

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
GUARDIAN BUILDING
500 Griswold • Detroit, Michigan 48226
(Executive Board Room – 6th Floor)

Monday, February 11, 2019
11:00 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Erica Ward Gerson
Patricia Pernell-Shelton
Carol Walters

EXCUSED: Richard Hosey

OTHERS PRESENT: Public, DLBA Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Erica Ward Gerson called the February 11, 2019 meeting to order at **11:08 a.m.**

ROLL CALL

Board Chair, Erica Ward Gerson called roll. Three of four members were present, and a quorum was met. Member Hosey was excused.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Member Walters to approve the agenda. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson called for a motion to approve the January 15, 2019 Board of Directors meeting minutes. **Motion by Member Pernell-Shelton for approval of minutes. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Board Chair Erica Ward Gerson opened the floor to public comment.

- **Tim Orlando, Attorney, Aloia & Associates**, stated that he was attending today in representation of his client, Joshua Corsi. Mr. Orlando stated that Mr. Corsi purchased 263 Marston in October 2016 and has attempted to purchase DLBA properties located at 271; 289 and 283 Marston. Mr. Orlando stated that Mr. Corsi has met with several members of the Land Bank team to discuss purchasing the lots but to date has been unable to do so. Mr. Orlando delivered a copy of a letter addressed to Board Chair Ward Gerson regarding the matter. Board Chair Ward Gerson asked Doug Parker, Principal Attorney to assist Mr. Orlando with the request.

- **Mario Kelley**, District 5 Detroit resident and Founder of Believe 313 Staffing, stated that he is in attendance to thank the Board and staff and to let them know that he has successfully fulfilled his 6-month agreement with the Land Bank and is now the first homeowner in his family.
- **Joanne Warwick**, Detroit resident, stated that she is in support of Joshua Corsi purchasing the parcels he is requesting, that he always maintains his property and has been a great addition to their community. Ms. Warwick also stated that she has submitted a proposal for development of 7634 Oakland and has requested a grant from the Kresge Foundation for the project.
- **Mario Dewberry**, Urban Leadership Specialist and member of 12th Street CDC in the Rosa Parks community. Mr. Dewberry stated that he has invested in the area and partners with other investors to provide resources and keep the community free of blight. Mr. Dewberry would like to know who he should work with to improve communications between the Land Bank and the community. Board Chair Ward Gerson requested that Alyssa Strickland, Public Information Officer assist Mr. Dewberry and also connect him with Rod Liggons, Director, Community Affairs so that he could attend their community meetings.
- **Attorney Paula G. Humphries** -District 5. Attorney Humphries stated that she is in attendance to observe.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Saskia Thompson, Executive Director reported that Tammy Daniels will serve as Interim, General Counsel. Ms. Thompson stated that the position has been posted, she has been reviewing resume's and is hopeful that the position will be filled within the next month.

Saskia reported that due to the freezing temperatures, the DLBA incurred flood damage to the Compliance Department offices located on the 11th floor and to two Executive offices on the 12th floor. Saskia stated that Kelley Singler, Director, Administration & Operations has been working closely with Building Management and is awaiting an update as to when the damage will be repaired. Saskia noted that the Compliance offices were hit hard and will need to have some equipment replaced.

Saskia reported that all members have been briefed on the Second Amended and Restated Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Detroit and the draft has been submitted to City Council for review. Once the draft is approved, the final will be brought to the Board.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Project Review

Member Pernell-Shelton reported that the Projects Committee met last week and reviewed upcoming projects.

Community Engagement

Member Pernell-Shelton reported that the Committee met last week, reviewed projects and had an in-depth discussion with Robbie Linn, Interim, Inventory Director, about ways to offer individuals the opportunity to purchase property in their community before others with interest are allowed to do so. Member Pernell-Shelton stated that HUD has a great program that we could mirror. Board Chair Ward Gerson requested that Rhonda Anderson, Executive Assistant, arrange a meeting with Member Pernell-Shelton, Saskia and Robbie Linn, Interim Inventory Director to discuss further. Saskia stated that we should also include the Land Bank's Marketing team.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Irene Tucker, CFO, reviewed the January 31, 2019 financials with the group and reported that we are on track with the budget. Irene stated that she is continuing to have Budget meetings with the Executive team and the City.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolutions

2-01-2019 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EAGLE SECURITY SERVICES, LLC. Erica Ward Gerson and Rod Liggons, Director, Community Affairs provided background. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2-02-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO OPTION TO PURCHASE & DEVELOP AND AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY WITH DANA KOCH. Jano Hanna, Assistant Director, Projects, provided background. **Motion by Member Pernell-Shelton to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2-03-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HERITAGE AT RIVERBEND CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION. Jano Hanna, Assistant Director, Projects provided background. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2-04-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CASS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES. Jano Hanna, Assistant, Director, Projects, provided background. **Motion by Member Pernell-Shelton to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2-05-2019 RESOLUTION APPROVING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM AND NSOMBI ARO. Jano Hanna, Assistant, Director, Projects, provided background. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

b. Election of Officers

Board Chair Ward Gerson reviewed the proposed Slate of Officers with the group and called for a **Motion to accept as presented.**

Erica Ward Gerson	Board Chair
Patricia Pernell-Shelton	Vice Chair
Richard Hosey	Treasurer
Carol Walters	Secretary

Motion by Member Walters to accept Slate of Officers as presented. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Board Chair Ward Gerson called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Walters to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at **11:38 a.m.**