

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS

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Land Bank Commission Minutes

MEETING DATE: September 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m., by Chairman Leta Anthony at the Willie Hinton Center Auditorium.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

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Mark Leggett

Leta Anthony

Deniccia Bell

Kimberly Lee

Jeremy Hill

Natalie James

Tavonia Strickland

Jennifer Herron

Ken Wade

Karyn Coleman

BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF PRESENT:

Ruby E. Dean, Redevelopment Administrator

Shawn Overton, Staff Attorney

Director Kevin Howard

Director Antwan Phillips

DECLARATION OF QUORUM - Quorum

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Wade to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Strickland 9 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Commissioner Wade seconded by Commissioners Lee and Strickland to approve the minutes.

9 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

Staff Reports by Redevelopment Administrator

- Redevelopment Administrator indicated that the Willie Hinton Resource Center will be under renovation for the next three months, therefore, the meetings will be moved to another location. Chairman Anthony offered the usage of Metropolitan Housing Authority's Board Room, however, Director Howard stated that the Wright Avenue Neighborhood Resource Center had already been reserved for the Land Bank meetings.
- 2. A memorial for the late Director Hendrix is on display at City Hall for the public.
- 3. First time Homebuyers workshop hosted by HNP Community Development Division will be held on September 18, 2021 @ Southwest Community Center.

Current balances are as follows: S35A946'18 - \$18,054.53; S35C273 - \$162,755.01 Total Land Bank Financial Report - \$180,809.54.

Redevelopment Administrator reported on the remaining properties in the Land Bank. There are currently 34 lots available and 10 undeveloped lots available within the Land Bank's inventory.

A motion made by Commissioner Coleman and seconded by Commissioner Hill to accept the six parcels purchased at the State Land Commissioners auction. 9 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention).

Redevelopment Administrator expounded on the ground breaking event for the "Rebuild the Block" Development. The event was well attended by the community, supporters and staff.

The amended Land Bank by-laws was approved by the City of Little Rock's Board of Directors on September 7, 2021.

Chairman Anthony asked for an update on the Land Bank policies and procedures. Commissioner Coleman state the committee will meet on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at the Wright Avenue Center at 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Hill was appointed to Co-Chair for the Policies and Procedures Committee.

A motion made by Commissioner Wade and seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept the purchase offer for property located at 3517 W. 11th Street in the amount of \$3,000.00. 9 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION

Mr. Joe Hayes asked the Commissioners to approve the execution of a deed that would add his name to properties purchased from the Land Bank by Marcus McClendon. Attorney Overton stated to Mr. Hayes that this was not a process for the Commissioners and that he should seek guidance from his attorney.

Beka Connell stated that she was there to learn more about the Land Bank. Zandria Chatman also indicated that she was there to learn more about the Land Bank and how the process works.

ADJOURN: Commissioners Leggett made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Strickland. 9 ayes 0 nays (1 abstention)

Meeting adjourned at 12:39 p.m.