

Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—April 11, 2013

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Jerome Kisscorni, Dr. Addis Moore, Chuck Vliek

Members Absent: Terry Dorgan, Christopher Haenicke, Michael Seelye

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Amanda Woodin, Natalie Youakim

Others Present: County Commissioner Stinchcomb, County Commissioner Iden, Lee Adams, Sarah Molenaar

The regular meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Balkema at 8:30 AM in room 105 of the Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007.

A motion to approve the February 14, 2013 meeting minutes was made by Board Member Moore and seconded by Vice Chair Kisscorni.

No additions to the agenda were made.

No comments were made during Citizens' Time.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Chair Balkema provided the Board with information on 2013 tax foreclosures. This year, 221 parcels in Kalamazoo County were foreclosed upon.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of January/February Financials
2. Acceptance of LISC grant of \$50,000
3. Approval of Land Bank Finance Policies
4. Waiver of 5/50 on 319 Trimble, Kalamazoo

The Board discussed the items on the Consent Agenda. Chair Balkema explained why the Land Bank might waive its 5-year, 50% share of taxes on the parcel at 319 Trimble to support creative redevelopment in a core neighborhood.

Vice Chair Kisscorni motioned to approve items 1, 3, and 4. Board Member Moore seconded the motion, and it passed.

Chair Balkema disclosed that she is the Board Chair for LISC. Vice Chair Kisscorni motioned to approve item 2, Board Member Moore seconded the motion, and Board Member Vliek abstained from voting on this item. The motion carried.

Regular Agenda

1. Right of First Refusal Purchase for Reinvestment

Chair Balkema describes the properties in question and the Land Bank's intention to redevelop these for homeownership and return them to tax-producing status.

Vice Chair Kisscorni asked how the Land Bank can ensure that these properties will be homeowner-occupied after they are sold. Board Member Vliek offered some suggestions the Land Bank might explore to incentivize compliance for purchasers.

Vice Chair Kisscorni motioned to approve the resolution requesting the acquisition and/or purchase of certain tax foreclosed parcels by Kalamazoo County for the Land Bank Fast Track Authority. Board Member Vliek seconded the motion, and it carried.

2. Right of First Refusal Purchase for Quiet Title

Chair Balkema described the purpose of obtaining the subject properties for expedited quiet title. Board Member Vliek asked how the County Treasurer can control the ownership status of these properties while they are owned by the Land Bank for the purpose of clearing title. Executive Director Clarke suggested the creation of an agreement among the Treasurer, the Land Bank, and any third party in question.

Vice Chair Kisscorni motioned to approve the resolution requesting the acquisition and/or purchase of certain tax foreclosed parcels by Kalamazoo County for the Land Bank Fast Track Authority for Quiet Title. Board Member Moore seconded the motion, and it passed.

Executive Director Report

Executive Director Clarke provided the Board with updates on the following items:

1. Anti-Blight Grant
2. KHOP sales
3. Unrestricted Sales
4. Prairie Gardens Lease-Up
5. Riverview Greenhouse Project

Vice Chair Kisscorni motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Board Member Vliek seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:26 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Dorgan
Treasurer & Secretary