Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board

MINUTES
Wednesday, September 13, 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, September 6, 2017.

Certification of Publication: Omaha Municipal Land Bank Board Administrator certifies publication of this agenda in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha on Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

Members Present:  Rob Woodling, Chair
Randy Lenhoff, Vice Chair
Cathy Lang
Estela Torres
John Heine
Mike Riedmann
John Lindsay
David Fanslau, Planning Director
Ben Gray, City Council Member

Members Not Present:  Tom McLeay
Ken Johnson
Julie Stavneak
Diane Battiato
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 September 6, 2017.

Barnhart reported that the Land Bank is in the process of moving the office to 1141 N. 11th Street in the former Midco Building where 3,000 square feet (furnished and wired) will be leased for $7.00 per square foot. He added that he is seeking to add an Executive Assistant that is bi-lingual.

Finance Committee: Finance Report, July 2017

At the Omaha Municipal Land Bank meeting held on September 13, 2017, the approval was placed on the Consent Agenda and Randy Lenhoff moved for approval of the July 2017 finance and budget report as submitted. Cathy Lang seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

Resolution to cancel taxes with Exhibit A

At the Omaha Municipal Land Bank meeting held on September 13, 2017, the approval was placed on the Consent Agenda and Randy Lenhoff moved for the approval of cancelled taxes in the amount of $16,632.34 as submitted with Exhibit “A”. Cathy Lang seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

Acquisitions:

Barnhart requested approval for the acquisition of 1408 North 41st Avenue in the amount of $35,000.00.

Motion by John Heine to approve the acquisition of 1408 North 41st Avenue in the amount of $35,000.00. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

Dispositions:

Barnhart requested approval for the disposition of 3632 Ellison Avenue for $17,500.00 and 4235 Redman Avenue for $17,500.00 to Marcus Jackson.

Motion by Randy Lenhoff to approve the disposition of 3632 Ellison for $17,500.00 and 4235 Redman Avenue for $17,500.00. Cathy Lang seconded the motion which carried 5-0.
Presentation: LaVon Stennis, Reconnect, Inc.

LaVon Stennis presented information with regard to Home Bound: A Homeownership Program of ReConnect, Inc. ReConnect is a non-profit organization that provides prevention and intervention support and services to youth and adults involved in the criminal justice system or at risk of involvement. The Home Bound program would work with the Land Bank by allowing program participants to choose a house from the Land Bank’s inventory based on the participant’s needs.

Policy: Disposition Policy Revision

Barnhart requested approval for a revision to the Disposition Policy’s Redevelopment Agreement which is to reduce the time from two years to nine (9) months for residential property renovation from the date of closing the sale. Commercial properties or land assemblies would continue to require no more than two years for renovation. Lang and Lenhoff confirmed that an extension of the nine (9) months can be brought before the board for approval.

Motion by Cathy Lang to revise the Redevelopment Agreement to read: A complete renovation for the property to a habitable condition in at least nine (9) months for a single-family residential property from the date of closing the sale is required. Randy Lenhoff seconded the motion which carried 5-0.

General Public Comments

None.

Adjournment

It was the consensus of the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:50am.

Debbie Hightower, Planning Department
Recording Secretary