

## **Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—February 11, 2016**

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Chuck Vliek, Becky Fulgoni, Carl Roberts, Jerome Kisscorni, Terry Dorgan

Members Absent: Alberta Griffin

County Liaison Present: Commissioner Stephanie Moore

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Sarah Frame, Catie Boring (joined at 9:38 a.m.)

Community Members Present: Thell Woods, Rachel Grover

The regular meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Balkema at 8:36 a.m. at 1523 Riverview Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Balkema called for a motion to approve the January 2016 meeting minutes. Vliek asked for a clarification regarding his vote on the Vicksburg Mill option by reflected in the minutes. Balkema called for an approval subject to the suggested changes, which was made by Kisscorni, Dorgan supported, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Citizens' Time: None

#### Executive Director Report

- Washington Square - Clarke gave an overview of the past few months work, including the December Art Hop, partnership with ENA on the pop-up thrift shop, and the upcoming work on 1301 Portage for interior improvements and an RFP competition which will be lead by the Vibrant board and a committee of other local businesspeople. Discussion followed regarding the overall strategy for Washington Square and potential for private development in that geography, as well as the possibility to acquire additional property. Staff will bring additional information about challenges and strategies in Washington Square to the next meeting.
- Vicksburg Mill – the purchase option proposal was accepted and signed by Chris Moore, and Paper City LLC is moving forward with their plans for the site.
- Riverview Launch – the site continues to see activity, especially in the greenhouse and with recent and upcoming facility rentals. Arcadia Ales will host a fundraising event on March 1<sup>st</sup> for the project.
- Blight Elimination – County demolitions are on track for the year and have happened faster each year thanks to staff diligence and greater efficiency. An application was submitted to the Michigan Land Bank for demolition funding for the Merchants Crossing site.
- HOME grant – Urban Alliance has pulled out of the project due to concerns about staff capacity to manage the project. It will be sent out to bid in the traditional manner.

#### Consent Agenda

1. Lahman gave an overview of the November 2015 financial reports. She is still working on closing out 2015 year end financials. Balkema called for a motion to accept the November 2015 financials. Dorgan made the motion, Kisscorni seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

#### Regular Agenda

Clarke thanked Boring for her all her dedication and hard work over her five years of service on the Land Bank staff.

1. 1211 W. North  
Boring gave an overview of the back lot at 1211 W. North Street to be split between a neighbor and the non-profit behind the parcel. Vliek made the motion to approve the split and sale of the parcel, Fulgoni seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

2. 1412 Reed

Boring review the back lot parcel for 1412 Reed and recommended the board approve this parcel as a back lot sale. Vliek made the motion to approve, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Strategic/Visioning Discussion session began at 10:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Dorgan, Treasurer and Secretary