

Land Bank Commission Minutes

September 15th, 2010

MEETING DATE: September 15th, 2010 (Regular Meeting)

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Commissioner Hillis Schild
Commissioner Brad Walker
Commissioner Michael Robinson

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Grace Blagdon, Chair
Commissioner Arlen Jones
Commissioner Susan Chan
Commissioner Willis Smith
Commissioner Corey Thomas
Commissioner Odessa Darrough
Commissioner Keith Wingfield
Commissioner Andrew Francis

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Joan Adcock, Board of Director
Brittany Jefferson, Redevelopment Administrator
Kevin Howard, NSP2 Program Monitor
Tasha Smith, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

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

STAFF REPORTS –

Brittany Jefferson stated there is \$24,090.03 in the general fund and the second general fund is \$6,713.08 The CDBG fund is \$152,619.81. **COMMISSIONER FRANCIS** would like a printout of the financial report regarding summarized transactions.

The Land Bank Commission has seventeen properties plus lots of Rolling Pines Subdivision. September 21st the Arkansas Land Auction purchases will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval.

Discussion held on quiet title process for Land Bank Commission

City lien foreclosure report- **Brittany Jefferson** stated there are five properties submitted the city lien foreclosure. They are 1021 S. Woodrow, 2318 Wright Ave., 1508 Marshall, 1616 Woodrow and 3420 W. 15th.

Donation Properties- **Brittany Jefferson** stated that the LBC is currently processing twelve properties.

Purchase Properties- **Brittany Jefferson** stated that the LBC is currently processing three properties.

NSP2- Kevin Howard reported that the NSP2 purchase nine properties and three were redeemed. Four properties have been demolished. Ten properties will be demolished. Little Rock Housing Authority has two properties they have rehab. Black Community Developers have acquired property between the streets of maple and Harrison. Habitat for Humanity is the area of South Cedar. Architectural Review Committee has met three times. Census tract ten and thirteen will be developing in the area.

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 researching advertising options.

OLD BUSINESS-

COMMISSIONER BLAGDON stated she still needs commissioners to volunteer to be liaison to the Neighborhood Associations.

NEW BUSINESS-

COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD stated he felt like the Land Bank Commission is not moving forward as fast the NSP2 program, He would like to know why is it taking Land Bank so long to bank property.

Director Adcock stated the Land Bank Commission is part of the City of Little Rock and there is a process that Land Bank has to follow because they are not a separate entity. NSP2 has federal monies therefore it is not regulated by the City of Little Rock but by HUD. Also, NSP2 has a certain amount of time that they have to use funds where as Land Bank Commission does not.

COMMISSIONER FRANCIS state we do not have to acquire quiet title on every piece of property and would like to note that the Land Bank Commission is making progress.

COMMISSIONER SMITH stated that **Brittany Jefferson** is doing a great job.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizen Loretta Hendrix stated there is not an enough structure for the Land Bank Commission but the Land Bank Commission has done a great job.

Adjourn