

Land Bank Commission Minutes
February 18, 2009

Chair Grace Blagdon called the meeting to order. Members present were Grace Blagdon, Brad Walker, Hillis Schild, Keith Wingfield, Susan Chan Johnson, Michael Robinson, Willis Smith, Arlen Jones, and Andrew Francis.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Grace Blagdon asked that the February minutes be approved. Commissioner Keith Wingfield made a motion to amend the January minutes. Commissioner Keith Wingfield was not present for the January meeting. The motion was adopted by Commissioner Arlen Jones; motion carried.

Presentation

Lisa Spigner (CDBG) - presented a summary for Home Funds concerning the Community Development Block Grant program.

Staff Reports

Board of Directors changed the meeting to adopt the policies and procedures for Land Bank to March 3rd.

Travis Martin discussed his meeting with CHAB. In that meeting, there were questions raised as to the ability of the Land Bank commission to cleanse titles for CDCs. This is a possible topic to discuss in a workshop with Dan Kildee.

Committee Reports

Legal Affairs

No Report

Administration and Operations

GIS access by city staff was not available prior to this meeting, but access to this information will be obtained before the April meeting.

Funding and Development

Commissioner Keith Wingfield mentioned Commission to look at different private organizations for funds. (I.e. Sturgis organization)

Commissioner Wingfield also mentioned that Little Rock is in the top 25 for Housing, he would like for the Arkansas Democrat Gazette to report more positive stories.

Old Business

- a. Land Bank Documents- all LBC documents are under the HNP link on the www.littlerock.org
- b. GIS- Travis Martin spoke with Walter Malone about the GIS fee; it will be \$300.00 for Land Bank city staff to have access.
- c. March 18th is the next meeting 4:30-6

New Business

Travis Martin mentioned he will be attending a Land Bank conference in May in Michigan.

The next time Dan Kildee visit the Land Bank commission will have to pay for his visit.

Commissioner Keith Wingfield discusses a possible topic for the meeting with CDC; describe clearly what Land Bank has done around the country.

Citizen Communication

Citizen Robert Jones has concerns about demolition.

Citizen Cheryl Warden recommended sharing the same list.

Citizen Alice McKay asked where she can obtain a list

Travis Martin will be speaking to the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority about Land Bank concerns.

Adjourn

Commissioner Grace Blagdon motioned that the meeting be adjourned.