

**ABI Board of Directors Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
March 8, 2017**

The Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday, March 8, 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, Co-Chair - Phone  
Ms. Joan Garner, Secretary - Phone  
Ms. Natalyn Archibong  
Ms. Cynthia Briscoe-Brown  
Ms. Ernestine Garey  
Ms. Ayana Gabriel – Phone

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

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

John Somerhalder called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Cynthia Brown-Briscoe made the motion to adopt the agenda.  
Ernestine Garey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Cynthia Brown-Briscoe made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Ernestine Garey seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Mr. Norwood presented the Financial Report for January 2017. Mr. Norwood highlighted the paying down of the SunTrust line of credit balance. Mr. Norwood advised the board of the reduction in the TAD increment projection of \$1M by MUNICAP regarding the current fiscal year. Board member Ernestine Garey asked the question of how or if we could adjust the 2017 budget to compensate for the reduction in increment. Mr. Norwood answered by stating that we would continue to control expenses and that ABI's good cash balance put ABI in a good position regarding this reduction in increment.

## **PRESIDENT AND CEO REPORT**

Mr. Morris presented the CEO report. Mr. Morris advised the Board of his meeting with City of Atlanta Police Chief Shields regarding ABI implementing a more comprehensive network of security cameras connected directly to the Video Integration Center for the Westside, Eastside and Eastside trail extension lighting projects. Mr. Morris informed the board about the request of Mayor Reed that the ABI General Counsel, Invest Atlanta General Counsel and the City Attorney review the Access Agreement documents which are being used to verify that ABI, the City and Invest Atlanta are adequately protected from liability. Board member Cynthia Brown-Briscoe asked for an update on the Adair Park affordable housing for senior's project near the Westside Trail. ABI Housing Director, James Alexander provided an update. Copies of the published 2017 ABI Annual Report were provided to the board.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Cynthia Brown-Briscoe to discuss one Real Estate, one Legal and one Personnel item. Ernestine Garey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The motion to return to regular session was made by Ernestine Garey with Cynthia Brown-Briscoe seconding the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ernestine Garey made the motion to approve the Real Estate resolution discussed during the Executive Session. Cynthia Brown-Briscoe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cynthia Brown-Briscoe and seconded by Ernestine Garey. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:07 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

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Nina R. Hickson, Assistant Secretary