



## MINUTES

**Time:** 9:30am Thursday, February 27, 2020

**Place:** 420 10<sup>th</sup> St. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Lance Hemmings (Chair), Steve Anthony, Patrick Coleman, Anne Hannah Merritt, Tyler Pritchard, and Deidre Tilley

**Board Members Absent:** Melinda Tolbert

**Staff Members Present:** Carolina Rodriguez from City Community Reinvestment.

**# of Public attendees:** 5

1. **Call to Order.** Board Chair, Lance Hemmings, called the meeting to order at 9:30am.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. Patrick moved to approve December minutes. Steve seconded.
  - b. Members unanimously approved the December minutes.
3. **Financial Report**
  - a. Main Account balance is \$25,156.70.
  - b. Applicant fund escrow account balance is \$14,000.
4. **Property Update**
  - a. Carolina updated the board on all properties tracked by the Land Bank.
  - b. The Land Bank is under contract and working to close on the following:

TAXPIN	Address	Buyer	Outcomes
014 017 020	3311 5th Ave	Truth Spring	Affordable housing
014 014 015	3600 4th Ave	Neighborworks	Affordable housing
014 014 016	3516 4th Ave	Neighborworks	Affordable housing
014 014 017	3514 4th Ave	Neighborworks	Affordable housing
014 015 018	3601 4th Ave	Neighborworks	Affordable housing
014 015 019	3603 4th Ave	Neighborworks	Affordable housing
014 018 026	3215 6th Ave	Truth Spring	Affordable housing
014 018 026A	3217 6th Ave	Truth Spring	Affordable housing
014 017 002	3414 4th Ave	Denise McWhorter	Side Lot & Garden
039 016 023	739 Lawyers Ln	Abeika Alexander	Side Lot & Farm
039 016 024	747 Lawyers Ln	Abeika Alexander	Side Lot & Farm

- c. Carolina and Patrick explained the delay in closing due to the content of title letters.
5. **Properties for Acquisition**



- a. Carolina presented the following properties for acquisition:

TAX PIN	Address	Applicant	Source	Funds
032 024 009	4750 11th Ave	Glenn David Carden Jr	In Rem	Applicant
067 046 012	2948 Gardenia St	Lillian Scott	In Rem	Applicant
086 010 008	4421 Forrest Rd	Luis Bobadilla	In Rem	Applicant
034 018 002	2406 Winchester Rd	Ryan Gutowski	In Rem	Applicant
014 004 003	3803 Meritas Dr	Ralph Wyrosdick	Applicant	Donation

- b. Board members recommended Lillian Scott reach out to the Planning Department.  
 c. Steve moved for the board to approve the above slate for acquisition. Deidre seconded. Members unanimously approved motion.

**6. Properties for Disposition—Open Meeting Discussion**

- a. Carolina presented the board with 1 application for 1 property. The applicant, Ms. Morris, presented her application to purchase 3645 St Marys Rd.  
 b. The 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant for 3645 St Marys Rd withdrew his application.  
 c. Anne Hannah moved to approve the buyer. Tyler seconded. Members approved the motion.

**7. Operations**

- a. Members nominated Lance to continue serving as Chair and Steve to serve as Vice Chair.  
 b. Patrick moved to accept the nominated persons into the roles. Tyler seconded. Members approved the motion. This is in accordance with OCGA 48-4-104 to annually elect these positions.  
 c. Carolina will get the Land Bank incorporated.  
 d. Carolina adjusted the online application to differentiate between an applicant and a buyer.  
 e. Board members and Carolina discussed the City’s plans to revise the Real Estate Specialist role. The new duties would shift focus from the Land Bank to City Real Estate. This leaves the Land Bank without staff support. Carolina relayed the guidance given to her by Pam Hodge that the Land Bank should appeal to Council for funding for operations.  
 f. Board members requested a meeting with Deputy City Manager Pam Hodge to discuss options and get her guidance.

**8. Public Engagement: “Nothing About Us Without Us”**

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- a. Story Map Annual Report  
 b. Outreach Completed
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Fox Senior Center Heirs Property Workshop #2
  - Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Food Oasis Potluck and Pitch at Bradley Museum
  - Feb 6-8 Presented at Georgia Organics Conference in Athens

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.