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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: March 15, 2023

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leta Anthony

Mark Leggett

Tavonia Strickland

Tyrun Haynie

Jeremy Hill

Kimberly Lee

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Natalie James

Katrina Smith

Deniccia Bell

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, COLR Attorney

Kevin Howard, HNP Director

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Shawn Overton, City of Little Rock Attorney gave a presentation on the Land Bank's policies and procedures referencing the chronological order of the ordinances, and resolutions. Attorney Overton stated that Ordinance 19,911 (2-330-37) states that "the completion of a proposed development should be completed within one year from the date approval of the plan is granted." After much discussion,

the sub-committee decided that it was imperative to meet again to review all of the ordinances, application and checklist for consistency.

Lashawnda Adams from Blessed Hands along with a board member gave an updated status on the development located at 9200 Mann Road. Ms. Adams stated that since taking possession of the property it has been vandalized, items stolen, and most recently someone running into the building with a vehicle which has deterred construction. Ms. Adams gave an estimated date of June 2023 for commencement of construction. Ms. Angela Baltimore, who received five (5) properties through partnership with Kustommade Properties did not login to the Webex link, nor show up to the meeting for an updated status on the properties. The properties are as follows: 1423 Maple; 1515 S. Pine; 3321 W. 16th; 3323 W. 16th and 3327 W. 17th Street. House About It, Executive Director, Susan Forte met with the Housing Staff, along with Chairman Anthony regarding the delinquent taxes and outstanding liens for the properties on Pulaski Street. Mrs. Forte stated that she will deed the property back to the Land Bank once the taxes are current. Housing staff along with City Attorney will review the outstanding city liens and other existing liens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes.
5 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 3 absent, 2 vacant)

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

On March 9, 2023, Ruby Dean attended The State of Affordable Housing in Arkansas sponsored by Arkansas Coalition of Housing & Neighborhood Growth for Empowerment. Guest speakers included Gabby Ross, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Doug Ryan, Prosperity Now, Shamus Roller, National Housing Law Project, & Candace Valenzuela for US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,095.64; S35C273 - \$1,396.88; S35C501 - \$99,210.24; Total Land Bank Financial Report - **\$101,720.76**. There are currently 47 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

Habitat for Humanity Land Bank transfer application for properties located at 3517 W. 11th Street and 1812 Pinewood Drive was approved by the City of Little Rock Board of Directors as a donation on March 7, 2023.

Land Bank Donation for property located as 2815 S. Pulaski was approved by the City of Little Rock Board of Directors on March 7, 2023., however, once the court grants permission to proceed the deeds will be transferred to the City.

City of Pine Bluff's Mayor Shirley Williams and her staff will visit the Land Bank Division on April 11, 2023, from

9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Staff will provide presentations on the Land Bank, Code Enforcement and Community Development along with a tour of completed developments.

Also, Land Bank staff will speak at the City of Jonesboro's Land Bank meeting on May 6, 2023, via Webex.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION –Brian Contino, Code Division Manager invited the Commissioners to partake in the Citizen Academy.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.