

**Land Bank Commission Minutes  
December 16, 2009**

**Meeting Date:**

December 16, 2009 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-Chair Brad Walker at 4:30 p.m. at the Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center, 3805 W. 12<sup>th</sup>, Little Rock, AR 72204.

**Commissioners Present:**

Commissioner Grace Blagdon, Chair  
Commissioner Arlen Jones  
Commissioner Susan Chan  
Commissioner Andy Francis  
Commissioner Willis Smith  
Commissioner Brad Walker  
Commissioner Keith Wingfield  
Commissioner Hillis Schild

**Commissioner Absent:**

Commissioner Grace Blagdon

**Staff:**

Travis Martin, Redevelopment Administrator  
Tasha Smith, Administrative Assistant

**Approval of Minutes-**

**Commissioner Smith** made a motion to adopt the minutes. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Wingfield**. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports –**

**Redevelopment Administrator Travis Martin** gave an update on the City Lien Foreclosure process. He said there are forty-five files currently being processed. Commissioner Wingfield asked is the City of Little Rock actually required to give a notice. Mayor stated there was not a state statute that required an actual notice. He suggested to the commission that they read the Supreme Court case that references actual notice. Commissioner Walker asked staff and city attorney's office to bring back info regarding files.

A discussion was held on the City Lien foreclosure process

**Committee Reports-**

*Legal Affairs*

No Report

*Administration and Operations*

No Report

*Marketing and Development*

The sub-committee drafted a letter that would be sent to prospective sellers of vacant lots and unsafe/vacant structures.

**Old Business-**

**New Business-**

The Land Bank Commissioners, City Staff and Citizen Sheryl Jones took a tour of the Stephens and Central High Focus Areas. It was suggested on the tour that the Land Bank identify a couple of blocks in the focus area to concentrate on acquiring property. The blocks identified in the Stephens Neighborhood were 14<sup>th</sup> St. to 17<sup>th</sup> St. and Pine St. to Valentine St. The blocks identified in the Central High Neighborhood were 11<sup>th</sup> St. to Daisy Bates and Schiller St. to Jones St. It was also discussed that maybe a letter be sent to property owners of vacant lots and unsafe/vacant structures in these blocks from the Land Bank expressing interest in acquiring these properties from the owners.

**Citizen Communication**

**Citizen Annie Abrams** spoke about the historic preservation and Heritage tourism.

**Adjourn**