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## Land Bank Commission Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** May 18, 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

Ken Wade

Deniccia Bell

Tavonia Strickland

Kimberly Lee

Jeremy Hill

### COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Karyn B. Coleman

Natalie James

### BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, Staff 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 Strickland to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Leggett. **6** eyes **0** nays **(1** abstain, **2** absent, **2** vacant)



## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion made by Commissioner Bell seconded by Commissioners Lee and Strickland to approve the minutes.

**6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

Jennifer Herron, Ward 1 representative position expired March 2022, however, she declined reappointment, and therefore, the Commission presented her with a plaque for 5 years of dedicated service. Ruby Dean, will present plaque to Ms. Herron at a luncheon on, Thursday, May 19, 2022.

## **Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator**

Staff reported on the NUSA (Neighborhood USA) Conference stating the overall conference was a success, and the Land Bank gave a presentation on Land Banks: "A Tool for Revitalizing Neighborhoods", In addition, Kevin Howard, Brian Contino, and Tracy Roark also gave presentations for their divisions.

There are currently two vacant Land Bank Commissioner's positions (Ward 1 & Ward 2).

Pulaski Country Brownfields Program would like to partner with potential land bank developers to provide financial and technical assistance on properties that are contaminated with hazardous materials such as asbestos, lead, petroleum, chemicals, etc., through the form of free environmental and assessments as well as low interest loans and sub grants for cleaning up contaminants.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,611.99; S35C273 - \$94,477.10. Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$96,089.09**. There are currently 51 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

The Commissioners discussed the tabled Land Bank transfer application on the following properties: 3019 W. 1th, 3517 W. 11<sup>th</sup> 3221 W 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3401 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3403 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3812 W. Charles Bussey, 1218 W. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2804 W. 14<sup>th</sup>, 4118 W. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2500 W. 18<sup>th</sup>, 3108 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3205 W. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3215 W. 17<sup>th</sup>, 3426 W. 19 & 4223 W. 19<sup>th</sup> submitted by Myka Artis, Artis Vacation, LLC. Attorney Overton indicated that applicant should be fully aware of the process with the Planning Department regarding short term rentals, and the expenses associated with the process. The Commission suggested that Mr. Artis narrow his interest to three of the properties. Mr. Artis referenced 3019 W 19<sup>th</sup>, 3517 W 11<sup>th</sup> and 2804 W. 14<sup>th</sup> as his selection, however, the issues of short term rentals are still uncertain.

After much discussion it was suggested by Director Howard that the Commission invite Jamie Collins, Planning Director to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Lee to reject original offer submitted by Mr. Artis, however, he can complete a new application with the three selected properties.

**6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

Staff presented offer and acceptance to purchase property located at 3300 Wynne Street to replenish the land bank inventory. The purchase price is \$6,500. Director Adcock inquired about the current

owner who is Scotty and Regina Thurman. A motion made by Commissioner Bell seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept offer. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

**Election of Officers (2022-2023)**

A motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Hill to nominate Leta Anthony as Chairman. No other nominations received for the position of Chairman- **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

A motion made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Hill to nominate Mark Leggett as Vice-Chairman. There were no other nominations for the position of Vice-Chairman – **5 ayes 1 nay (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

A motion made by Commissioner Wade, seconded by Commissioners Lee and Hill to nominate **Tavonia Strickland** as Parliamentarian. There were no other nominations for the position of Parliamentarian. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

**Land Bank Officers for 2022-2023**

Leta Anthony- Chairman

Mark Leggett-Vice-Chairman

Tavonia Strickland-Parliamentarian

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATION –None**

**ADJOURN:** Commissioner Wade made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Hill. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 abstain, 2 Vacant)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.