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. 12th, 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 14th St. to 17th St. and Pine St. to Valentine St. The blocks identified in the Central High Neighborhood were 11th 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