

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

11:00 AM

MINUTES

VIA ZOOM WEBINAR:

Erica Ward Gerson
Miranda Morrow-Bartell
Richard Hosey
Patricia Pernell-Shelton
Carol Walters

OTHERS PRESENT: DLBA Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Ward Gerson called the **May 26, 2020** meeting to order at **11:11 a.m.** and reiterated the process and logistics for a Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL

Member Morrow-Bartell called roll. Four of five members were in attendance, and a quorum was met. Member Pernell-Shelton joined the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a motion to approve the **April 28, 2020** Board of Directors meeting minutes. **Motion by Member Walters** for approval of minutes. **Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment.

Roxanne Dawson inquired about the process to purchase a home through the Detroit Land Bank. Board Chair Ward Gerson instructed Ms. Dawson to send an email to the address provided with her contact information and a staff member from the Disposition team would assist with the process.

Shanequa Highsmith stated that her fiancé purchased a home and called to inquire about purchasing the side lot next to it. Ms. Eisman commented that she was surprised at the lack of professionalism displayed during her call. Board Chair Ward Gerson apologized and instructed Ms. Eisman to connect with Kelley Singler, Director, Administration and Operations to address the issue.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, provided a presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Detroit to the group and discussion ensued. Members stated that they would like to see the information communicated via the website, media, community leaders and at district meetings to help create a positive narrative. Saskia stated that she would make it available to City Council via the Quarterly report as well as on the website and will continue to find new ways to get the information out to the community.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolutions

5-01-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO AN EXISTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH H&R PROCESS SERVING. Timothy Devine, General Counsel, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Hosey. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5-02-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GJC. Reginald Scott, CFO provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5-03-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO OPTION TO PURCHASE & DEVELOP AND AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY WITH TANNER & DALRYMPLE L.L.C Karla Marshall, Manager, Projects & Community Partnership, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5-04-2020 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MAHJA ZEON. Karla Marshall, Manager, Projects & Community Partnership, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5-05-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO LAND TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DETROIT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND TO WAIVE THE FIVE-YEAR, FIFTY PERCENT TAX CAPTURE ON CERTAIN PARCELS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY. Doug Parker, Chief Counsel, Disposition and Corporate Governance, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Pernell-Shelton to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.**

5-06-2020 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF DETROIT. Saskia Thompson, Executive Director, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by**

Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Ward Gerson stated that she has been advised by Timothy Devine, General Counsel that we do not need to have a Closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Hosey to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.** The meeting was adjourned at **12:32 p.m.**