

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Tuesday, July 25, 2023
10:00 AM

MINUTES

IN PERSON: Erica Ward-Gerson
Miranda Morrow-Bartell
Richard Hosey
Patricia Pernell-Shelton

EXCUSED: Carol Walters

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Public, Members of DLBA Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Ward Gerson called the **July 25, 2023**, meeting to order at **10:10 a.m.** and reviewed the process and logistics for a Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL

Adela Bejo, Administrative Assistant called the roll. Three of five members were in attendance, and a quorum was met. Member Walters was excused, and Member Pernell-Shelton arrived at 10:15 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a motion to approve the minutes for the **June 27, 2023**, Board of Directors meeting. **Motion by Member Hosey** for approval of the minutes. **Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment.

Amir Constant – Detroit resident, inquired about assistance with purchasing a property located at 6314 Southfield Rd. Board Chair Ward Gerson and Jano Hanna, Director, Sales and marketing assisted Mr. Constant with this matter.

Zuri Thrash– Detroit resident, inquired about two vacant lots she purchased in 2019 that have restricted deeds. The lots are located at 19601 and 19609 Hasse street and Ms. Thrash stated that she has created a garden and is in compliance. Ms. Thrash also stated that she has made multiple attempts to contact DLBA staff to acquire the correct deed but has been unsuccessful. Jano Hanna assisted Mr. Thrash with this matter.

CEO UPDATE

Events

Lots of Lot's Event

Tammy Daniels, Chief Executive Officer, reported that we have hosted two Lots of Lots event's covering Districts 4, 5, 2 and 3 and the next event is scheduled on July 22nd at Heilman Recreation Center for Districts 1 and 7; 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Board Chair Ward Gerson requested the number of lots purchased to date and Tammy stated that she would research and provide that information.

Compliance Fair

Tammy reported that the Compliance Fair was held on July 8, 2023 at the Northwest Activity Center where over 600 attendees including 446 property owners were in attendance.

Housing Fair

Tammy reported that the Occupied team, attended a housing fair hosted by Council Member Waters and assisted individuals with navigating through the qualification process.

Buy Back Event

Tammy reported that the next Buy Back event is scheduled for August 15th at the Johnson Recreation center where 136 families will be graduating and extended an invitation to members to attend.

DLBA Staff outing

Tammy reported that the DLBA annual staff outing is scheduled for Friday, August 11th; 11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Riverside Park and extended an invitation to members to attend.

City Council Quarterly Report

Tammy reported that the Q4 FY23 City council quarterly report was completed and submitted on July 14, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolutions

7-01-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ACCEPT A BLIGHT ELIMINATION GRANT THROUGH THE MICHIGAN STATE LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Board Chair Ward Gerson provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

7-02-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR COMMUNITY PROGRESS. Rob Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

7-03-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH ISLAND VIEW TOWNHOMES LLC.

Jano Hanna, Director Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Hosey to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

CLOSED SESSION

Board Chair Ward Gerson stated that she was instructed by General Counsel that there would not be 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 Morrow-Bartell MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at **10:40 a.m.**