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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: August 17, 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 (via Webex)

Tavonia Strickland

Jeremy Hill (via Webex)

Katrina Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Natalie James

Kimberly Lee

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Director Joan Adcock (via Webex)

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 Strickland. **5 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 vacant)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes.

5 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 vacant)

There was a moment of silence on behalf of late Commissioner Ken Wade, Sr., and a plaque read in his honor.

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Ruby Dean gave an update on the ground breaking ceremony in partnership with Metropolitan Housing Alliance and Central Arkansas Housing Corporation. The event was well attended.

The plaque in honor of the late Ken Wade, Sr. will be given to the family by Director Virgil Miller, Sr.

Commissioner Karyn B. Coleman resigned from the Community Advisory Housing Board, therefore, her position on the Land Bank Commission is vacant. Per the last meeting, the Community Advisory Board will appoint a replacement for Commissioner Coleman's position.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,465.69; S35C273 - \$67,749.81 Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$69,215.50**. There are currently 51 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

Land Bank donation for property on 4409 W. 25th Street was approved by the City of Little Rock Board of Directors on August 16th. In addition, Land Bank transfer application on 9712 Eva Lane to BIIG LLC was also approved on August 16th. Side lot application submitted by Angela Gray for property located on 2804 W. 14th was rejected by the Commissioners and deferred to staff. Staff advised Ms. Gray that property did not qualify under the side lot program, however, she could submit a transfer application for the full listing price. Mrs. Gray declined on submitting application for purchase.

The Community Advisory Housing Board will appoint a representative to replace Karyn Coleman's position on the Land Bank Commission.

Mr. Stefan Vickery from Vickery, LLC submitted an application to purchase property located at 1218 W. 23rd Street. Mr. Vickery plans to build an 1100 square foot home with 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Mr. Vickery stated that his primary objective is to develop in the downtown area, thus providing affordable housing. Commissioner Smith asked Mr. Vickery if this was his first time building in Little Rock. Mr. Vickery stated that he has built several homes in the Bryant/Benton area and this will be the first one in the area. Commissioner Hill asked if the property would be rental or for sale. Mr. Vickery stated the property would be for sale. Director Adcock inquired about a garage or carport. Applicant stated that the structure would not have either. A motion made by Commissioner Leggett to accept offer in the amount of \$4,000 seconded by Commissioner Strickland. **(5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 vacant)**

Staff presented spreadsheet for review based on the assessor's increased value stating that the value have increased significantly on various properties, and if it would be beneficial to increase the listing

price. After much debate and discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Smith to table until the next meeting, seconded by Commissioner Hill. **(5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 vacant)**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION –Bo Springer gave an update on her current developments on veteran duplexes. She currently has 3 properties under development stating that she will not have an open house upon completion, however, Director Adcock encouraged her to have another open house for those who did not have the opportunity to attend the first one.

Ms. Bailey, from C & C Lawn Service stated that she was in attendance to learn more about the Land Bank. Ms. Linda Williams, COLR Resource Specialist indicated that she was also in attendance to learn more about the Land Bank.

Ms. Charlotte Woods commented on the radio PSA regarding the Land Bank, therefore, attended the meeting for additional information and the Mayor’s initiative on building 100 affordable homes.

ADJOURN: A motion made by Commissioner Bell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **5 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 Vacant)**

Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.