

Land Bank Commission Minutes

June 16th, 2010

MEETING DATE: June 16, 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:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Grace Blagdon, Chair

Commissioner Arlen Jones

Commissioner Susan Chan

Commissioner Willis Smith

Commissioner Keith Wingfield

Commissioner Hillis Schild

Commissioner Andrew Francis

Commissioner Brad Walker

Commissioner Michael Robinson

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Mayor Mark Stodola, Mayor

Andre Bernard, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Programs

Brittany Jefferson, Redevelopment Administrator

Tasha Smith, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-

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

STAFF REPORTS –

Brittany Jefferson stated she handed out itemized reports for the commissioners regarding property inventory. The property inventory remains the same with eight properties and ninety-two lots from the Rolling Pine sub-division. City Lien Foreclosure report was discussed, **COMMISSIONER SCHILD** asked do we still have liability after we foreclose on properties.

The properties in Red that are on the City Lien Foreclosure chart have been filed

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON stated assuming we are successful, do we write a check for the lien?

MAYOR STODOLA stated to attempt to have the owners or state land commissioner to provide a donation deed for the property on 1021 S. Woodrow.

Discussion was held on the process for the county and city taxes.

Andre Bernard stated that any properties that are assigned to Brittany Jefferson have already had code enforcement involvement. **Director Hendrix** stated the commission need to look at the properties that they would like to purchase. Citizen Robert Jones stated most of the properties are in a historic area, he would the commissioners to make sure the properties don't get demolish and make every effort to revitalize.

MAYOR STODOLA stated he attended the mayor's conference and presented on abandon homes. There is company called MERS, which is one of the largest databases. He would like the commissioners to utilize the site for informational purposes. There were three donation properties being process to be approve by the Board of Directors, those properties are 1805 Wolfe, 1705 Cedar and 922 Booker. The resolution will be ready for 1805 Wolfe June 18th and will go before the Board of Directors June 22nd.

The negotiated sales list has five properties on the list that were identified by Brittany Jefferson.

COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD stated the first four properties are S2 and S3. **Director Adcock** asked is there any liens on the vacant lots?

Discussion held on the City Lien Process regarding State Land Commissioners.

Director Hendrix stated that the commissioners need to help Brittany if they would like further information regarding the lien process. **COMMISSIONER ROBINSON** stated the commission needs to put in a decision matrix.

Andre Bernard stated that **Brittany Jefferson** does a lot of the preliminary work and that the commission has to make a decision what you want staff to do next. **COMMISSIONER SCHILD** stated she would like the committee to meet so we can move forward on Ward one and two.

A motion was made by **COMMISSIONER SCHILD** to review one and two on the resolution and make recommendation to the Board of Directors; seconded by **COMMISSIONER ROBINSON**. Motion carried.

Andre Bernard stated the city manager has approval to approve properties up to fifty-thousand dollars.

Brittany Jefferson will be attending the State Land Commissioner auction; she has identified twenty-five properties. The auction is July 13th. Mayor stated to take photos of the properties and email a list and photos to the commissioners. He also stated if both of the lots are vacant and have a structure the city has had abatement they spray paint the property when this take place.

COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD stated why the Land Bank would buy properties at the auction?

Andre Bernard stated NSP2 staff has put together a set of properties from census tract ten and thirteen that process take up to eighty eight days.

COMMITTEE REPORTS-

Legal and Political Affairs
No Report

Administration and Operations

The committee recommends discontinuing schedule sub-committee and having a joint committee with all

sub-committees.

Marketing and Development
No Report

OLD BUSINESS-

NUSA- **Brittany Jefferson** would like to thank all commissioners for participating in the NUSA conference.

It was moved by **COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD** moved that Michael Robinson to be nominated to serve on the Land Bank Commission and it was seconded by **COMMISSIONER SMITH**. Motion carried. **Andre Bernard** stated for **Brittany Jefferson** to draft a letter and get a signature from the chair to reflect that

Michael Robinson is the vice chair and the commission would like to keep on the Land Bank Commission. There are four candidates for the two positions for Land Bank Commission their names are Jennifer Beam, Amber Jones, Corey Thomas and Odessa Darrough.

Brittany Jefferson stated the summer intern is training and will start next week.

NEW BUSINESS-

COMMISSIONER ROBINSON made a motion to designate the first Wednesday of every month to have committee and agenda working session it was seconded by **COMMISSIONER SMITH**. Motion carried.

Brittany Jefferson stated that Ward Hanna has an alternative for the acoustics problem and she will follow up with him on his progress.

COMMISSIONER SMITH made a motion to propose the two items to be added to the legislative package and it was seconded by **COMMISSIONER ROBINSON**. Motion carried

COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD removes to suspend the vote.

COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD stated he recommended the statutory redemption period from ninety days to thirty days. **COMMISSIONER WINGFIELD** move to separate two different items and it was seconded by **COMMISSIONER SMITH**.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Citizen Robert Jones to be aware of transparency and be cognizant of the focus and make the citizens involved in the process.

Adjourn