

## **Land Bank Commission Minutes November 19, 2008**

Chair Grace Blagdon called the meeting to order. All members were present.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Grace Blagdon asked that the October minutes be approved. Commissioner Andrew Francis made a motion to approve the October minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Willis Smith; motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

Ward Hanna discussed the Neighborhood Stabilization Act Report. Commissioner Susan Chan and Commissioner Grace Blagdon also attended a preliminary webinar with the Federal Reserve.

Travis Martin will be the Redevelopment Administrator. He is scheduled to start work on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Stodola discussed different ways to acquire property for the city.

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Legal Affairs*

Legal Affairs held a joint meeting with Funding and Development on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There were three topics of discussion in this meeting.

- 1) Phase 1 assessment
- 2) Foreclosure sales
- 3) Characteristics of a typical type of property

#### *Administration and Operations*

Commissioner Michael Robinson mentions there were three meetings. He would like to discuss policy and procedure, focus on Neighborhoods and Data collection. Information was collected to assess these areas of community that provide the greatest opportunity for land bank.

### **Old Business**

#### *A. Public Notebook*

The Public Notebook is finished; it will be located at the front desk in the Neighborhood Resource Center.

#### *B. Web Page*

The site is created; there will be someone to administer the site. The site will be for members to post information and activities.

<http://sites.google.com/site/Irelandbankcommission/>

*C. Dan Kildee*

Mr. Kildee who is the Genesee County Treasurer in Michigan, he will be here December 15<sup>th</sup> from 8-3 to give a workshop for the Land Bank Commission.

### **New Business**

- a. Redevelopment Administrator will be on board December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. There is a regular scheduled Land Bank meeting on December 17<sup>th</sup> w/ Debra Buckner.
- c. There will be an Annual Report of a draft to be posted on the web page.

### **Citizen Communication**

Annie Abrams, Pres. of Coalition Neighborhood said they will be watching Land Bank Commission closely.

Citizen Robert Jones asked what would be the benefit to a person to donate property to Land Bank. The answer is to eliminate personal property taxes.

Nicole Winstead suggested speaking to EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) about getting city grants to help with Phase 1 Environmental assessment.

### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Grace Blagdon motioned that the meeting be adjourned.