

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

June 26, 2014

Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority met pursuant to notice on June 26, 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

Chairwoman Gainer called the meeting of the Board to order.

Present: Directors Brawley, Brewer, Friedman, Gainer, Grisham, Helmer, Holmes, Ostenburg, Planey, Porras, Sherwin (via conference phone), Ware (12)

Not Present: Directors Dworkin, Holmes, Jenkins, Richardson, Saffo (5)

Also Present: Brian White (*CCLBA Executive Director*)

Others Present:

Daniel Backman (*BPI*), **Bob Benjamin** (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Marsha Borders** (*Community Renewal*), **Charles Brown** (*Action Now*), **Jonathan Burch** (*CMAP*), **Allison Clark** (*MacArthur Foundation*), **Amy Ellingson** (*Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office*), **Eric Feldman** (*Eric Feldman & Associates*), **Elaine Gawrych** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Ron Grais** (*Thresholds*), **Adam Gross** (*BPI*), **Lindsey Hammond** (*Community Renewal Society*), **Michael Jasso** (*Cook County*), **Michelle Jordan** (*Commissioner Larry Suffredin's Office*), **Homin Kim** (*Cook County*), **Demian Kogan** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Abin Kuriakose** (*Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office*), **John Lastre** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Lemuria Consultants**, **Diane Limas** (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*), **Sheik Love EL** (*Moorish Science Temple of America*), **Stephanie Milito** (*Cook County Planning*), **Jennifer Miller** (*Cook County*), **Kirby Pearson** (*Pearson Realty*), **Barbara Pressl** (*Cook County Clerk's Office*), **Armando Reyes** (*Mercy Portfolio Services*), **Emily Robinson** (*Elevate Energy*), **Ryan Schmitt** (*Institute for Housing Studies*), **Elizabeth Scott** (*Chicago Rehab Network*)

II. Public Speakers

Chairwoman Gainer noted there were two public speakers:

Diane Limas (*Albany Park Neighborhood Council*)

Sheik L. Love El (*Moorish Science Temple of America*).

III. Cook County Planning & Development Presentation by Jennifer Miller,
Program Manager of Cook County Bureau of Economic Development

Jennifer Miller and Jane Hornstein of the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development presented on the "Planning for Progress" initiative, the strategic planning process which will lead

to the development of new consolidated plan and comprehensive economic development strategy for Cook County. Jennifer was also accompanied with Jonathan Burch, Project Manager for the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP). After the presentation, both Jennifer and Jonathan answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

IV. Executive Director's Report (Brian White)

A. Presentation of STR Grants/ePropertyPlus: Brian introduced Dean and Suresh Thalluri of STR Grants LLC. Together, they delivered a live demonstration and presentation of ePropertyPlus – a land bank property inventory tracking system. After their presentation, both Dean and Suresh answered questions from the Board of Directors.

B. Announcement of hiring Administrative Assistant IV: Brian announced that Natasha Cornog will join the Land Bank as their first Administrative Assistant on Monday, June 30, 2014.

C. Update on Property Acquisitions: three properties accepted via purchase and fourteen properties accepted as donations.

D. Preliminary Budget: additional costs and revenues to be determined based on planning dispositions in the short term (within 2014).

E. Other: facilitated transfer of three-unit property and \$15,000.00 cash contribution from bank REO to nonprofit developer. Assisting in conveyance of three vacant lots to nonprofit group for community garden and other development purposes. Pursuing strategies around additional bulk transfers of lots and developed parcels. Engaged groups developing projects around storm water management, solar enterprise, mixed metal consortium, urban tree farming and more.

No action taken.

V. Consent Agenda

Director Friedman, seconded by Director Brawley, moved to approve the consent agenda which includes the May 29, 2014 CCLBA Board of Directors meeting minutes. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Approval of Amended General Operating Policies and Procedures

Director Helmer, seconded by Director Ware, moved to approve the amended General Operating Policies and Procedures which allows for non-director members to be included in formal Cook County Land Bank Authority committees. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Director Friedman as chair of the Land Transactions Committee delivered the report. Director Friedman communicated to the Board of Director for any additional suggestions to the adopted CCLBA Land Transactions Policies and Procedures. Brian White commented that it may be useful for clarification on properties between one to four units. **No action taken.**

VI. Financial Report from the CCLBA Treasurer (Director Holmes)

Chairman Gainer noted that Director Holmes, CCLBA Treasurer was not present at the meeting

VIII. Chairwoman's Report (Director Gainer)

Chairman Gainer announced the appointment of Lyneir Richardson as a newest Director for the CCLBA Board of Directors. Chairman Gainer also reminded all directors that the next full Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24 2014, 8:00 AM instead of Thursday, July 31 2014, 8:00 AM and wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday. **No action taken.**

XII. Adjournment

Director Brawley, seconded by Director Sherwin, 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, Chairman

Attest.

Director Ostenburg, Secretary