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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: April 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:00p.m., by Chairman Leta Anthony @ The Willie Hinton Center.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leta Anthony

Mark Leggett

Jennifer Herron

Deniccia Bell (via WebEx)

Tavonia Strickland

Kimberly Lee

Natalie James (via WebEx)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Karyn B. Coleman

Jeremy Hill

Ken Wade

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Sherry Latimer, COLR Attorney

Director Virgil Miller, Jr.

Kevin D. Howard, Director HNP

Director Joan Adcock

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Strickland seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve the minutes.
6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent)

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Community Development Division had their Community Development week on April 13-15 2022, and Director Virgil Miller was the speaker for the meet & greet component. Kevin Howard will be the panelist moderator for the Fair Housing Conference on April 22, 2022, the conference is on Facebook live. Staff attended the quarterly meeting with Community Housing Advisory Board, and welcomed new member Barry Jackson, who is the Landlord representative. Metropolitan Housing stakeholder's meeting will be Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the State Fair grounds at 6:30 p.m. Staff reported on the upcoming Neighborhood (NUSA) Conference, May 4th -5th, indicating that the Housing staff will present four (4) workshops.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,644.45; S35C273 - \$100,143.32. Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$101,798.77**. There are currently 51 lots available in the Land Bank inventory. Motion made by Commissioner Bell to accept the financial report seconded by Commissioner Strickland
6 ayes 0 Nays (1 abstain, 3 absent)

The City of Little Rock Board of Directors approved the Land Bank donation for property located at 3304 Whitfield. Land Bank staff gave a presentation on properties purchased from the Land Bank from 2018-2021. The presentation displayed the progress of the developments.

Chairman Anthony sent a 45-day notice to the Commissioners on April 1, 2022, regarding the election of officers. Election will be held at the May's meeting. Staff will prepare a ballot for voting.

Mr. Myra Artis & Mrs. Mahogany Artis gave a presentation to purchase properties located at 3019 W. 11th, 3517 W. 11th, 3221 W. 23rd, 3401 W. 17th, 3403 W. 17th, 3812 W. Charles Bussey, 1218 W. 23rd, 2804 W. 14th, 4118 W. 18th, 2500 W. 18th, 3108 W. 17th, 3205 W. 23rd, 3215 W. 17th, 3426 W. 19 & 4223 W. 19th. – Total purchase price for all lots was \$56,500.00. Mr. Artis plans to construct 1500 square feet single family dwellings, total development cost for each is \$112, 500.00. Chairman Anthony referenced page (5) five of the Policies and Procedures that states "all applicants must be residents of Little Rock or have a principal business in Little Rock." The Commissioners asked several questions regarding the developments and the capacity to build. After much discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Lee to table the application until the next meeting pending responses to the following questions: 1. how many properties can applicant develop at one time? 2. Applicant's resident, does he plan to utilize local developers? 3. Will housing be "share" Airbnb's? seconded by Commissioner Leggett. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent)**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION – Mr. Emmer Walwyn indicated that he was in attendance to learn more about the Land Bank, and inquired about the City's Contractors list.

ADJOURN: Commissioner Lee made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Strickland.

6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 abstain)

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.