

Land Bank Commission Minutes

August 18th, 2010

MEETING DATE: August 18th, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Grace Blagdon at 11:30 a.m. in Room 105 at Neighborhood Resource Center.

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Commissioner Francis

Commissioner Schild

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Grace Blagdon, Chair

Commissioner Arlen Jones

Commissioner Susan Chan

Commissioner Willis Smith

Commissioner Brad Walker

Commissioner Michael Robinson

Commissioner Corey Thomas

Commissioner Odessa Darrough

Commissioner Keith Wingfield

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Erma Hendrix, Board of Director

Andre Bernard, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

Brittany Jefferson, Redevelopment Administrator

Tasha Smith, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was second by **COMMISSIONER SMITH** Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS –

Brittany Jefferson stated there is \$24,773.79 in the general fund and the second general fund is \$7,071.46. The CDBG fund is \$163,538.09 and Andre Bernard stated general fund pays for the salaries, properties and activities. He also stated to the Land Bank Commission to please remember to include the budget salary and activities in next year's budget. **COMMISSIONER ROBINSON** stated when is the timeline to have the information regarding the budget to the City of Little Rock; Mr. Bernard stated the next thirty days.

COMMISSIONER THOMAS asked Mr. Bernard to share the policies and procedures regarding funding for the Land Bank Commission.

Discussion held on funding for Land Bank Commission

COMMISSIONER DARROUGH asked what general fund two, Mr. Bernard stated it is a fund for Brittany Jefferson to write checks for liens and taxes on donated properties. There are four additional Properties are 1705 Cedar, 2001 Abigail, 1911 Cedar and 1921 S Cedar. Director Hendrix noted that her niece donated one the properties.

City lien foreclosure report- **Brittany Jefferson** stated every property on the list has been submitted to the City Attorney office. The two properties have been removed and the owner would like to donate versus foreclose.

Donation Properties- Board of Directors have approved and accepted the four properties that were sent to the Board. Ms. Jefferson stated at the 2010 State Land Commissioner auction Land Bank purchased ten properties and one owner redeemed there properties and the remaining properties are a total of nine.

Kevin Howard announced that Shawn Overton is the legal services administrator for the NSP2 program. **COMMISSIONER THOMAS** asked where the Land Bank can find the appraisals that were done on the properties. Mr. Howard stated they were in his office. He stated that with the NSP2 funds the program have demolished four structures. Habitat for Humanity is in the process of developing five properties on the 1400 block of south cedar.

NSP3 has been approved and passed by the President Barack Obama and Congress and they are giving the state 5.6 million dollars. ADFA will head this program. **COMMISSIONER DARROUGH** asked what is the role of the ARC (Architectural Review Committee)? Mr. Howard stated it was set-up by the mayor and he wanted properties to conform to the neighborhoods. The program is three years and NSP2 have to spend 50% by 2012 and all monies have to be spent by 2013. **COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD** asked is the ARC developing guidelines.

Discussion held on NSP2

Director Hendrix stated that the mayor is telling the Board of Directors a totally different story and she was deeply offended.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT-

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON chaired the meeting. **COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD** made a motion to accept the joint committee minutes and seconded by **COMMISSIONER SMITH**. The committee would like a page on the City of Little Rock website for property for sale. **Brittany Jefferson** will be looking for things and researching.

OLD BUSINESS-

Andre Bernard stated that Brittany Jefferson drafted a memo for proposed legislation. Ward Hanna researched that it will be 25,000 dollars to install acoustics for the Land Bank meetings.

NEW BUSINESS-

The liaisons for appointment to the neighborhood associations are **COMMISSIONER DARROUGH** is appointed to Pine to Woodrow and **COMMISSIONER THOMAS** is appointed to the Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association.

Presentation was held by Brian Minyard

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizen Ms. McEwen announced their will be a National Preservation Conference held on May 5th- 7th 2011.

Adjourn