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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: May 17, 2023

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Leta Anthony

Mark Leggett

Jeremy Hill (via Webex)

Katrina Smith (via Webex)

Kimberly Lee

Deniccia Bell (via Webex)

Natalie James

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Tavonia Strickland

Tyrun Haynie

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, COLR Attorney

Kevin Howard, HNP Director

Director Virgil Miller

Director Joan Adcock

Brian Contino, Code Enforcement Manager

Guests: Crystle George

DECLARATION OF QUORUM – Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Leggett to adopt the agenda with changing the date from May 15, 2023 to May 17, 2023, seconded by Commissioner Lee **6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

6 ayes 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

Staff reported that the public meeting for short term rentals started on May 2, 2023, with the first meeting at Philander Smith College. Director Howard suggested inviting Director Collins to the Land Bank meeting for updates in the near future.

Director Howard participated in a round table discussion on tornado disaster relief with HUD.

Ruby Dean attended the Land Bank meeting with the City of Jonesboro via zoom. The City of Jonesboro was interested in the successes of the COLR Land Bank. Staff reported on the employee appreciation which was May 8th-13th. Staff will invite the Board members and Commissioners next year. The employee Health Fair will be May 19, 2023 @ the Statehouse Convention Center.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$1,064.94; S35C273 - \$13,341.72; S35C501 - \$102,013.05
Total Land Bank Financial Report –**\$116,429.71**. There are currently 47 lots available in the Land Bank inventory.

Staff stated that the environmental report for the potential donation on Alexander Road is still pending. Land Bank transfer application for Dietrick Greenlaw for properties located on 3401 W. 17th & 3403 W. 17th Street was approved by the City Board of Directors. Closing is scheduled for May 26, 2023. Mr. Greenlaw will receive a quit claim deed.

Mr. Robert Alexander of Kustommade Properties rescinded his Land Bank Transfer application for the 35th Street Interurban properties due to the infrastructure cost.

Chairman Anthony expressed concerns regarding the infrastructure stating that the City may want to put in the infrastructure, to make the property more attraction. Director Howard stated that he asked the Department Managers for innovative ideas for their departments, and Ruby Dean had submitted a proposal for the Land Bank to develop housing on the existing lots. Ruby Dean is reaching out to local Community Reinvestment Officers and Non-profit organizations for funding.

Commissioner Lee, Chair of the Policies and Procedures Sub- Committee, made a motion to amend Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 2-330.41 (1988) to increase the timeframe for completion of the development site plan from one (1) year to three (3) years from date of approval by the Board of Directors. In addition, Commissioner Lee made a motion to revise the current Land Bank Policies and Procedures, seconded by Commissioner Leggett. **6 ayes, 0 nays (1 abstain, 2 absent, 2 vacant)**

Director Adcock inquired about the property on 7909 Mann Road citing concerns from the Church regarding the homeless individuals and the condition of the property. The Commissioners suggested that the current owner secure property, submit all police reports and incidents on the property, thus, providing an update.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION – Crystle George stated that she would like to learn more about the Land Bank. Ruby Dean will schedule a meeting with her.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.