

Central State Hospital
Local Redevelopment Authority
Powell Building Conference Room
October 16, 2013
5:00 PM

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met on October 16, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the Central State Hospital Powell Building Conference Room with Quay Fuller chairing. Members present were Russ Walden, George Martinez, John Ferguson, Dudley Rowe, Nolan Stephens and Johnny Grant. Members Bruce Vaughn and Stanley Preczewski were absent.

Ms. Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. The recording secretary called roll and a quorum of members of the authority was declared present.

Ms. Fuller welcomed everyone to the meeting and made comments mentioning a trip to Atlanta to meet the Governor.

Motion Walden, second Martinez to adopt the September 18, 2013 meeting minutes.

On vote aye: Walden, Martinez, Ferguson, Fuller, Rowe, Stephens and Grant. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

The Chair asked for the Executive Director's report:

Mike Couch asked Mayor Richard Bentley for a legislative update. Mayor Bentley stated that a group had met with the Governor to discuss the legislative initiative. Mayor Bentley stated that he felt they had a positive meeting. He reinforced that the Authority was serious in what they were doing and not asking for monetary help. The legislation would be making a change to the way the State Properties Commission dealt with entities and should come before the legislature in January and were hopeful for a quick passage.

Mike Couch discussed his initial meeting with members of the Urban Land Institute stating they could help with a real estate study of the facility. He recognized Jan Bozeman to discuss the Urban Land Institute.

Ms. Bozeman introduced herself and gave a power point presentation describing their technical assistance program; the methods they used to develop land use strategies and the scope of projects UTI did. She stated that they were

professionals from multiple disciplines working in real estate and only worked with non-profits.

There was discussion and questions answered.

Mr. Couch thanked Ms Bozeman.

Mike Couch gave an update on the GED program. They would have their first graduation on November 20th from the employee work force; he would send out information via email.

Mr. Couch gave an update on the property transactions. He stated that the Wilkes Building Lease was complete and Daryl Davis would be in town soon to figure out how to repurpose the building.

Mr. Couch discussed the campus being film ready. He stated that there was a film production in town. He discussed the need to have clear procedures when dealing with state property. There needed to be a "how to" manual on using property in Milledgeville. Mr. Couch stated that Jane Sowell was the contact for the whole county. Mayor Bentley elaborated on this being in the scope of the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Couch stated that he had sent a letter of request for county funding next year. He looked forward to starting dialogue about that.

Brenda Josey gave a financial update. She stated that there was a quarterly report including profit and loss statements in the information packets that covered two months of income and three months of expenditures.

Mr. Couch discussed the Keep Baldwin Beautiful – he stated that they were working on a Frisbee golf course in the pecan orchard. He also discussed other plans for the pecan orchard.

Mr. Couch discussed the War Veterans Home raised gardens. He thanked Mrs. Walden, Mr. Jarrett and the city public works department for their help in delivering materials. He stated the project should be completed next week.

Mr. Couch gave an update on the Mayor's Motorcade stating it would be at 12:30 on December 3rd with the program at 1:30 and 7:30. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Mr. Couch discussed incentives for developing public/private development.

Mr. Couch introduced Lauren Abis as the new Communications and Research Analyst. He stated that she had a strong resume and was part of the young entrepreneurs group.

Mr. Couch recognized David Sinclair who gave a green report update. He discussed the community solar panels including a manufacturing facility in Spain. He discussed waste to energy stating there was a prototype but needed EPA approval.

Motion Rowe, second Ferguson to go into closed session to discuss a real estate matter. The authority member moved into closed session at 5:55 PM and returned to open session at 6:11 PM.

The Chair stated that there was no action taken in the closed session.

Motion Martinez, second Ferguson to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Quay H. Fuller, Chairwoman

ATTEST:

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Recording Secretary