

City of Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:00 a.m.

City of Valdosta – City Hall Annex, Engineering Conference Room

Members Present: Frank Morman, Commissioner Joyce E. Evans, Burke Sherwood, Councilwoman Sandra Tooley and Jack Oliver

Others Present: Carmella Braswell, Sarah Lowe and William (Billy) Steinberg

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Mr. Frank Morman followed by a moment of silence.

Meeting Minutes from the October Meeting were reviewed. Mr. Morman asked for clarification on a motion made. *[It was clarified: Mr. Morman called “entertained” for a motion, and Mr. Sherwood “so moved”.* The motion was seconded and approved.] Mr. Morman therefore called for a motion to approve with the correction mentioned. Mr. Sherwood moved to motion. Motion was seconded and the October Meeting Minutes were approved.

The staggered schedule for Land Bank Membership Appointments was discussed. Mr. Morman asked Mr. Steinberg for confirmation on the legality of the schedule in regards to the Intergovernmental Agreement. There was a concern raised by Councilwoman Tooley with the way she is listed. The schedule would indicate she was the Governmental Appointment. Councilwoman Tooley was appointed as one of the additional City members when the 2012 Legislation was adopted along with Mr. Dove for the County. When former Land Bank Member Councilmen Yost resigned his seat on the Land Bank, Ms. Walker was then appointed by the Mayor to finish out the existing term vacated. Councilwoman Tooley wanted this to be corrected. This brought up additional concerns with how this will affect the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Morman asked for Ms. Lowe to get clarification from the City Mayor's office on the appointments.

Mr. Steinberg shared there were no updates on the Intergovernmental Contract however, he would also need to have clarification on the appointments to see if any changes would be needed.

The Meeting with School Districts (Lowndes/Valdosta) was tabled until the agreement between the City and County is resolved.

Ballot for 2018 Authority Officers was discussed. Commissioner Evans made a motion to keep officers as is until all the changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement could be made and implemented. Mr. Oliver seconded the motion. All approved.

Parcels up for donation were discussed. Mr. Sherwood made a motion to approve for Mr. Steinberg to run title opinions on each parcel and have Ms. Braswell and Ms. Flucas verify the build ability of each lot and have report for next meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Tooley. All approved.

Ms. Braswell provided an update on the Land Bank Authority Parcels 826 and 830 E. Brookwood Drive. Habitat for Humanity is ready to move forward but will wait until all Intergovernmental Agreement with City and County can be reached. In addition she conveyed Ms. Flucas's suggestion to also wait until the tax and stipulations are in place before moving forward.

During open discussion Commissioner Evans mentioned the County is looking for property in the county. Mr. Sherwood mentioned we need to see if the Land Bank Authority can help in facilitating this.

Ms. Braswell let the Land Bank Authority aware of an Investor, Mr. Clint Joyner has expressed interest in doing developments with the Land Bank Authority. It was suggested he be invited to the January meeting.

Also the Georgia Land Bank Authority Atlanta meeting was addressed. Mr. Morman asked for clarification on funds available for travel purposes. Ms. Braswell is planning to attend the meeting scheduled for November 21 and will utilize a County issued vehicle. At this time no formal request was made for travel arrangements be prepared by the City of Valdosta's Neighborhood Development Office. Mr. Morman asked for clarification on the process for Land Bank related travel and have available at the January Meeting.

Last item discussed was the possibility of meeting in December. Through discussion it was clarified we do not have an official meeting time in the month of December. Ms. Lowe informed there is a time slot available in the event of any urgent business, but otherwise it is not posted on the website as a meeting. The suggestion was proposed to hold a Land Bank Christmas breakfast pending further discussion with Ms. Flucas. Tentative time suggested was for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 13.

Closing remarks and thanks were given by Mr. Morman. There were no further items for discussion. The meeting adjourned by 10:10 a.m.