

Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE November 15th, 2017 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 P.M. by Commissioner Diana Thomas at the Centre at University Park.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Arlo Washington
Angela Neal

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Laura McKinney
Angela McCloyen
Odessa Darrough
Leta Anthony
Mark Leggett
Frances Frazier
Juanita Dodd
Angela Neal
Diana Thomas

One open position on commission.

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Joan Adcock, Doug Tapp, Kevin Howard

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM -Quorum
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the October 2017 minutes was made by Commissioner Leta Anthony, there was a 2nd by Commissioner Odessa Darrough. Nine ayes, zero nays, Motion carried.

GUEST SPEAKER – Craig Wilson, Health Policy Director, ACHI- A non-partisan health policy organization. Invest Health Grant through the Robert Woods Johnson organization. – Live Local Initiative
Mr. Wilson spoke and answered questions regarding a live local initiative introduced by the Arkansas Center for Health Improvement. This includes adding hospital, clinics and contractor employees located at the health facilities along the I-630 corridor to the existing City of Little Rock and Little Rock School District employee program that provides a property for primary residence at no charge from the Land Bank. – Commissioners asked questions regarding gentrification, city dollars, employee low income employees and service workers, how many CLR employees have used this program, and potentially creating a new population of homelessness in the 12th Street corridor.

Staff Reports – Doug Tapp

- A. Finance Report: General Fund Balance 2016- \$62,569.23
General Fund Balance 2017- \$228,330.20
CDBG Fund Balance - \$76,117.94
- B. Property Inventory- 67 total properties (27 Pending sales)

Old Business

- A. Octavio Guerrero Donations- 4021 W. 23rd St. -34L1640003500
 - South Cross St. – 34L2030012700
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Letter B was omitted from the agenda.

- B. 35 St. Donations- title search received, pending closing.
- C. 1614 Woodrow donation– city board approval, to title co.
- D. 6200 Mabelvale Cutoff donation- deed signed, pending closing
- E. Springer sale – O&A signed, to title co.
- F. IN-Affordable Housing sale- city board approved 2908 S. Main & 3020 S. Main- to title co.
- G. Crump Park – made offers to the SCL's for 801, 809 & 817 W. 33rd St.
- H. Love Neighborhood Pilot Project – made offer to SCL's for 2306 Valmar

New Business

- A. Land Bank Policy Change – CLR Employee and LRSD program amended to include the Following I-630 corridor Hospitals and clinics, to promote neighborhood revitalization and utilization of Land Bank property in the 12th Street corridor and surrounding areas.
 - Arkansas Children's—Little Rock
 - Baptist Health—Little Rock
 - University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
 - Arkansas Department of Health
 - Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System
 - CHI St. Vincent—Little Rock
 - Arkansas Specialty Orthopedics
 - OrthoArkansas

-Commissioner Angela McCloyen made a motion to table the policy change pending further information and reviewing a slide show that was presented at a previous conference. More information regarding the hospitals application was also asked and a draft of of the rules of who is eligible was also requested. A 2nd was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett. The change will be tabled until the December 2017 meeting.

- B. 1505 Bishop Warren – potential purchase \$2,500.00

-Commissioner Angela McCloyen made a motion to counter the asking price with a \$1,000.00 offer on the property, pending clear title and a review of any liens on the property. A 2nd was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett. 9 ayes, zero naves, the motion carried.

- C. 2422 W. 17th St. – Vacant lot in Central High Historic District potential purchase

-Commissioner Mark Leggett made a motion to reject the purchase. If the owner wants to provide an appraisal the commission can revisit the purchase. A 2nd was made by Commissioner Angela McCloyen. 8 ayes, 0 naves, motion carried.

- D. 11 Sheraton – Vacant Lot potential foreclosure

-Commissioner Mark Leggett made a motion to accept the property. A 2nd was made by Frances Frazier. 8 ayes, 0 naves, motion carried.

Citizen Communication- Brian, student, was an Americor member, just recently moved to town.

Terry Connor- came to learn more about the Land Bank.

Staff Communication- none

Commissioner Communication- Commissioner Diana Thomas asked about the commissions CDBG fund balance. Kevin Howard discussed ways to spend or dedicate that money before year end.

Adjourn-Commissioner Angela McCloyen made a motion to adjourn, there was a 2nd by Commissioner Mark Leggett, motion carried. Adjourn.