



**Kalamazoo County Land Bank Fast Track Authority
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—April 16th, 2021
Electronic Meeting**

Members Present: Thomas Whitener, Carl Roberts, Rebekah Kik, Holly Crump, Brian Hudson, Qianna Decker, Elizabeth Schlott

Members Absent: N/A

County Liaison Present: N/A

Staff Present: Kelly Clarke, Tammy Lahman, Theresa Coty O’Neil, Reality Rojas

Community Members Present: N/A

The April 16th, 2021 Meeting of the Kalamazoo County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors was called to order by Whitener at 8:32 AM Via Zoom. Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88138799938?pwd=WWd6YUZqaTBqQlJxZ05lWU4rVHEvdz09>

Approval of December Minutes:

Hudson made the motion.

Roberts seconded the motion.

Approval of October Minutes passed unanimously.

Additions: N/A

Citizen’s Time: N/A

Commission Liaison Comments: N/A

Chair’s Remarks: Whitener informed the board the foreclosure process for this year was complete and at a historic low for foreclosures and shared the importance of keeping people in their homes. Whitener also informed the board about the American Rescue Act funds which could have a positive impact on the Kalamazoo Land Bank Budget for 2022.

Affirmative/Vibrant: Decker shared an update of the Affirmative Market Campaign with the Show Me the Money event taking place in June. Homeowners will receive a flyer and there will be a Public Media Network commercial tentatively to be completed at the end of May to share information about the Show Me the Money event. This event will help prepare people for homeownership. There will be presentations on either Facebook Live or Zoom with games and prizes to help with financial education.

Executive Director Report: Clarke shared with the board the sale of the 1311 Portage St. to Black Wall Street of Kalamazoo. Nicole Triplett opened Twine, her urban winery in the suite. 1301 Portage St. was sold to a father-daughter team with plans to open a Wings Heaven this summer.

The Sunrise Pocket Plaza RFP was awarded to DeVisser. This Project has been added to their calendar and they expect to finish the project in the Fall. There is hope of an outdoor celebration depending on COVID. Clarke shared a sneak peek on the sign that is being made for the Sunrise Plaza.

Coty O'Neil shared highlights of the annual report including Remi Harrington on the cover who purchased 10 Mills in 2020.

Clarke shared the Kalamazoo Land Bank plans to have a Zoom training session for developers to explain the use of the Kalamazoo Land Bank website, program sheet and data base. This training session will be open to anyone who is interested.

Clarke informed the board of the collapsing building located at 1110 Division. The Kalamazoo Land Bank is working on getting funds to get this building demolished.

Clarke updated the board on debris removal. The Kalamazoo Land Bank met with Action in the Neighborhood and police officers about properties located on the Northside. Action in the Neighborhood referred a contractor who lives in the neighborhood to pick up debris and mow for specific areas on the Northside.

Regular Agenda

- 2021 Budget Amendment

Hudson made the motion.

Decker seconded the motion.

Approval of 2021 Budget Amendment passed unanimously.

- Establish Sustainable Funding Committee

Crump made the motion.

Roberts seconded the motion.

Approval of Sustainable Funding Committee passed unanimously.

Real Estate Update: Crump Informed the board of the meeting the Kalamazoo Land Bank had with the Mattie Jordan Woods at NACD for two properties that were a part of a Mini RFP located on N Burdick. We received an application from Mt. Zion in response to the Mini RFP. Mt. Zion plans to build a \$3 to \$5 million dollar affordable senior assisted living space. This plan meets the Kalamazoo Land Bank's goal of creating affordable housing.

DEI Committee Update: Roberts informed the board on the progress of the DEI Committee. The DEI Committee completed goals that were set in the beginning of the year, one of them being meeting with Family and Children Services to receive insight on their DEI work. Children and Family Services shared their experience utilizing the Intercultural Development Inventory. The DEI committee engaged Maura Robinson to engage in this process with the Land Bank board and staff and all DEI committee members. The DEI committee is also working towards how the Kalamazoo Land Bank can get the word out about the mission of the agency and what we've accomplished in the community. Finally, the DEI committee will be reviewing the Land Bank's DEI plan later this summer after completion of the IDI assessments and individual and group work on Action Plans.

Board Member Comments: Kik shared with the board a City project involving foreclosed townhomes on the northside that went through the foreclosure process are now being rehabbed and will be sold for homeownership. This project included a partnership with NACD and Action in the Neighborhood.

Move to adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:33 AM