



## Minutes - Approved

**Time:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023

**Place:** Annex Conference Room, 420 10<sup>th</sup> St.

**Call to Order:** Lance

**Board Members Present:** Lance, Sherrie, and Steve

**Board Members Absent:** Lauren, Chris, Deidre, and Michelle

**Staff Present:** Natalie and Robert

**Guests:** George Humphries, Kenneth McWhorter and Denise McWhorter

1. **Review and Approve Minutes from 3.8.23:** Unable to approve due to no quorum
2. **Financial Report:** Natalie present the financials. No questions.
3. **Director's Report**
  - **ARP Housing opportunities:** Robert presented the opportunities the Land Bank could apply for ARP funding to address Affordable Housing development.
  - **Website:** Natalie presented the Land Bank website, highlighting the Land Bank's success stories page. Lance suggested adding tax revenue collected and properties sold to the website.
4. **Insurance Report for Board and Officers** – Lance reported that he had spoken with two insurance companies for Board and Officer insurance quotes. He asked Natalie to help with the paperwork to get the quotes. Lance stated he did not think given the Land Bank inventory and assets, it is necessary to get insurance for the properties. Natalie mentioned that other Land Banks do carry this insurance, rolling properties on and off monthly, however, those Land Banks are much larger than the Land Bank Authority of Columbus Georgia.
5. **Property Updates**
  - **Canceling Deed Restrictions** – Guest Kenneth and Denise McWhorter of 3414 4<sup>th</sup> Ave reported they have fulfilled their security deed and that it should be canceled. The Board was in favor and unable to vote due to no quorum.
  - **Inventory Update:** Natalie presented on the properties and status in the Land Bank inventory.



- **Bid and Proposal Forms:** Two Bid and Proposals were present to the Board, one for 3006 10<sup>th</sup> St. and one for 1349 24<sup>th</sup> St. The Board liked both bids. Natalie suggested including 2401 14<sup>th</sup> Ave in the bid for 1349 24<sup>th</sup> St since these properties are in a particularly challenging location and that the garden purposed could be a best use for both properties. The board agreed and Natalie will ask the bidder if he would like to take on 2401 14<sup>th</sup> Ave. at no additional charge. The Board will make a motion to sell both properties when quorum is reached.
- **Property Interest Forms:** George Humphries made a presentation to the board for 218 and 222 28<sup>th</sup> Ave. He discussed how he would get money for the properties and the community impact of doing edible gardening. Lance asked if there are licensing requirements in which Georgia said yes, but it was being taken care of through the flea market. A vote to foreclose on the properties will wait until the next board meeting when quorum is reached.
- **Recapture:** Columbus Housing Initiative is turning 4019 Hickory Ave over to the Land Bank. They purchased it in 2019 and have not developed it. No quorum to take on property. Natalie will post the property on the Land Bank website for a starting bid of \$10,000.
- **Judicial In Rem Properties:** A list of properties awaiting foreclosures that have been turned into the tax accessors office was shown to the board.

**Call to Adjourn at 1:23**