



**Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—April 11, 2019**

Members Present: Mary Balkema, Becky Fulgoni, Carl Roberts, Terry Dorgan, Brian Hudson, and Holly Crump

Members Absent: Rebekah Kik

County Liaison Present: Christine Morse

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Michelle Tombro Tracy, Anna Roeder, Tammy Lahman, Chelsie Downs Hubbarth

Community Members Present: Chuck Vliek, Rachael Grover, Rachel Bair, Remi Harrington, Jeff Hawkins, Ben Bylsma

The June meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Balkema at 8:32 a.m. at 1523 Riverview Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49004.

Approval of Minutes- April 2019

Balkema presented a motion to approve the April 2019 board meeting minutes.

Hudson made the motion, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the April 2019 minutes were approved.

Balkema welcomed Holly Crump to the board. Crump introduced herself and shared about her background.

Citizens' Time: N/A

Commission Liason Comments: Christine Morse shared that there is a new Kalamazoo County Courthouse project underway.

Chairs Remarks: Balkema shared information about the upcoming "Out by the River" fundraiser event for Vibrant Kalamazoo, coming up September 12th 2019. She also shared that through efforts of the County Treasurer, LISC and City of Kalamazoo, every owner occupied home was saved from foreclosure this year. The tax foreclosure auction will take place on August 26th, 2019 at the Radisson Hotel.

Executive Director Report: Clarke provided updates about ongoing Land Bank projects. She shared the 2018 annual video. A press release was shared which indicated that after 5 years in Washington Square, Jersey Giant will be wrapping up their Workforce Development Program. The space will soon be available for rent by another business. The annual In Service of People and Place Brunch will be on July 31st, 2019. Discussion ensued.

Regular Agenda:

- Nonprofit disposition pricing for vacant lots for housing
 - o Balkema presented a motion to change Land Bank disposition policy to allow for the Land Bank to sell vacant lots to nonprofit partners for \$500 to support construction of new housing towards the goal of increasing affordable housing opportunities in Kalamazoo.

Dorgan made the motion, Roberts seconded, and discussion ensued. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

- First Right of Refusal Parcel
 - o A local unit of government can take a parcel under first right for public purpose from the tax foreclosure public auction. Clarke shared background and supporting map for proposed parcel on Edwin Ave. A board resolution was presented for the Land Bank to purchase a vacant lot, 637 Edwin, at first right for \$4674 through a request to the county commission. This parcel would be valuable to consider for potential parking needs for the E Main commercial structure re-development. Discussion ensued. Hudson made the motion, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

- KVCC Small Farmer Pilot Program
 - o Clarke provided background about KVCC Small Farmer pilot program. The Land Bank has been asked to partner with KVCC by offering non-buildable vacant lots through the Adopt-a-Lot program with a pathway for eventual ownership of land by farmers. KVCC & farmers would ensure that lots meet local zoning requirements for use. This would be a pilot program utilizing up to three parcels. Leases would be entered into with the option to purchase for reduced rates after 2 successful growing seasons. Discussion ensued. Board addressed KVCC representatives with questions. Hudson made the motion to approve the pilot program as presented, Dorgan seconded, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

- Contract Modification Small Homes Project
 - o Clarke presented a resolution for authorization from the board to modify the Rossman contract for construction of Eastside Gateway small homes project to include a two story model for the final site. She provided background via PowerPoint presentation containing supporting site plans and renderings created by InForm Architecture. Discussion ensued. Dorgan made the motion, Roberts seconded, all were in favor and the motion was carried.

Board Member Comments: Per Roberts's suggestion, there was discussion around 2019 goals. The board checked in about where we are currently against each goal which was set out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Next Meeting- Thursday, August 8th, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at 1523 Riverview Dr.