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. -34L16400003500
   - 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  CHI St. Vincent—Little Rock
   Baptist Health—Little Rock    Arkansas Specialty Orthopedics
   University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  OrthoArkansas
   Arkansas Department of Health
   Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System

   -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 nayes, 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 nayes, 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 nayes, 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.