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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:06 p.m., by Chairman Leta Anthony at the West Central Community Center.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Karyn Coleman

Deniccia Bell

Jeremy Hill

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mark Leggett

Leta Anthony

Natalie James (via call in)

Tavonia Strickland

Ken Wade (via call in)

Jennifer Herron

Kimberly Lee

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, Staff Attorney

Kevin Howard, Director HNP

Director Joan Adcock

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



APPROVAL OF AGENDA -Motion made by Commissioner Leggett to accept the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

1. Redevelopment Administrator reported that the revised By-Laws are on the website.
2. An update was given on the Land Bank meeting site. All meetings will resume at the Willie Hinton Center beginning the first of the year.

Current balances in the Land Bank are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$5,352.17; S35C273 - \$134,235.29
Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$139,587.46.**

Redevelopment Administrator reported on the remaining properties in the Land Bank. There are currently 52 lots available and 10 undeveloped lots available within the Land Bank's inventory.

The City of Little Rock Board of Directors approved the Land Bank transfer application for YSD Development on properties located at 3023 W. 11th Street and 1614 S. Woodrow. The application was sent to Lenders Title Company for closing.

The Policy and Procedure committee will continue to meet and provide updates. This will be an ongoing process. Commissioner Lee stated that the committee had not met since the last time, therefore no new updates to report.

Director Adcock inquired about which committee she was asked to serve on. The minutes reflected that she was appointed to serve on the Redevelopment Committee, however, the committee cannot meet until the policies and procedures are streamlined.

Director Adcock suggested that the Redevelopment Administrator meet with the newest Board Member, Virgil Miller, Jr. to expound up the Land Bank's purpose.

Director Adcock stated that Wards 1, 6, 7, and 2 will share a 5 million pool of money and each ward has been asked how they want to expend these funds. Director Wyrick is chairing the committee and there will be five (5) focus group meetings to share input. Chairman Anthony asked the Commissioners to take a closer look at how these funds will be allocated.

Susan Forte, of House About It requested an extension to develop the properties on 2004 & 2004 ½ Pulaski. Ms. Forte received these properties in 2019. Ms. Forte also requested to change the layout from duplex rental to single family ownership due to the location.

A motion made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept the change from duplex rental to single family ownership. **6 ayes 0 ayes (1 abstention).**

A motion made by Commissioner Lee to extend the timeframe on the development for another two years, (November 2023), thus, making progress reports throughout the process seconded by Commissioner James. **6 ayes 0 ayes (1 abstention)**.

Staff will determine if a December meeting is warranted based upon attendance. Staff will send an email a week prior to the December meeting with a 3 day window for responses. At that point staff will advise Chairman Anthony of responses.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Rowdy Neil stated that he was new to the area and wanted to learn more about the Land Bank.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.