

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAVANNAH**

April 19, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Savannah met in special session at approximately 1:05 p.m., Friday, April 19, 2019, at the HAS offices located at 1407 Wheaton Street. The purpose of the session was a workshop regarding the East Savannah Gateway. Those present and absent were as follows:

Present: Wanda Parrish, Chairman
 Ron Scalf
 G. Lind Taylor

Absent: Bobby Lockett, Vice Chairman
 Thomas Henry

Also present were: Executive Director Earline Wesley Davis, Director of Development Services Ken Clark, Director of Human Resources Shaundese Duncan, Director of Finance Robert Faircloth, Director of Resident Services Yolanda Fontaine, Director of Facilities Management Robert Marshall, Management Analyst Tammy Brawner, Procurement Manager Monifa Johnson (late arrival), and Real Estate Analyst Rafaella Nutini. Jeff Kole, President of Kole Management Company, and Joel Smoker, CEO of YMCA of Coastal Georgia, were also in attendance.

EAST SAVANNAH GATEWAY REVITALIZATION WORKSHOP

Executive Director Earline Davis provided words of welcome and the purpose for the meeting. Management Analyst Tammy Brawner then gave a history of creation of the East Savannah Gateway, with the demolition of the Robert Hitch Village public housing neighborhood. HAS was a FY 2011 Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Planning Grantee. Ms. Brawner gave an overview of the two-year community planning process related to the development of a Transformation Plan for the East Savannah Gateway that was submitted to HUD and adopted by Savannah City Council in 2014.

Real Estate Analyst Rafaella Nutini then presented and explained an updated Master Plan for the East Savannah Gateway area.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding a partnership between the Housing Authority and Purpose Built Communities. Director Development Services Ken Clark, President of Kole Management Company Jeff Kole and CEO of YMCA of Coastal Georgia Joel Smoker all addressed the Board regarding the opportunity to develop a 0-3 Early Learning Center in the East Savannah Gateway.

A lengthy discussion then followed with Mr. Clark and Director Facilities Management Robert Marshall presenting renderings of a second phase of River Pointe II.

The Commissioners provided comments and questions at the end of the workshop. Commissioner Scalf said that he was reversing his previous statement regarding new development and was fully supportive of these development activities in the East Savannah Gateway.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Secretary

ATTEST:

Chairman

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