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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 20, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m., by Chairman Leta Anthony at the Wright Avenue Neighborhood Resource Center.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Jennifer Herron
Deniccia Bell
Kimberly Lee

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mark Leggett
Leta Anthony
Jeremy Hill
Natalie James
Tavonia Strickland
Ken Wade
Karyn Coleman

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator
Shawn Overton, Staff Attorney
Kevin Howard, Director HNP
Director Antwan Phillips
Director Joan Adcock
Brian Contino, Code Enforcement Manager



DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hill
6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett seconded by Commissioners Strickland to approve the minutes.
6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

1. Redevelopment Administrator reported that the COLR annual Health Fair will be on October 29th at the Statehouse Convention Center.
2. Public Hearing for the Community Development Division on October 18th & 21st. The October 18th public hearing meeting will be at the Southwest Community Center. The public hearing on the 21st will be virtual and if any would like the link please send an email.
3. The Land Bank finally has a Spanish version of the brochure thanks to Dr. Dione Jackson and staff.

Current balances in the Land Bank are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$11,394.71; S35C273 - \$162,755.01- Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$174,149.72**. A motion made by Commissioner Coleman to accept the financial report seconded by Commissioner Strickland. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)**

Redevelopment Administrator reported on the remaining properties in the Land Bank. There are currently 34 lots available and 10 undeveloped lots available within the Land Bank's inventory. The six parcels purchased at the auction will be on next month's spreadsheet after receipt of the redemption deed.

The purchase offer of 3517 W. 11th Street was approved by the City of Little Rock Board of Directors, in addition, the purchase of the 6 parcels purchased at the auction was also approved by the Board of Directors.

Brittany Hobbs, owner of YSD Design & Development asked for an extension to complete the development on previously purchased properties at 1011, 1021 S. Woodrow and 2811 W. 11th Streets.

Ms. Hobbs purchased the properties in 2019, which the development should have been completed in 2021 based upon current policies and procedures.

After much discussion regarding the process of developments a motion was made by Commissioner Hill to accept an extension on the development not to exceed six months (June 2022), seconded by Commissioner Coleman and Commissioner Leggett. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)**

Developer Bo Springer gave an update to the Commissioners on properties purchased from the Land Bank for properties purchased on Cedar Streets. Ms. Springer estimated a starting date of January 2022.

Prior to presentation from developer, Brittany Hobbs, Attorney Shawn Overton and Ruby Dean pointed out conflicts as it relates to extensions on developments. The Ordinance, Policies and Procedures, along with the Code all reference different time-frames. Commissioner Coleman asked if one of the documents overrules the other documents. Attorney Overton stated that normally the state law overrules the city law, however, the codified document is most useful. Commissioner Coleman asked if Attorney Overton would send all three documents to the Policies and Procedures Committee for further review.

Commissioner Coleman gave updates on the Policies and Procedures document indicating that the committee noticed that there are certain items are out of order, thus reiterating conflicting issues with the checklist and application.

Chairman Anthony raised question regarding Fair Housing Law. Attorney Overton suggested using the standard Fair Housing Law language on application and other documents.

Brittany Hobbs, owner of YSD Design & Development gave a presentation on Land Bank transfer application for properties located on 3023 W. 11th & 1614 S. Woodrow. The projected development will be single-family duplexes. A motion made by Commissioner Hill to accept Land Bank transfer application on the properties for \$2,000 each. Seconded by Commissioner Coleman. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Linda Williams, COLR Neighborhood Resource Specialist indicated that this was her first Land Bank meeting and she definitely obtained a lot of knowledge to share with the community.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Hill made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner James. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.