Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Regular Meeting:
9:00 AM, Jesse Lowe Conference Room – 3rd Floor
Omaha/Douglas Civic Center
1819 Farnam Street

Meeting Minutes: This document states the minutes before the Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board at the Public Hearing and Administrative meeting held on Wednesday, July 13, 2016.

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Members Present: Cathy Lang, Vice Chair
Tom McLeay
Randy Lenhoff
Rob Woodling
Ken Johnson
John Heine
Mike Riedmann
Julia Plucker
James Thele, Planning Director

Members Not Present: Jamie Berglund, Chair
Diane Battiato
Julie Stavneak

Director Present: Marty Barnhart, Interim Executive Director

Staff Present: Jennifer Taylor, City Law Department
Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC MEETING:

Cathy Lang, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
Roll call was taken with nine (9) board members present (Jamie Berglund, Diane Battiato and Julie Stavneak were absent). Mike Riedmann and Julia Plucker arrived late.

Lang informed the public that a notice of the meeting was published and was verified by Debbie Hightower, Recording Secretary being published in the Daily Record on July 6, 2016. Lang stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is in effect and a copy is available in the room for review. She further stated that copies of the agenda are located on the table by the door.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the minutes from June 8, 2016 and June 29, 2016 as submitted. Tom McLeay seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Marty Barnhart, Interim Executive Director, reviewed the May 2016 financial reports. Heine pointed out that the balance sheet was recently added to the financial report.

In response to Woodling, Barnhart stated that the lot acquired is negligible and is not reported as an asset at this point.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the May 2016 financial report. Tom McLeay seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Mike Riedmann arrived at 9:02am. Julia Plucker Battiato arrived at the meeting at 9:06am.

Barnhart updated the board regarding the RFP for the database system. The summary recommendation report from the Database Committee indicates that Property Profile System and ePropertyPlus database systems were reviewed. The committee included Barnhart, Lang, Berglund and Mike Lechtenberger, IT Director at Mutual of Omaha. Webinar demonstrations were reviewed and compared, a comparison sheet was completed, reference checks were performed and several other Land Banks were contacted. The committee recommended ePropertyPlus as the new database system which was designed by a software company for Land Banks.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the ePropertyPlus database system. Ken Johnson seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Barnhart stated that the RFP for Communication and Marketing was available for review and approval.
Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the Communication and Marketing RFP. Ken Johnson seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Barnhart reported that he has spoken at several community meetings regarding the Land Bank role within the community. He stated that he has been following Joel Cota, Mayor’s Office, within the City and had an opportunity to meet and greet citizens at the Kroc Center. Barnhart indicated that there are several committee meetings scheduled over the next month. He further pointed out that the Strategic Plan has been very well accepted and copies were made available for the public.

Barnhart stated that he and Joel Cota visited several banks within the South Omaha community and talked to several individuals regarding the District 4 position.

Charlie Gould, 5819 William Street, appeared before the board representing Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) and as a volunteer on behalf of the Action Team to express appreciation for the careful and thoughtful decision to hire Marty Barnhart as the permanent Executive Director. He stated that the team met with Barnhart and were struck by his ability to understand the complicated issues that confront the Land Bank along with his relationships within the community, city and county government and the philanthropic community.

Motion by Tom McLeay to go into executive session at 9:20am to discuss the employment contract of the Executive Director position. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Motion by Tom McLeay to end the executive session at 9:37am. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

Motion by Tom McLeay to authorize the Chair or Vice Chair to execute the employment contract as drafted and presented to the board for the employment of Marty Barnhart as Executive Director. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion.

AYES: McLeay, Johnson, Lenhoff, Woodling, Lang
MOTION CARRIED: 5-0

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:40am.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary