

Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: January 18, 2023

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

Tyrun Haynie

Katrina Smith

Kimberly Lee

Natalie James

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mark Leggett

Jeremy Hill

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Director Joan Adcock (via Webex)

Director Virgil Miller, Jr.

Shawn Overton

Kevin Howard, HNP Director

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Strickland to adopt the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Strickland to approve the minutes. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

Chairman Anthony welcomed new Commissioner Tyrun Haynie, who is the representative for the Community Advisory Housing Board.

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Ruby Dean again welcomed new Commissioner Tyrun Hanie to the meeting and indicated that she would follow up with a brief Commissioner's orientation. Staff met with representatives from FDIC, Federal Office of Comptroller and Federal Office of Community Affairs on how to actively engage in Little Rock's Community reinvestment resources. Staff will be attending the FHLB workshop on February 23, 2023. Staff is working with City Attorney's office to quiet the title on Eva Lane and 2119 S. Martin Street in order to complete the closing. The annual report for the Land Bank is complete and ready for submission to the City Manager's Office and review by the Board of Directors.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,181.85; S35C273 - \$13,693.34 Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$14,875.19**. There are currently 48 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

The Mayor from the City of West Monroe along with her staff visited the City of Little Rock on November 2nd & 3rd 2023 to gain insight on how the COLR Land Bank operates. The staff provided workshops, tours, breakfast and lunch. Overall the visit was a huge success. Directors Virgil Miller, Jr. & Joan Adcock were in attendance along with Chairman Leta Anthony, Chief of Staff, Kendra Pruitt, and Mayor Frank Scott, Jr.

The Commission approved a one-year extension to Tonia Grant for development on the 2017 S. Maple Street property.

Staff did not recommend accepting donation of property located at 2815 S. Pulaski due to the accessibility of the property. After much discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Haynie to table the decision until the next meeting seconded by Commissioner Smith. The Commissioner would like the opportunity to visit the location prior to the next meeting. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant).**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee and seconded by Commissioner Strickland to transfer property located at 4409 W. 25th Street to University District Development for single family developments. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant).**

Staff reported that potential donation for property located at 4200 W. 25th Street contained several liens and outstanding mortgages, therefore, does not recommend acceptance. The current owner of the property is Mid-South Homebuyers Group. After discussing the liens, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee seconded by Commissioner Smith to reject donation **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**.

Chairman Anthony asked staff to report the progress of all outstanding developments at each meeting. In addition, Chairman Anthony would like for the Commissioners to further explore the Fair Housing Law.

Attorney Overton stated that the Commissioners should review the policies and procedures. In addition, create a Redevelopment Plan as outlined in the policies and procedures. The following Commissioners agreed to serve on the Redevelopment Committee: Kimberly Lee, Tyrun Haynie, Natalie James, along with staff members Ruby Dean, Shawn Overton, & Kevin Howard. Ruby Dean will send notification regarding a meeting time.

Director Adcock requested that current owner of 9200 Mann Road, attend the next meeting for an updated status on the property. Chairman Anthony referenced updates on all outstanding developments.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION – Ms. Brown & Ms. Riley introduced themselves stating that they were in attendance to support University District Development Corporation.

ADJOURN: A motion made by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Smith. **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 Vacant)**

Meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.