

LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

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Monday, Jan. 21, 2021– 1:00pm
via Video Conferencing

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Bezona	(9-2)	10/07/23
	Ryan Haywood	(3-5)	10/07/21
	Mary Kottenstette	(4-0)	
	Isobel McGowan	(9-1)	10/07/22
	Tama Wagner	(7-1)	10/07/21
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Kathy Hill Bahner	(7-4)	10/07/23
	Jenny Gann	(8-3)	10/07/23
	Ali Kamali	(10-1)	10/07/22
	Joni Westcott	(8-3)	10/07/21

OTHERS PRESENT:

Clint Thompson, Director of Planning and Community Development
Kim Schutte, Recording Secretary

Call to Order – Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00

ROLL CALL – Five (5) members were in attendance; quorum present. Bahner - absent, Bezona - present, Gann - absent, Haywood – present, Kamali - absent, Kottenstette – present, McGowan – present, Wagner – present, Westcott - absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – McGowan moved to approve the Dec. 21, 2020 minutes as written. Bezona second. Voice vote – motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Grant Program: Thompson discussed the proposed incentive grant program. The proposed program would give one-to-one matching grants of up to \$20,000 to purchasers of properties from the Land Bank to enable them to secure and stabilize the structure. The program is modeled on existing grant programs such as the Save Our Heritage and the Facade Improvement grants.

McGowan asked if it would be a once a year award like the Save Our Heritage. Thompson replied that it would have a rolling application process.

Wagner asked what the benefits were to using this approach and if it would break the bottleneck that seems to be preventing the Land Bank from acquiring property. Thompson replied that individual property owners likely would be able to complete necessary work at a lower price point than the city

could, thus getting more construction completed for each dollar spent. He stated that this approach would likely have the result of making it easier for the Land Bank Board to commit to acquiring properties.

Kottenstette asked what would happen if properties were acquired by the Land Bank but no purchaser is found, would the structure remain a blight in the neighborhood? Thompson replied that the city would continue to maintain the property and that there is no guarantee that all properties will find purchasers and it is possible that the city will have to demolish some of the structures it takes possession of.

McGowan expressed support for the idea, pointing out that it dovetails well with the Urban Homesteading concept.

The committee continued to discuss the matter. Thompson will send out the draft grant documents on Jan. 22 for the committee to review prior to the next meeting on Feb. 8. At that time, the committee will determine if it will recommend the program for adoption by the Land Bank board.

ADJOURN

McGowan moved, Kottenstette second. Adjourn at 1:40

Respectfully submitted by Kim Schutte, Secretary