

Land Bank Commission Minutes
August 19, 2009

Commissioner Grace Blagdon called the meeting to order.
All members were present.

Approval of Minutes-

Commissioner Keith Wingfield motioned for the minutes to be approved; Commissioner Andy Francis seconded.

Staff Reports –

Redevelopment Administrator, Travis Martin gave an update on properties purchased at the State Land Commissioner auction. There were four properties redeemed by their owners and the other six sales were completed. LBC will hold the properties for the next eleven months without doing any improvements in case the owners would bring a lawsuit. Travis Martin stated LBC will move forward on the Phase 1 assessment; he would like to make sure it doesn't conflict with the eleven months.

Over the next 30 days Travis Martin will update the city liens. Those liens are collected from the treasurers' office.

Commissioner Grace Blagdon would like a map to be broken down by Wards.

Committee Reports-

Legal Affairs

The committee did not meet.

Administration and Operations

The committee did not meet.

Funding and Development

The committee did not meet.

Old Business-

Land Bank focus area. Mayor Stodola stated LBC is not hurting for money. Commissioner Wingfield stated he would like to foreclose on the liens. Mayor Stodola stated the Little Rock Housing Authority is working the Stephens area. A discussion was held on what area to focus area on.

Commissioner Wingfield stated he is very supportive of expanding LBC focus area. Mayor stated LBC is getting bogged down in the supply and demand. Focus should be institutional magnets; he stated that developers are buying houses by UAMS. Commissioner Mike Robinson is making a motion to amend LBC focus area to I-630 on the North and 18th on the south and Cedar St. on the west and Woodrow on the East. It is second by Andrew Francis.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to recommend that the City of Little Rock to begin the foreclosure process on all liens in the city that are \$1,000; seconded by Commissioner Andrew Francis.

New Business-

LBC discussed assigning a Ward; Mayor stated LBC is taking a lot on. Director Adcock suggested sending communication to the four Auxiliary boards that are already in place.

NUSA is having a conference in 2010. The dates are May 26-29, 2010. Director Adcock would like for the LBC to put on a workshop @ the conference. She stated she would ask for Dan Kildee to hold a workshop.

Citizen Communication

Citizen Kimberly White stated that checks and balances would be good to set in place.

Citizen Robert Jones stated that no other LB commissioner was in the meeting, as a Neighborhood President would like to get accountability and transparency.

Redevelopment Administrator, Travis Martin stated you have to listen to the context of what was said by Commissioner Brad Walker.

Commissioner Wingfield asked that LBC be informed when there is going to be purchase of properties.

Mayor Stodola stated that the City of Little Rock can facilitate.

Funding and Development is scheduled to meet on first Wednesday @ 11:30 at the NRC. Administrative and Operations is scheduled to meet on first Wednesday @ 1:00 at the NRC.

Legal and Political is scheduled to meet on 2nd Wednesday @ 10:30 at City Hall.

Adjourn

Commissioner Grace Blagdon adjourned the meeting.