

TPA Residential

“Development Authority of Fulton County (DAFC) Approves Incentive for Project Which Removes 40-Year Illegal Landfill and Unites Two Long Divided Parts of a Neighborhood”

Jason Schwartz, a community leader of the Boulevard Heights neighborhood, spoke passionately to the Development Authority of Fulton County (DAFC) board members at DAFC’s September 27th public meeting about the impact an illegal landfill had too long had on his beloved community and its neighbors. “Our community has been desperate for any developer to help us rid our neighborhood of this environmental hazard and eyesore which has plagued us for over 40 years,” said Schwartz. “Developers have tried for years to do something on this site so we are hopeful TPA Residential will solve this decades-long burden. Our community is thankful to the Development Authority board and all government partners that came together to make this a long overdue reality.”

Schwartz has been a resident of the Boulevard Heights neighborhood for over 20 years and expressed that the environmental concerns created an active hazard. Schwartz explained that a nearby property not far from this site with similar methane emissions had ignited and injured a little girl as she was going down a slide at a park near her home. In addition to dangerous methane levels, Schwartz outlined other illegal activity associated with the property, including murder, body dumps, arson, and the theft of vehicles and other property.

DAFC under Chairman Michel “Marty” Turpeau has a direct focus on tangible community benefits that each economic development opportunity brings. DAFC serves as a conduit bond issuer and provides tax incentives for projects that the board determines are beneficial to increasing the tax base of Fulton County, bringing new jobs to communities, and are responsive to the needs and desires of the respective neighborhoods.

“I am from Atlanta so I know what it means when neighborhoods receive quality investments and when they don’t,” said Chairman Turpeau. “We at the DAFC are making sure that the projects we incentivize are truly bringing quality development to communities.” Chairman Turpeau commended TPA Residential for being willing to go above and beyond what is legally required to remediate the site, improve connectivity, and rid the blight that this community has been dealing with for decades now.