

Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—August 14, 2014

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Chuck Vliek, Michael Collins, Pastor Addis Moore, Terry Dorgan (via phone), Christopher Haenicke (joined at 8:35)

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Sarah Frame, Amanda Woodin,

Community Members Present: Lee Adams, Senator Tonya Schuitmaker

The regular meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Balkema at 8:33 a.m. in room 105 of the Kalamazoo County Administration Building, 201 W. Kalamazoo Ave., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

A motion to approve the July 2014 meeting minutes was made by Vliek, seconded by Moore, and the motion carried.

Additions to the agenda: Washington Square façades presentation by Mike Flynn and recommendation to renew board seats of Dorgan and Haenicke.

No comments were made during Citizens' Time.

Chair's Remarks

Chair Balkema notified the board of the upcoming county tax sale on Monday, August 18. Kalamazoo County has over 200 properties to be sold during the auction, and is marketing the auction to boost turnout.

Mike Flynn, of Byce & Associates, presented drawings of façade and streetscape improvements for Washington Square.

Consent Agenda

1. Acceptance of May and June 2014 Financials

A motion to accept the financials was made by Collins, Haenicke seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Acceptance of \$10,000 addition to a LISC operating grant to retain consultants for Washington Square planning

A motion to accept the grant was made by Haenicke, Dorgan seconded, Vliek and Balkema abstained, and the motion carried.

3. Approval of recommendation to Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners to renew Land Bank Board of Directors terms for Chris Haenicke & Terry Dorgan

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Collins, Moore seconded, and the motion carried.

Regular Agenda

1. Allocation of \$300,000 from general fund to Capital Improvement for use in Washington Square/Portage St. and Riverview Launch projects

A motion to accept the allocation of funds was made by Dorgan, Collins seconded, and the motion carried.

2. Authorization of the sale of the Vicksburg Mill parcel

There was discussion of a modification to the resolution, and Balkema asked for a motion to approve the resolution regarding the terms of the sale, subject to a notation that the price for the second parcel would be a nominal sum to be determined at a later date. Haenicke made the motion, Dorgan supported, and the motion carried.

3. Authorization to grant the Executive Director authority to commence construction at Riverview Launch in phases, as funding is secured

A motion to grant authority to ED was made by Vliek, Collins seconded, and the motion carried.

Executive Director Report

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

1. Anti-blight and HOME grant wrap-up activity
2. Riverview Launch fundraising update
3. \$1.4 million NSP2 Program Income grant awarded by State of Michigan for Phase II of Prairie Gardens
4. Washington Square - new leases with Tremolo, and Jersey Giant/Urban Alliance, ArtHop event in October
5. Ongoing side lot sales and Common Ground Community Garden tour in July

Vliek moved to adjourn the meeting, Moore supported, and the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Dorgan, Treasurer and Secretary