take place on March 23, 2015 with the second meeting taking place on June 22, 2015.
- 2. Final maps for rezoning of Subareas 1 and 10 were received from the City's Planning Department.
- 3. Design Review Committee (DRC) is expected to be introduced at City Council with approval anticipated in mid-March.

#### **Economic Development:**

Continued activity to establish ABI's specific economic development with Invest Atlanta on economic development mission compatibility; continue to build external partnerships and the ongoing Integrated Action Plan (IAP) work.

# Affordable Housing:

Mr. Alexander provided an overview of the FHLB program with detailed information regarding down payment assistance program and owner occupied rehabilitation. Details of this program were discussed with the Executive Committee.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Cathy Woolard, Secretary