

City of Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority
Retreat & Monthly Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, May 18, 2016 9:00 a.m.

City of Valdosta – City Hall Annex, Engineering Conference Room

Members Present: Commissioner Joyce E. Evans, Burke Sherwood, Frank Morman

Others Present: William (Billy) Steinberg, Vanassa Flucas, Carmella Braswell,
Christopher Brandon, Councilwoman Sandra Tooley (*will be official member
beginning in July*)

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

Mr. Morman confirmed all committee members present, had opportunity to review the revised February Meeting Minutes along with April Meeting Minutes.

Motion made by Commissioner Evans to approve both February and April Meeting Minutes.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Sherwood.

Both February and April Meeting Minutes passed and are ratified.

Mr. Morman welcomed our newly appointed member Councilwoman Sandra Tooley whose office will officially begin on July 1st. Christopher Brandon, Neighborhood Development Intern was also welcomed.

At this time Mr. Morman turned the meeting over to Ms. Vanassa Flucas.

Savannah Tour Presentation was given and discussed. At the conclusion of the presentation the floor was opened for both Councilwoman Tooley and Commissioner Evans to share their thoughts regarding the Savannah Tour since they had participated in the tour. Ms. Flucas stated it would be beneficial to encourage VSU to join our conversations since they are a big part of our community. This would also include Wiregrass and Moody. As we begin to pull in our focus groups, we need to become as inclusive as possible in the planning process.

Mr. Morman called for a 10 minute break.

Meeting reconvened by 10:21 a.m.

Ms. Flucas helped to facilitate the planning session of the retreat.

For topics discussed, please refer to attachments A-G

A: Land Bank Appointees: Mr. Morman suggested that we wait for the final county seat appointment before we make our Land Bank appointment. All Authority members were asked to have suggestions for appointment submitted to Neighborhood Development by June 10. The Neighborhood Development staff will have slate ready by June 17.

B: Policies & Procedures: During discussion of Policies and Procedures, Ms. Flucas asked the Authority if they want to propose making officer decisions at this time.

Commissioner Evans motioned to keep what we have in place for now.

Mr. Sherwood seconded the motion.

Mr. Morman to remain Chair.

Mr. Sherwood to remain Vice Chair.

All were in favor.

C: Mission: Neighborhood Staff will assist in research.

Motion made for 10 minute break.

Meeting reconvened by 11:33 a.m.

D: Funding Sources

E: Training Requirements

F: Strategic Goals

G: Open Discussion

Final remarks and thanks were given by Mr. Morman. Ms. Flucas reminded the authority we would be breaking from meeting over the summer. We will not meet in June or July. The Land Bank Authority will meet again for August, September, October and November. We will not meet in December due to holiday conflicts.

There were no additional items on the agenda. Mr. Morman moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.