

MEETING MINUTES OF THE COOK COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 29, 2014

Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority met pursuant to notice on May 29, 2014 at 8:00 AM in the offices of the Metropolitan Planning Council, 140 South Dearborn, fourteenth floor conference room, Chicago, Illinois.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Gainer called the meeting of the Board to order.

Present: Directors Brawley, Brewer, Friedman, Gainer, Grisham, Helmer, Holmes, Ostenburg, Planey, Porras, Saffo, Ware (12)

Absent: Directors Jenkins, Sherwin (2)

Also Present: **Brian White** (*CCLBA Executive Director*), **Director Dworkin** (via conference call)

Chairman Gainer introduced a motion to allow Director Dworkin to participate in the meeting via conference call. Director Friedman, seconded by Director Ostenburg, moved to approve. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Others Present:

Bob Benjamin (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **George Blakemore** (*Concerned citizen*), **Marsha Borders** (*Community Renewal*), **Brian Clappier** (*City of Chicago*), **Allison Clark** (*MacArthur Foundation*), **An Daly** (*DePaul Builders*), **John Edel** (*The Plant*), **Nate Ela** (*University of Wisconsin-Madison*), **Amy Ellingson** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer*), **Yonina Gray** (*Metropolitan Planning Council*), **Mickey Grayson** (*United States Receiver*), **Adam Gross** (*BPI*), **Marcy Hotlas** (*Mercy Housing*), **Mike Jasso** (*Cook County*), **Michelle Jordan** (*Cook County Commissioner Suffredin*), **Abin Kuriakose** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer*), **Michael Li** (*Dream Town Realty*), **Diane Limas** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Liz Lita** (*Another Door Opens*), **Phyllis Logan** (*Universal Housing Solutions Community Development Corporation*), **Nick Lucius** (*City of Chicago*), **Tom Mahoney** (*Cook County Commissioner Suffredin's Office*), **Stephanie Milito** (*Cook County Planning & Development*), **Aya Nakamura** (*The Neighborhood Foundation*), **Dan Pontarelli** (*Pontarelli Cos*), **Pat Riemer** (*St. John United Church of Christ*), **Ryan Schmitt** (*DePaul Institute for Housing Studies*), **Laura Scruggs** (*Community Renewal Society*), **Justin Slaughter** (*Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore*), **Willis Thompson** (*Black Construction Alliance*), **Vincent Waller** (*Cook County*)

II. Public Speakers

Chairman Gainer noted there were two public speakers: **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Diane Limas** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*)

III. Executive Director's Report (Brian White)

CCLBA Executive Director Brian White delivered a presentation on the progress of moving the CCLBA forward. Brian reported that a Senior Acquisition Manager has been hired, and searches are started for a Database Analyst and Administrative Assistant IV. A RFP for a Property Inventory Tracking System was issued and five proposals are being evaluated. Brian also noted that CCLBA distributed around 40 Request for Services forms at the City of Chicago/Cook County 2014 Vendor Fair.

Brian announced that the acquisition of the first set of properties is scheduled for June and July. CCLBA is continuing to develop community connections to ensure acquisitions align with local community plans and preferences.

After his presentation, Brian answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

IV. Presentation by John Edel from The Plant

John Edel from The Plant delivered a presentation about The Plant's site and urban farming practices. After the presentation, John answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

V. Consent Agenda

Director Holmes, seconded by Director Saffo, moved to approve the amended consent agenda which includes the April 24, 2014 CCLBA Board of Directors meeting minutes, the May 20, 2014 Data & Analytics Committee meeting notice and the May 20, 2014 Sustainability Committee meeting minutes. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Financial Report from the Treasurer (Director Holmes)

Director Holmes as CCLBA Treasurer delivered the financial report. The Finance Committee did not meet in May. **No action taken.**

VII. Illinois Housing Development Authority Grant Acceptance Resloution

Director Grisham, seconded by Director Helmer, moved to accept and approve the resolution for the Illinois Housing Development Authority grant. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. Report from Land Transactions Committee Chair (Director Friedman)

Director Friedman as Chair of the CCLBA Land Transactions Committee delivered a report from the Land Transactions Committee. The Land Transactions Committee did not meet in May. **No action taken.**

IX. Proposed amendments to the Land Transactions Policy

Director Friedman, seconded by Director Brewer, moved to accept the proposed amendments to the CCLBA Land Transactions Policies & Procedures. **The motion carried unanimously.**

X. Report from the Sustainability Committee Chair (Director Brawley)

Director Brawley as Committee Chair of the CCLBA Sustainability Committee delivered a report from the Sustainability Committee. Director Brawley introduced a draft Mission Statement and list of priorities for the Sustainability Committee to review. Commissioner Gainer's Office is continuing to work with the Sustainability Committee and Brian White to research best practices in sustainability. **No action taken.**

XI. Report from Data & Analytics Committee Chair (Director Sherwin)

The Data & Analytics Committee did not have a quorum present and was not called to order. **No action taken.**

XII. Chairman's Report (Director Gainer)

Chairman Gainer announced the July CCLBA Board of Directors meeting has been rescheduled from July 31 to July 24. Chairman Gainer reminded meeting participants that all documents from the meeting are available on the CCLBA's website, and that the next CCLBA Board meeting is May 29, 2014 at 8:00AM at the Metropolitan Planning Council. **No action taken.**

XIII. Adjournment

Director Ostenburg, seconded by Director Planey, moved to adjourn. THE MOTION CARRIED AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority

Bridget Gainer, Chairwoman

Attest.

Director Ostenburg, Secretary