Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

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, May 10, 2017.

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Members Present:
Rob Woodling, Chair
Randy Lenhoff, Vice Chair
Ken Johnson
John Heine
Tom McLeay
Cathy Lang
Estela Torres
Mike Riedmann
John Lindsay
Diane Battiato
Ben Gray, City Council Member
James Thele, Planning Director

Members Not Present:
Julie Stavneak
Julia Plucker

Director Present:
Marty Barnhart, Executive Director

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

Rob Woodling, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Woodling stated that the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is in effect and a copy is available in the room for review. He further stated that copies of the agenda are located by the door.

Woodling informed the public that a notice of the meeting was published in the Daily Record on May 3, 2017.

Roll call was taken with twelve (12) board members present (Julie Stavneak and Julia Plucker were absent). Johnson, Torres, Battiato and Gray arrived late.

Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting as submitted. Cathy Lang seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Report

Barnhart submitted the finance and budget report as of March 2017. Lang pointed out that the finance and budget report is very clear.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the March 2017 finance and budget reports as submitted. Cathy Lang seconded the motion.

AYES: Lang, Lenhoff, McLeay, Heine, Torres, Woodling
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0

Audit Report

In response to Woodling, Barnhart pointed out that there are no adjustments to make with regard to the audit.

Motion by Tom McLeay to approve the 2015-2016 Audit as presented. Cathy Lang seconded the motion.

AYES: Lang, Lenhoff, McLeay, Heine, Torres, Woodling
MOTION CARRIED: 6-0
**Acquisitions/Dispositions:**

Barnhart requested approval for the following properties that have been reviewed by the Acquisition/Disposition Committee: 3520 Hamilton Street for $20,000 (demo house and garage for land assembly), 3522 Hamilton Street for $500 (purchase for land assembly), 3155 Meredith Avenue, $12,500 (purchase for property sales), 5040 Maple Street, $5,000 (purchase for property sales), 3708 N. 48 Street, $5,000 (purchase for property sales), 2002 County Club Avenue, $35,000 (purchase for property sales) and 3456 Fowler Circle, $7,525 (property sale, auction, $1,500 beginning bid). Cameron Green was present and is the new homeowner of the property at 3456 Fowler Circle.

Lang requested that the database be shown on the screen in future meetings to visualize the concept of assemblage. Barnhart explained the concept of assemblage. There was further discussion among the board members with regard to assemblage.

Motion by Tom McLeay to approve the acquisition of the listed properties. John Heine seconded the motion.

AYES: Johnson, Lang, Lenhoff, McLeay, Heine, Torres, Woodling

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

**Resolution to Cancel Taxes: OMLB Property Inventory**

Barnhart requested approval of a resolution to cancel taxes on a group of properties deposited into the inventory that were purchased from End of the Road, LLC for a total of $62,453.62.

Motion by Tom McLeay to cancel the taxes for a total of $62,453.62. Cathy Lang seconded the motion.

AYES: Johnson, Lang, Lenhoff, McLeay, Heine, Torres, Woodling

MOTION CARRIED: 7-0

**Vision 400 Update**

Barnhart stated Vision 400 has three aspects: 1) continuing to assemble the list of the first 150 properties to be demolished this year and are waiting for the order from City Planning, 2) contact owner of record to buy the vacant lot, and 3) raise funds to contribute toward the Vision 400 Initiative.

**Reports**

**Executive Director: Community Engagement**

Barnhart highlighted that community engagement includes MAPA and transportation and the vision of economic redevelopment because of the 40th and Hamilton area assemblage. He added that Habitat reached out and would like to partner in the database because of holding property in
depository. Barnhart further added that any non-profit that holds property in the depository could share the database in the future.

**General Public Comments**

Cameron Green, 3456 Fowler Circle, submitted a business card to each board member with a website for landscaping, lawn care and general contracting.

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:42am.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary