

DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023
10:00 AM**

MINUTES

IN PERSON:

Miranda Morrow-Bartell
Richard Hosey
Patricia Pernell-Shelton
Carol Walters

EXCUSED:

Erica Ward-Gerson

OTHERS PRESENT:

Members of the Public, Members of DLBA Staff

CALL TO ORDER

Member Hosey called the **September 26, 2023**, meeting to order at **10:11 a.m.** and reviewed the process and logistics for a Zoom meeting.

ROLL CALL

Rhonda Bass, Senior Executive Assistant called the roll. Three of five members were in attendance, and a quorum was met. Member Morrow-Bartell arrived at 10:15 a.m. and Board Chair Ward Gerson was excused.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Hosey called for a motion to approve the minutes for the **July 25, 2023**, Board of Directors meeting. **Motion by Member Walters** for approval of the minutes. **Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Hosey opened the floor to public comment.

Reverend Thomas Taylor— Detroit resident and President of nonprofit organization inquired about assistance with purchasing a property located on Mendota street to create a family fun center and a community garden. Reverend Thomas-Taylor stated that he has been trying to gain site control and was told to rearrange the scope of the project by DLBA staff. Tammy Daniels, DLBA CEO ("Daniels") informed Reverend Thomas Taylor that we would have our staff check into the issue and reach out to him to provide an update. Daniels also informed Reverend Taylor that the DLBA does not handle zoning issues and that the project would also need Department of Neighborhood's approval.

CEO UPDATE

Events

NH Services Organization - Community of Hope Weekend

Daniels reported that at the end of July, she participated in the Neighborhood Services Organization, Community of Hope weekend. A weekend event that was held at a park within the city to support the homeless population by providing resources such as showers, food, haircuts as well as other resources. Daniels stated that she sat on a panel with Council President Sheffield and HRD staff to discuss issues with the population within the City of Detroit and ways to provide stable housing. Daniels noted that the event was very well attended.

Osborne Neighborhood Alliance

Daniels reported that in early August, she attended a great press conference within the Osborne neighborhood. She noted that this is a great example of what an organization can do within their community. Daniels stated that they have developed and grown over the years and are currently rehabbing 3 duplexes to offer to individuals to inhabit as well as use for an income stream.

DLBA Staff Outing

Daniels reported that the DLBA annual staff outing was held on Friday, August 11th at Riverside Park and it was a great opportunity for staff to relax and enjoy themselves. Special thanks to Member Morrow-Bartell for attending.

Buy Back Event

Daniels reported that the Buy Back event was held on August 15th at the Johnson Recreation center where 135 families graduated and received deeds. She stated that the DLBA received great media coverage at the event and have begun onboarding individuals for next year's graduation.

Lots of Lot's Event

Daniels reported that the DLBA hosted two Lots of Lots event's covering Districts 4, 5, 2 and 3 and the next event that will be held in Districts 1 and 7 are scheduled on September 30th at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Cromwell Community Center.

Building Blocks Event

Daniels reported that the DLBA is relaunching our Building Blocks event. The first event is scheduled for October 3rd in the Grixdale community at the Chaldean Council; 55 W. 7 mile 4pm-7pm and October 17th in Nolan neighborhood 4pm-7pm at 20027 Derby. She also stated that the DLBA is in the process of scheduling the third event in early November in the Schoolcraft area.

MOU

Daniels reported that the expiration of the current MOU is approaching at the end of the year, and we have completed first rounds of conversations with City Council to discuss renewing the MOU. She stated that we are discussing new ways to work collaboratively with Council and the City on the missions they have proposed to us. Daniels also stated that the DLBA is also in the process of scheduling a second round of conversations before bringing it to the full Council. She informed Members that the City has hired their first Director of Agriculture, Tepfirah Rushdan, and that she and Jano, Director, Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, met with Rushdan this month to discuss ways that the DLBA can collaborate and assist urban farmers with finding ways to move through land bank processes in a more efficient way.

HR update

Daniels reported that Alyssa Strickland, Assistant Director of Strategic Initiatives, has left the organization, and the DLBA is actively recruiting to fill the position as well as others that are listed on our website. Daniels stated the DLBA is hopeful that we will be able to do so in the very near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions

9-01-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REMIT PAYMENT TO SALESFORCE ON BEHALF OF THE DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Gabriel Guerrero, Chief Counsel, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-02-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO REMIT PAYMENT TO FINANCIALFORCE ON BEHALF OF THE DETROIT LAND BANK AUTHORITY. Gabriel Guerrero, Chief Counsel provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-03-2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH REVLEGAL SERVICES, INC. Gabriel Guerrero, Chief Counsel, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-04-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DETROIT. Veronica Johnson, Assistant Director, Property Rehabilitation, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-05-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO CONVEY PROPERTIES TO THE CITY OF DETROIT FOR FOUR PROJECTS. Robbie Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-06-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTIVE TRANSFER OF 16745 LAMPHERE. Robbie Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-07-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTIVE TRANSFER OF 12227 MACKAY. Robbie Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-08-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CORRECTIVE TRANSFER OF 19018 MITCHELL. Robbie Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-09-2023 RESOLUTION ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED VACANT LAND POLICY. Robbie Linn, Director Planning and Analysis, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by**

Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

9-10-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BUZZED BEEKEEPING L.L.C Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-11-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO OPTION TO PURCHASE & DEVELOP AND AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY WITH SCOTT STREET FARM LLC. Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-12-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MARIGOLD LLC. Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-13-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO OPTION TO PURCHASE & DEVELOP AND AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN PROPERTY WITH DETROIT SOUND CONSERVANCY. Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Walters to approve resolution. Supported by Member Pernell-Shelton. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-14-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

9-15-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO FIRST AMENDMENT TO FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED BRIDGING NEIGHBORHOODS PROGRAM AGREEMENT. Doug Parker, General Counsel, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

(Walk on)

9-16-2023 RESOLUTION APPROVING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO ENTER INTO PURCHASE & DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH BONNIE TAYLOR. Jano Hanna, Director Real Estate, Sales and Marketing, provided background on the resolution. **Motion by Member Morrow-Bartell to approve resolution. Supported by Member Walters. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

CLOSED SESSION

Member Hosey stated that he was instructed by General Counsel that there would not be a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Member Hosey called for a **Motion to adjourn. Motion by Member Walters to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Member Morrow-Bartell MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at **10:53 a.m.**