

City of Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority
Monthly Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 9:00 a.m.

City of Valdosta – City Hall Annex, Engineering Conference Room

Members Present: Commissioner Joyce E. Evans and Frank Morman

Others Present: William (Billy) Steinberg, Vanassa Flucas, Carmella Braswell,
Christopher Brandon, Sarah Lowe

Guests Present: Carlos Nelson, Ware County Commissioner and
Terrell Murphy, Sr., Waycross Code Enforcement

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Flucas at 9:05 a.m. with a moment of silence requested by Mr. Morman.

Mr. Morman acknowledged and welcomed our guests. Introductions were given by all present.

Since we did not have a quorum for this meeting, all agenda items requiring a vote were tabled until the next meeting in October. However we were able to still utilize the meeting time for discussion.

First item discussed was the Land Bank Authority's new member appointment. Ms. Flucas reminded the Authority and guests present of the new legislation adopted. Through the new legislation, we have three new positions. One representative appointed by the City, one from the County and then the last appointed by the Land Bank Authority. During the retreat, each current Land Bank Authority member was to submit candidates for nomination.

The current nominations, were reviewed along with the process each must follow. The City requires an application to be submitted for any interested candidate, but the county does not. The Land Bank Authority members present preferred to have a separate process. The process suggested was to have the candidate submit basic contact information, and to sign a confidentiality form and a conflict of interest form. This will be discussed more at the October meeting.

The newest vacancy from the City's appointment was also discussed. Ms. Flucas is planning to speak with the City Mayor regarding the potential plans for the City's new appointment and will report back to the Land Bank Authority.

Ms. Flucas provided a brief history of the City of Valdosta-Lowndes County Land Bank Authority along with the new legislature for our guests.

The upcoming conference was discussed. The Land Bank Authority is sending a few members to the Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference in Baltimore later this month (September). Ms. Flucas shared with the Authority some of the activities and workshops involved and the overall benefit for attending.

Last item on the agenda was the Land Bank Authority's Mission Statement. During the May Retreat, the Land Bank Authority members discussed updating the mission statement. Staff gathered various mission statements from other land bank authority's websites for research. Ms. Flucas suggested these can be used for guidance. Once the mission statement has been created and finalized, we can update our website accordingly.

Brief update given regarding the Neighborhood Development upcoming events.

There were no additional items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.