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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2022

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leta Anthony

Deniccia Bell (via Webex)

Tavonia Strickland (via Webex)

Jeremy Hill (via Webex)

Katrina Smith

Kimberly Lee

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Natalie James

Mark Leggett

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Director Joan Adcock

Director Virgil Miller, Jr.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Lee to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Hill. **5 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 3 vacant)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

Chairman Anthony asked whether or not staff had explored the possibility of adding additional staff to the Land Bank. Ruby E. Dean indicated that previous discussion regarding staff was not pressing at this time.

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Ruby Dean expounded upon the Ribbon cutting ceremony with Kustommade Properties, Chamber of Commerce and the City of Little Rock. Mr. Robert Alexander is the developer of the properties in Stephenville Park, thus receiving nine lots from the Land Bank. 1524 S. Martin Street, purchased property from the Land Bank was the first development in Stephenville Park.

The ordinance on short term rentals was pulled from the City of Little Rock's Board agenda until further notice.

Tyrun Haynie was appointed by the Community Development Housing Advisory on October 17, 2022, to replace Karyn Coleman's position on the Land Bank Commission.

National Night Out was a huge success, there were nine different locations that celebrated the event.

The City of Little Rock approved a resolution for the Community Development Division to purchase sixteen lots for development in the Ward Six area.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,353.42; S35C273 - \$35,692.42 Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$37,045.84**. There are currently 51 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

Staff reported that the taxes are still delinquent for properties located at 2004, 2004 ½, 2016, 2020, 2022 S. Pulaski Street. The owner, Susan Forte of Houseaboutit stated that she is still working on paying the delinquent amounts in order to deed properties back to the Land Bank.

Kimberly Lee inquired whether or not entities can acquire properties in the future if taxes are delinquent and certified to the state. Ruby Dean referenced the policies and procedures which states that "The transferee must not have been the prior owner of any real property that has been lost for unpaid taxes within the past 3 years, as an individual or an entity, without prior approval of the Land Bank Commission " Also, "The transferee must not own any real property (including both the continuous lots and all other property in Little Rock) that is tax delinquent."

Kevin Howard, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Programs submitted a letter to City Attorney, Tom Carpenter to file a motion for quiet title on 9712 Eva Lane.

Director Adcock referenced 7900 Mann Road indicating that the inside structure of the property had been destroyed by homeless citizens. Staff will check on the property and advise the owner. Commissioners requested an updated status on the property at the next meeting.

Ruby E. Dean stated that the City of West Monroe Mayor and staff will visit Little Rock on November 2nd and 3rd for a presentation on the Land Bank. Staff will email the agenda to all the Commissioners.

Tonia Griffin, owner of 2017 S. Maple requested an extension on development due to medical issues with her son. A motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Smith to grant a one year extension for development. **5 Ayes, 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 abstain, 3 vacant)**

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION – None

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.