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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: January 15, 2020

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Angela Neal
Al. B. Moore

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Juanita Dodd
Mark Leggett
Frances Frazier
Leta Anthony
Jennifer Herron
Monique Sanders
Karyn Coleman
Tavonia Strickland
Ken Wade

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF

Ruby E. Dean
Kevin Howard
Director Joan Adcock

DECLARATION OF QUORUM-QUORUM

Chairman Anthony welcomed new Commissioner Tavonia Strickland. Each Commissioner and staff introduced themselves along with their background as it relates to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Commissioner Frances Frazier seconded by Commissioner Karyn Bradford, 9 ayes, zero nays, motion carried.



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve November's 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Frances Frazier and seconded by Commissioner Karyn Bradford **9 ayes, 0 nays**, motion carried.

Staff Reports was given by Ruby E. Dean

Greetings were extended to new Commissioner Tavonia Strickland. An updated list was given to the Commissioner's to verify accurate information and term expiration. Commissioners will contact staff if information is not accurate.

Ruby Dean indicated that we had an interested person in 2301 S. Martin Street who would like to have a termite inspection done on the property prior to submitting an offer.

Financial Report was given by Ruby E. Dean

Ruby Dean discussed the 78 properties remaining properties in the Land Bank Inventory (78 vacant lots with 5 structures)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mark Leggett to approve the financial report, seconded by Commissioner Juanita Dodd **9 ayes 0 nays**, motion carried.

Old Business

Land Bank Transfer Application-Friendship Education Foundation a nonprofit organization is requesting to transfer 9200 Adkins-Parcel # 450110000400- Offering \$9,600.00. The intended property will be at 4th – 8th grade middle school with a total enrollment of 750 students. The school, Friendship Academy Middle School expects to open by the year 2012-2022. The proposed development plan for the property will include new construction. The Commissioner's approved **8 ayes –0 nays**.

New Business- New Business

Land Bank Transfer Application-Dwyer Plumbing-2017 Maple Street-Parcel # 34L178000750 is requesting approval- Offering Amount \$3,500.00- Land Bank Transfer Application-2017 Maple-Parcel # 34L1780007500;2013 Maple-Parcel # 34L1780007400 & 2021 Maple- Parcel # 34L1780007600; 2301 Martin-Parcel # 34L1780017300 & 2308 Martin-Parcel # 34L1780015700- Offering \$2,500.00 Each. Commissioner Leggett made a motion to table all of the above until the applicant can present a proposal on his proposed development. Seconded by Commissioner Ken Wade **9 ayes -0 nays**. Motion carried.

Commissioners discussed concerns as to why bids on these same properties were actually lower than previous one. Ruby Dean gave insight on the conditions of the properties especially the interior structure stating the substantial rehabilitation costs.

Land Bank Transfer Application –Odistene Fuller & Dana Fuller (Chicken Wangs Owners)-8312 Colonel Glen Road-Parcel # 44L150003900-Offering Amount \$15,000.00 (cash)- Motion made by Commissioner Leggett to counter back with an offer of \$25,000.00, seconded by Commissioner Sanders 8 ayes – 1 nays

Ruby Dean submitted the counteroffer of \$25,000.00 to the Fuller's on January 15, 2020 and they accepted. The Commissioner's voted to accept the offer via email

Amend Land Bank's policy and procedures to include language stating that prior to transferring deed an entity must be in good standing with the City of Little Rock, Secretary of State's Office, etc. Motion made by Commissioner Ken Wade, seconded by Commissioner Karen Coleman – **9 ayes – 0 ayes**

Citizens Communication- Jay Webb expressed interest in the Land Bank Commission properties stating that he plans to develop in the John Barrow area. It was suggested to Mr. Webb that he visit with the Land Bank Redevelopment Administrator prior to submitting application.

Commissioner Karyn Coleman indicated that her email was not correct, therefore, it was suggested by Commissioner Anthony that each Commissioner review the list for inaccuracies and report those to Ruby Dean. Ruby Dean stated that according to record that the term expiration for most of the Commissioners will end March 2020. Director Adcock interjected that those Commissioners follow up on the term expiration as soon as possible.

Adjourn: Commissioner Karyn Coleman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Juanita Dodd. **9 ayes, 0 nays.** Meeting adjourned.