

# Land Bank Commission Minutes

**MEETING DATE:** March 16, 2016 (Regular Meeting)

The meeting was called to order at 11:50 a.m. at the Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center by Commissioner Hillis Schild.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Odessa Darrough  
Commissioner Andrew Francis

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

Commissioner Susan Chan  
Commissioner Willis Smith  
Commissioner Hillis Schild  
Commissioner Francis Frazier  
Commissioner Hollie Hutchinson  
Commissioner Crystal Mercer  
Commissioner Leta Antony  
Commissioner Grace Blagdon

**BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF**

Victor Turner and Kevin Howard

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Quorum Present

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes

Prior to reports, Ms. Schild suggested that an interim chair be elected to manage the meetings until replacement commissioners are approved and new officers elected, which include Chair and Vice Chair.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** Staff provided updated balances of the General Fund (\$167,218.42) and CDBG accounts (\$85,555.82) respectively.

**Property Inventory:** Ms. Anthony asked what percentage of the inventory were vacant lots. Ms. Schild estimated approximately 95% were vacant lots. Ms. Anthony also commented on what the role of the Landbank Commission in addressing the homeless issue in Little Rock. Ms. Schild described the function of the Landbank and explained how the Landbank could transfer property to homeless service providers and how nonprofits are prioritized in the disposal of Landbank properties. Ms. Schild gave a summary of how entities interested in acquiring properties from the Landbank can access those properties.

Kevin Howard updated the Commission regarding an Offer to Purchase property at 1521 South Maple at the list price. The property was developed with NSP2 funds.

**Quiet Title Update:** Title work completed for property located at 3023 West 11<sup>th</sup>.

**JOINT COMMITTEE REPORT**

No Committee Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

Title work was ordered on 804 South Washington.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Staff updated commission on terms of the Commissioners. Ms. Schild inquired on CHAB representation on the Landbank and updated Commission on folks that have expressed interest in serving on the Commission. Ms. Schild also discussed the areas of expertise required by the Commission and which Commissioners currently meet those requirements. In addition, Ms. Schild discussed persons she has visited with regarding an interest in serving as Commission members on the Landbank.

Victor Turner discussed 1520 South Oak and 1515 South Pine being offered as donations by Mr. Mike Ashcraft. A discussion ensued about properties being in the focus area or focus zone. Victor mentioned that a gentleman from California wants to donate 4324 West 14<sup>th</sup>, which is on the corner of Peyton and 14<sup>th</sup>. This particular property was discussed and the process the Landbank uses to check the viability of accepting properties. Staff was to check if any code violations existed on the property at 4324 West 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Schild entertained a motion to have staff get title work for 1520 South Oak and 1515 South Pine. Mr. Willis Smith made a motion to get title work on 1520 South Oak and 1515 South Pine with a second by Ms. Susan Chan. Mr. Willis Smith stated he would look at 4324 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Schild re-emphasized to Commissioners to send her an email if they have an interest in serving as interim chair and she would pass the names on to Andre Bernard.

## **CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **ADJOURN**