

Central State Hospital  
Local Redevelopment Authority  
Powell Building Conference Room  
September 18, 2013  
5:00 PM

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 5:00 PM in the Powell Building Conference Room with Quay Fuller chairing.

Members present were: Russ Walden, George Martinez, Bruce Vaughn, Quay Fuller, Stanley Preczewski and Nolan Stephens. Members absent were John Ferguson, Dudley Rowe and Johnny Grant.

Chairwoman Fuller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM and made opening comments including how fortunate they were to have State Senators, House Members and members of the State Properties Committee to tour the Central State Hospital campus.

Motion Stephens, second Martinez to adopt the August 21, 2013 meeting minutes.

On vote aye: Walden, Martinez, Vaughn, Fuller, and Stephens.

The motion carried and the minutes were adopted.

Ms. Fuller stated that there was no need for a closed session and recognized Executive Director Mike Couch for a report.

Mike Couch asked Mayor Richard Bentley to discuss pending legislation.

Mayor Richard Bentley discussed the campus visit by State officials. He stated that they were impressed and saw potential. He planned to make a trip to meet with the Governor. He felt that the state officials came away with a better perspective of what was needed. Legal counsel was working on language for the legislation. Mayor Bentley thanked Mike Couch for planning the state official's trip to Milledgeville.

Dr. Preczewski came into the meeting at 5:05 and was marked present.

Mr. Couch thanked elected officials Jeanette Walden and Henry Craig for their support. Mike Couch stated that he had made available a draft copy of the presentation for briefing of the Governor and asked for input and thought processes.

John Quinn and John Johnson introduced themselves and gave a presentation describing Phase I of a master plan. Mr. Quinn thanked the staff of Central State Hospital for their help in gathering information including the condition of the buildings, infrastructure, utilities and road networks. They discussed uses for the pecan orchard including conducting concerts. He stated the next step would be to analyze the buildings. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Quinn

answered questions including questions on parking and possibilities for future use of the buildings. Mike Couch thanked John Quinn and John Johnson.

Mr. Couch gave an update on the property transactions. He stated that Cogenus was in Jones 286 as a technology company and marketing company. The Chapel 3 and the Wilkes Building leases were done and he would be meeting with the tenants to discuss internal design. He also had requests for use of the residential properties.

Mr. Couch gave an update on the GED program stating that the first graduation would be held November 20<sup>th</sup> in the auditorium.

Mr. Couch discussed the Urban Land Institute stating that they had assigned a fellow and he had met with the associates. They would bring expertise to the community and not cost a lot of money. They would offer a three day technical assistance program.

Mr. Couch discussed the campus becoming "film ready". Linda Bailey of the Convention and Visitors Bureau stated that the CVB was acting as the liaison with the Georgia Film Commission. She stated that a crew wanted to film in Milledgeville in October. Mike thanked Linda Bailey.

Mr. Couch discussed an offer from Keep Baldwin Beautiful to adopt the pecan orchard. He introduced Sara Stone of the Young Professionals who stated that they had chosen to revitalize the Keep Baldwin Beautiful initiative. One of the places they hoped to help was Central State by adopting the pecan grove. They would pick up the trash, maintain the grounds, and possibly put together a Frisbee golf course.

Mr. Couch discussed the job announcement that was publicized. He stated that he had gotten 9 letters of interest and resumes; he would choose five to interview.

Mr. Bruce Vaughn discussed the United Methodist Men's Club project at the Veterans Building to build a handicapped accessible garden. He gave a progress report on the work done. He stated that they had had great support and had received great recognition from the veterans.

Mike Couch stated that that concluded his report.

Mike Couch stated that Brenda Josey would give a brief on the budget next month.

Ms. Fuller asked if there was any additional business to address.

Mr. Richard Brookins stated that he had books available for sale.

Mike Couch thanked Dr. Amy Wright for touring the CSH museum with him. He stated that it was a treasure trove of information.

Motion Vaughn, second Martinez to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 PM without objection.

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Quay H. Fuller, Chairwoman

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Recording Secretary