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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 18, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Commissioner Leta Anthony at Willie Hinton Neighborhood Resource Center.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Juanita Dodd
Jennifer Herron
Laura McKinney
Monique Sanders

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Mark Leggett
Angela Neal
Frances Frazier
Leta Anthony
Ken Wade
Al B. Moore

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ruby E. Dean
Kevin Howard
Director Joan Adcock
Victor Turner

DECLARATION OF QUORUM-QUORUM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the Agenda with an addition to add NUSA information was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett, and seconded by Commissioner Angela Neal.

6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.





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A motion to approve August 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Ken Wade, and seconded by Commissioner Frances Frazier with a correction indicating Commissioner Frances Frazier was not present at last meeting. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Staff Reports was given by Ruby E. Dean

Financial Report was given by Ruby E. Dean

Commissioner Anthony asked if there were any plans to reduce the funding for the Land Bank, and, or we looking at other properties to purchase. Victor Turner stated that there was request of an additional \$150,000.00 from the City's budget to be added to the Land Bank. A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett to approve the financial report, seconded by Commissioner Al B. Moore. 6 ayes 0 nays, motion carried.

Ruby Dean discussed the list of properties and structures. (91 properties, 6 with Structures and 2 Commercial properties)

Old Business: Land Transfer Application – Brittany Hobbs – 1021 S. Woodrow Street – 34L0450006700, 1011 S. Woodrow Street – 34L0450006600, & 2818 W. 11th Street – 34L0450006800 all vacant lots. Commissioner's Counter Back Offer of \$7,500.00.

The Commissioners suggested a counter offer back to Ms. Hobbs in the amount of \$7,500.00, however, Ms. Hobbs stated that her firm offer was \$6,000.00. After much discussion the Commissioners made a recommendation that if Ms. Hobbs does not accept properties for \$7,500.00, we revisit with the Worley's contingent upon their plan review. Motion made by Commissioner Mark Leggett, seconded by Commissioner Angie Neal. 6 ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Land Transfer Application – Toya Smith 2101 S. Valentine 34L1780005300, Offering \$1,731.00.-Commissioner's Counteroffer-\$7,000. Kevin Howard stated that we purchased the property at a foreclosure sale. Commissioners inquired as to how long the property had been in the Land bank. Property was purchased via foreclosure for \$1,500.00 in 2017. Ms. Smith made an offer of 3,500.00. Ruby Dean & Kevin Howard indicated that Ms. Smith currently resides in Ohio with plans to relocate to Little Rock, Arkansas, thus looking for other properties in the same area for her family. Motion made by Commissioner Mark Leggett to accept offer of \$3,500.00 and seconded by Commissioner Angie Neal. 6 ayes 0 Nays. Motion Carried.



Land Transfer Applications-Springer & Springer- Offer \$250 per lot – 1705, 1709, 1719 1919, 1921 & 1923 S. Cedar Streets, 3316 Maryland Ave, & 2311 W 10th Offering \$250.00 per lot. Commissioner Anthony asked if the Springers were returning lots previous acquired through the Land Bank. Kevin Howard stated yes, Ms. Springer will substitute some lots in the future. Commissioner Leggett posed a question regarding the blanket price of \$250.00 per lot and the

ending date. After much discussion the Commissioners stated that we interject a renewal date ending December 31, 2019. At that point, request the Springers to submit an application for renewal. Motion made by Commissioner Mark Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Frances Frazier. 6 ayes 0 nays Motion carried.

Update on Rolling Pines Subdivision- Ruby Dean stated that Mr. Rodriguez had not responded to phone calls regarding the progress. Ruby Dean stated that there are legalities with the property that could not be discussed. It was suggested that staff involve Shawn Overton, who is the City's Legal Attorney regarding this issue.

Ruby Dean gave an update on the pending donation by Brinda Beard at 2619 Broadway stating that Ms. Beard decided not to sign the deed thus cancelling the donation to the City's Land Bank inventory.

Director Adcock gave a report on NUSA 2020, stating that the Conference will be in Little Rock, in May, and we need volunteers to sign up to attend and perhaps give a presentation. Director Adcock further discussed the different topics, and fund raising opportunities to help support NUSA 2020. The Commissioners present stated that would volunteer in some capacity. Director Adcock also invited the Commissioner to the NUSA planning Committee Meeting on October 3, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Citizens Communication- None

Adjourn: Commissioner Moore made a motion to adjourn, a 2nd by Commissioner Frazier 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned