

Land Bank Commission Minutes

February 15, 2012

MEETING DATE: February 15, 2012 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order by Andy Francis at 11:45 a.m. in the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center.

COMMISSIONER ABSENT:

Commissioner Michael Robinson
Commissioner Keith Wingfield

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Andrew Francis
Commissioner Willis Smith
Commissioner Hillis Schild
Commissioner Arlen Jones
Commissioner Corey Thomas
Commissioner Odessa Darrough
Commissioner Brad Walker
Commissioner Susan Chan
Commissioner Grace Blagdon

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Andre Bernard, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Programs
Amy Fields, Deputy City Attorney

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Quorum

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

Motion to approve the January 2012 Meeting Minutes and it was seconded. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS –

Financial Report- General Fund (1): is \$607.39; General fund (2): \$5,773.39; General Fund (3): \$168,200.08; and, CDBG: \$39,454.86.

Property Inventory- No additional properties. The Land bank program has sixty (60) properties in inventory, plus the 92 lots of the Rolling Pines Subdivision. Thirteen (13) properties are available for transfer and have title insurance.

City lien foreclosure report- 2318 Wright Avenue: Order requiring Appeal Bond granted 01/17/12. No appeal posted.

Quiet Title – City Attorney's Office has drafted the Quiet Title Complaint for 1701 Dennison. The Complaint has been delivered to Housing for signing.

Purchase Property- Three (3) purchases pending with Little Rock Homes, LLC.

Donation Property- Three (3) properties are being processed for donation.

NSP2 Report:

- The NSP2 Consortium members have 40 units that are in the construction phase-rehabs and new

constructions. We have expended little over \$5.1 million as of February 13, 2012. We have \$8.1 million of our funds obligated towards spending the 8.6 million dollars. The NSP2 Little Rock Consortium has met the 50% expenditure requirement.

- The City of Little Rock has 3 properties under construction right now; 2 rehabs; 1916 Johnson Street, 3411 W. 10th Street, and 3 new single family homes; 2601 & 2603 W. 13th Street, and 1900 Johnson Street. The City of Little Rock has completed two properties at 3204 W. 13th Street and 2502 W. 18th Street. The City of Little Rock has sold 3204 W. 13th Street. The City of Little Rock anticipates completing 7 units by the end of March of 2012.
- Little Rock Housing Authority has 16 units under construction 7 duplexes and 2 single family structures.
- Better Community Developers has 2 Rehabs that will be completed by the end of the month: 3800 W. 14th Street and 3712 W. 14th Street. They have 6 new single family residences under construction. BCD anticipates having 8 units completed by March 2012. BCD has completed the 4 new constructions and 1 Rehab at 1000 S. Maple, 1511 S. Oak Street, 3720 & 3722 W. 13th Street and 4009 W. 11th Street. BCD is in the process of completing the 6 new construction located on 3704 & 3708 Maryland Avenue, 901 S. Maple Street, 1521 & 1523 S. Valentine, and 1510 S. Oak Street. Construction has begun on the Empowerment Center.
- Habitat for Humanity- has 5 properties under contract for construction. 1512 S. Oak Street should be completed by the end of February. Their goal is to develop 5 properties by the end of the grant.

JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT-

Commission made a follow-up request for a 2011 City Lien List from Code Enforcement; Discussion of before and after pictures for NSP2/ Land Bank collaboration projects; Discussion of facilitating title education efforts for the public; and, Discussion of pursuing community garden projects.

OLD BUSINESS-

Discussion of deadlines for Land Bank Commissioner Appointments and Reappointments. Five (5) Land Bank Commissioner positions will be available in March 2012.

NEW BUSINESS-

Discussion of the Land Bank 2011 Annual Report.

Update on the progress of the Land Bank Website Reorganization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

The March Joint Committee Meeting will be held at City Hall in the Human Resource Testing Room 230W.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Shelly Ehenger of the Metropolitan Housing Alliance (MHA) gave an update on the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant; Introduced new MHA staff; Discussed the Sunset Community Project; and, gave an update on the collaboration efforts of various entities for neighborhood revitalization.

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