

Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 21st, 2016 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m. by Commissioner Diana Thomas at the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Crystal Mercer
Odessa Darrough
Angela Neal

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Director Joan Adcock
Francis Frazier
Mark Leggett
Juanita Dodd
Diana Thomas
Leta Anthony

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Joan Adcock, Kevin Howard, Doug Tapp, Shawn Overton

GUESTS

Aloysius Keaton- property developer

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Quorum
Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the August, 2016 minutes was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Leta Anthony. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Finance Report: General Fund Balance - \$140,038.92
CDBG Fund Balance - \$81,774.21

Shawn Overton- Spoke about property donations from Whitwell and Ryles, and that the LB accept all of them or none of them. Some of them are outside of the LB's original focus area. He's requesting clear and marketable title from the owners before we proceed.

Kevin Howard- Also spoke about the 24 potential property donations from Whitwell and Ryles

Doug Tapp- Property Inventory; Thursday 22nd, meeting with Jennifer Godwin, the city's Marketing Coordinator; Oct. 10 Meeting with the Mayor and Better Community Development

Property Inventory Update: no change in available properties since last meeting.

Quiet Title Update: Received title work on Star Properties- donations - -1719 S. Cedar, 1520 S. Oak, 1515 Pine, 1601 Elm

Joint Committee Report: No updates.

Old Business

- A. Mike Ashcraft Properties, received title work. -1719 S. Cedar, 1520 S. Oak, 1515 Pine, 1601 Elm
 - B. 917 S. Maple- have clear title, Doug will get with Century 21 to proceed with contract.
- Doug to check with building mgmt. about moving the meeting to a different room that is quieter.

New Business

- * 2502 W. 11th St. – Vacant Lot, taxes paid, no liens. Potential Donation from Pam Lewin. Motion to accept the property pending clear title by Mark Leggett, 2nd by Leta Anthony. None opposed, motion carried.

- * Community Garden Lot Request- Zenenvirotech Inc. interested in developing a community garden at 3201 S. Arch. Joan Adcock recommends consulting with the neighborhood association before approval, then inviting Zenenvirotech to come speak at LB meeting.

- * John Schlereth Donations
 - 1614 S Woodrow, Vacant Lot
 - 12th St Vacant Lot next to RR track. (maybe 13th St.)
 - About 2001 S Cedar- Vacant lot at Charles Bussey and Cedar
- *Leta Anthony motion to table these properties, 2nd by Mark Leggett until further research and information on these properties. Vote- none oppose, motion carried.

- *Land Bank contract for Quiet Title Services- Purchasing will issue an RFP

Commissioners Communications

Joan Adcock recommended the LB open up to all properties in the city. Motion by Leta Anthony, 2nd by Francis Frazier. Commission voted, ayes have it, none opposed. Motion carried.

Joan Adcock recommended we expand the next meeting to 2 hours to include a brain storming session on how to market and sell these properties. Motion by Leta Anthony and 2nd by Juanita Dodd, none opposed, motion carried. Incentives, city inspectors completing inspections within a couple days of each other. Having signs printed to put on LB properties that say call Doug Tapp for information on this property.

Leta Anthony recommended inviting Rodney Forte from MHA to next meeting.

Joan Adcock requested map on 9500 Geyer Springs lot and recommends asking neighborhood associations when a LB lot is requested for a community garden. Joan Adcock requested the duties and purpose of the Land Bank be distributed to the commissioners.

Joan Adcock asked Shawn Overton to see if staff from the CAO could attend the next couple Land Commission meetings.

Motion by Francis Frazier to present potential community garden at 3201 S. Arch to her neighborhood association, 2nd by Leta Anthony. Vote, ayes have it, none opposed, motion carried.

Citizen Communications

Mr. Keaton spoke briefly about his desire to develop several properties in the Land Bank focus area, more specifically in the Howard St. area.

Adjourn