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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: July 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

Deniccia Bell

Tavonia Strickland (via Webex)

Kimberly Lee

Natalie James (via Webex)

Katrina Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Karyn B. Coleman

Jeremy Hill

Ken Wade

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, Staff Attorney

Director Virgil Miller, Jr.

Kevin D. Howard, Director HNP

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Bell seconded by Commissioners Lee and Bell to approve the minutes.
6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent, 1 vacant)

The Commissioners and staff welcomed newly appointed Commissioner, Katrina Smith, who is the representative for Ward 1. Commissioner Smith commented that she was happy to be of service to the Land Bank Commission.

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Ruby Dean stated that the Community Housing Advisory Board met on Monday, July 18th to welcome new Advisor member, Russell Williams III. The Advisory members received updates from the Land Bank and Community Development Division.

The Community Development Division will have a ground breaking ceremony in conjunction with Metropolitan Housing Alliance and Central Housing Corporation for property located on 4707 W. Charles Bussey Avenue on August 3, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m., all Land Bank Commissioners will receive an invitation.

Jamie Collins gave a presentation on short term rentals and the proposed ordinance. Mr. Collins will update the Commission once the ordinance is approved.

Land Bank Administrator did a Podcast for the University of Arkansas Little Rock Real Estate students with instructor, Elizabeth Small.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,523.00; S35C273 - \$73,776.23. Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$75,299.23**. There are currently 51 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

Land Bank transfer application for 3300 Wynne Street was approved by the COLR Board of Directors and is scheduled to close with Lenders Title Company on July 28, 2022.

Mr. Myka Artis of Artis Vacation, LCC decided not to submit another transfer application after declination of first application.

Current Officers for the Land Bank Commission are as follows:

Leta Anthony- Chairman

Mark Leggett-Vice-Chairman

Tavonia Strickland-Parliamentarian

Staff presented donation application from F&G Investment, LLC for property located on 4409 W. 25th Street. Commissioners posed questions regarding the location, size, and process. Director Miller inquired about individuals donating properties to the Land Bank and how the process works. Staff explained this particular property was currently maintained by the City, because the owner lived out of town, therefore, he wanted to donate the property to the City, in exchange for a tax write off. Staff also indicated that donations are a mechanism for replenishing the Land Bank inventory. A motion made by

Commissioner Leggett to accept donation, seconded by Commissioner Lee. **6 ayes, 0 nays, (1 abstain, 3 absent, 1 vacant)**

Mr. Kevin Hemphill, of BIIG, LLC presented Land Bank transfer application to purchase property on 9212 Eva Lane. Mr. Hemphill plans to develop 8- 10 single-family/ multifamily dwellings. The total square footage is estimated between 1472 & 1560. The offering price is \$32,000. After discussing the property and questions answered, a motion was made by Commissioner Bell to accept offering amount seconded by Commissioner James. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent, 1 vacant)**

Mrs. Angela Gray presented a side lot application for property located on 2804 W. 14th Street. Mrs. Gray recently purchased property at 2806 W. 14th Street with the intent of expanding the property utilizing the Land Bank property. After much discussion it was determined that the lot did not meet the side lot requirements. A motion made by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Lee to defer application to staff. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent, 1 vacant)**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION –None

ADJOURN: Several Commissioners made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Bell. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 abstain, 1 Vacant)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.