

**ABI Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
May 10, 2017**

The Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at the offices of Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. located at 100 Peachtree Street, N.W., Conference Room, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor-Atlanta, Georgia. The following members were present to constitute a quorum:

**Board of Directors present:**

Mr. John Somerhalder, Chair  
Ms. Beth Chandler, Vice Chair  
Mr. Lee Morris  
Ms. Ayana Gabriel  
Ms. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown

**Via Phone:**

Mr. Dallas Clement

**Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. staff present:**

Mr. Paul Morris  
Mr. Clyde Higgs  
Mr. Marshall Norwood  
Ms. Nina Hickson  
Ms. Stacy Patton  
Ms. Jill Johnson  
Mr. Lee Harrop  
Ms. Ericka Davis  
Mr. Jerald Mitchell  
Mr. James Alexander  
Mr. Fred Yalouris

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Somerhalder called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Mr. Somerhalder welcomed Mr. Lee Morris to the Board as successor to Ms. Joan Garner.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion to approve the Agenda for the Board of Directors meeting of May 10, 2017 was made by Elizabeth Chandler and seconded by Cynthia Briscoe-Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Cynthia Briscoe-Brown and seconded by Ayanna Gabriel to approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2017 Board of Directors' meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, Legal and Personnel matters was made by Dallas Clement and was seconded by Cynthia Briscoe-Brown. The motion was unanimously approved.

The motion to return to regular Session was made by Dallas Clement and was seconded by Elizabeth Chandler. The motion was unanimously passed.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Dallas Clement made a motion to approve the personnel action discussed in Executive Session. Elizabeth Chandler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ayanna Gabriel made a motion to adopt a Resolution supporting ABI's Application to the Atlanta Regional Commission for Transportation Improvement Plan ("TIP") Project Funding Proposal, Committing to Provide or Locate the Local Cash Match and for other purposes. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Cynthia Briscoe-Brown made the motion to adopt the Resolution appointing Dallas Clement as Treasurer of the Board of Directors. Lee Morris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cynthia Briscoe-Brown made the motion to adopt the following Resolution in honor of the late Joan P. Garner:

*WHEREAS, Integrity, Innovation, Inspiration, Stewardship, and Collaboration are the organizational values and pillars of the Atlanta BeltLine;*

*WHEREAS, Joan P. Garner, Board Member for the Atlanta BeltLine Incorporated embodied and exemplified each organizational value throughout her life-time with her commitment to community, healthcare equality, equity and social justice;*

*WHEREAS, Joan P. Garner represented the residents of the Atlanta BeltLine through her public service on the Fulton County Board of Commissioners for District 4, which encompasses Midtown Atlanta and the neighborhoods west of downtown Atlanta;*

*WHEREAS, Joan P. Garner resided in Atlanta's Historic Old Fourth Ward neighborhood, within the Martin Luther King Historic District, with her spouse, Fulton County State Court Judge Jane Morrison and her advocacy in the neighborhood extended more than twenty years;*

*WHEREAS, Joan P. Garner began her service to the Atlanta BeltLine as a community activist engaged by Atlanta BeltLine Inc, to lead the community input process to develop the Community Benefits Policy which was legislated by the Atlanta City Council to mitigate the impact of Atlanta BeltLine projects on its impacted communities;*

*WHEREAS, Joan P. Garner, served as one of the original members of the Beltline Affordable Housing Advisory Board to provide recommendations and policies to determine the funding allocation process for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;*

*WHEREAS, on February 18, 2015, Joan P. Garner was appointed by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners to serve as its representative to the Atlanta BeltLine Board of Directors, where she continued to be a strong and passionate voice for Atlanta BeltLine communities and an advocate for affordable housing until her untimely passing on April 18, 2017;*

*NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Atlanta BeltLine Board of Directors recognizes and honors the legacy of leadership of Joan P. Garner through her tireless work on behalf of the Atlanta BeltLine and many civic organizations, as well as, her advocacy for worthy causes involving equity and inclusion such as, the Historic District Development Corporation, the Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the board of Sweet Auburn Works, Inc., the Fulton County Task Force on HIV/AIDS, the United Way of Metropolitan Atlanta, Atlanta-Fulton County Library Board, Southerners On New Ground, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia and the National Association of Counties, to name a few and;*

*NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Atlanta BeltLine Board of Directors extends our sincerest condolences to her spouse Judge Jane Morrison, her family and loved ones and express our admiration and appreciation for her lifetime of service and contributions to the Board, the citizens of Atlanta and Fulton County.*

The motion was passed unanimously.

CEO Paul Morris announced that the 2017 Art on the BeltLine Exhibition would be dedicated to former ABI Board Member Fulton County Commissioner Joan Garner.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Norwood presented the Financial Report for March 2017.

**PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT**

Mr. Morris presented the President and CEO Report. The report was distributed within the Board Documents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Elizabeth Chandler and seconded by Cynthia Briscoe-Brown. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:41 a.m.

Respectively submitted,



Nina R. Hickson, Assistant Secretary