

**ABI Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2014 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**

A meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, October 8, 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
Ms. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown
Ms. Ernestine Garey
Mr. Charlie Shufeldt

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:

Mr. Paul F. Morris
Ms. Lisa Y. Gordon
Ms. Patrise Perkins-Hooker
Ms. Beth McMillian
Mr. Ben Limmer
Ms. Jill Johnson
Mr. Jerald Mitchell
Mr. James Alexander

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Somerhalder, at 8:33 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda for the Board of Directors' meeting of October 8, 2014 was made by Ms. Briscoe-Brown and seconded by Mr. Shufeldt. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2014 Board of Directors' meeting was made by Ms. Garey and seconded by Mr. Shufeldt. The motion was unanimously approved.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Mr. Morris presented the Financial Report on behalf of Mr. Norwood in his absence due to a death in his family. Mr. Morris stated that ABI is on solid ground with its financial matters and that there are no changes to report. Mr. Morris provided an update on the status of the efforts to obtain a Line of Credit with SunTrust Bank. He also reported that the work on our annual audit has been completed and Mr. Norwood anticipated that the final audit will be completed within the next few weeks on schedule. Mr. Morris stated that the Financial Report for September will be presented at the November meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. McMillan presented information on the Atlanta Beltline Design Review Committee and requested that the Board members approve the policy. Ms. Woolard moved to approve the resolution creating the Design Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chandler. The motion was unanimously approved.

Ms. Gordon presented information on the resolution authorizing the President & CEO to enter into negotiations with selected contractors for construction of the Eastside Trail North Avenue Plaza. Ms. Gordon provided a summary of details to include that this project is being developed in conjunction with Jamestown Properties. Ms. Garey moved to approve the resolution and the motion was seconded by Ms. Briscoe-Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

CEO REPORT

Mr. Morris presented the information in the CEO's report and highlighted information on several projects, including:

1. Participation in the 5th Annual Art on the Atlanta Beltline. He indicated that the attendance was approximately 23,000 participants, which is double the number from the previous year.
2. The selection of a consultant for the Signage and Wayfinding Master Plan is now complete.
3. An update on the ongoing efforts with the Sustainability Action Plan.
4. An update on the status of the Westside Trail Project which has continued to meet the schedule deadlines for the major activities associated with this project. He indicated that the groundbreaking of the Westside Trail which has tentatively been scheduled for November 12, 2014 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
5. An update on the Environmental Assessments for the connectors to the Eastside and Westside Trails.

Mr. Morris introduced new ABI team member, Mr. Benjamin Limmer, Transportation Director to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Shufeldt inquired about the status of the Westside Park. Mr. Morris stated that this year Mayor Reed signed the order to move forward with the filling of the reservoir as a part of the

city's backup water supply system. As a result of this order, ABI has been directed to move forward in partnership with Watershed Management and Parks & Recreation to interface with the city agencies on the vision for the next great park. He indicated that ABI received a special grant from the Environmental Protection Agency for the purpose of performing the work to secure environmental clearances for this site. Mr. Morris stated that ABI will work in collaboration with Commissioner Macrina and her team to ensure that all involved are working to move this aspect of the project forward.

Mr. Morris provided updates on the efforts to fill the remaining two director positions are currently underway. He stated that the Communications and Media Relations Director announcement will be made shortly. He indicated that ABI is currently screening candidates for the Real Estate Director position with expectations to have this position filled by the end of the year.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. McMillian presented the Community Engagement Report including an announcement of the final Quarterly Briefing meeting for 2014 which is to be held November 13, 2014. She stated that the meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. She also indicated that an Employee Workday near Tanyard Creek will take place on October 16, 2014.

Ms. Odom reported on Communications and Media Relations. She highlighted coverage during the months of August and September and focused on the Lantern Parade and Eastside Trail Gateway opening. She indicated that the ABI app has been downloaded by 3,557 users thus far.

Ms. Johnson reported on ABI's Governmental Affairs and highlighted continued engagement with USDA to build stronger relationships. She stated that interest on touring the Atlanta BeltLine has come from the Lieutenant Governor's office.

Mr. Mitchell provided an update on his efforts with regards to Economic Development activity and the continued interest to collaborate with Invest Atlanta to see if there are opportunities to grow external relationships. Mr. Mitchell provided an update on the status of the Integrated Action Plan and the preliminary job numbers from the consultants.

Mr. Alexander provided a brief update on the status of Affordable Housing projects. He described the partnership that exists between ABI and Invest Atlanta to help provide incentives for some projects including, Boynton Village Apartments and Reynoldstown Senior. He reported that there were 9,000 new units created since 2006 when the tax allocation district was created. He stated that 500 of these units are Affordable Housing units.

Ms. Gordon provided an update on Program Management activities in Mr. Harrop's absence. She reported that initial work has begun on the Reynoldstown Stage design with the rendering

included in the Board Book. She stated that final design and bids for the Langford Park project are due in late October. She indicated that the bids for the North Avenue Plaza are currently being received. She stated that this project will provide a connection to Ponce City Market and it is expected to be completed mid-2015. She also reported that Brownfield Remediation activity along the Southwest corridor has been completed with ongoing remediation taking place along the Northeast corridor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate, legal and personnel matters was made by Mr. Shufeldt and seconded by Ms. Briscoe-Brown. The motion was unanimously approved. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, a motion was made by Ms. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Shufeldt.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Shufeldt. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Cathy Woolard, Secretary