

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

March 27, 2014

Board of Directors of the Cook County Land Bank Authority met pursuant to notice on March 27, 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

Vice-Chairman Grisham called the meeting of the Board to order.

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

Absent: Directors Gainer, Sherwin (2)

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

Vice-Chairman Grisham introduced a motion to allow Director Jenkins to participate in the meeting via conference call. Director Planey, seconded by Director Holmes, moved to approve. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Others Present:

Anthony Allan (*Cook County*), **Bob Benjamin** (*Cook County Treasurer's Office*), **George Blakemore** (*Concerned citizen*), **Marsha Borders** (*Community Renewal*), **Larry Chery** (*Landguard Eagle*), **Brian Clappier** (*City of Chicago*), **Allison Clark** (*MacArthur Foundation*), **An Daly** (*DePaul Builders*), **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*), **Danielle McCain** (*Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*), **Stephanie Milito** (*Cook County Planning & Development*), **Aya Nakamura** (*The Neighborhood Foundation*), **Damon Perry** (*Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*), **Mary Ellen Podmolik** (*Chicago Tribune*), **Dan Pontarelli** (*Pontarelli Cos*), **Devin Race** (*Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*), **Jay Readey** (*Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law*), **Pat Riemer** (*St. John United Church of Christ*), **Katie Sabo** (*Cook County Commissioner Bridget Gainer*), **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

Vice-Chairman Grisham noted there were two public speakers: **George Blakemore** (*Concerned Citizen*), **Larry Cherry** (*Landguard Eagle*)

III. Executive Director's Report (Brian White)

CCLBA Executive Director Brian White delivered a presentation on the progress of moving the CCLBA forward and his proposed 30/60/90 day plan. After his presentation, Brian answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

IV. "Innovation House Project" presentation by Jay Readey, Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law"

Jay Readey, Executive Director of the Chicago Lawyers Committee of Civil Rights Under the Law, and Damon Perry, also of the Chicago Lawyers Committee of Civil Rights Under the Law, delivered a presentation on the Innovation House Project. After the presentation, they answered questions from the Board of Directors. **No action taken.**

V. Consent Agenda

Director Ostenburg, seconded by Director Helmer, moved to approve the amended consent agenda which includes the February 27, 2014 CCLBA Board of Directors meeting minutes and the March 25, 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. **No action taken.**

VII. Illinois Attorney General's National Foreclosure Grant

Director Friedman, seconded by Director Brawley, moved to accept and approve the Illinois Attorney General's National Foreclosure Grant to the CCLBA. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. Resolution encouraging the Creation of the Cook County Land Bank Foundation as an Illinois Non-For-Profit Corporation

Director Holmes, seconded by Director Brewer, moved to approve a resolution of the Cook County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors encouraging the creation of the Cook County Land Bank Foundation as an Illinois Non-For-Profit Corporation. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. Committee Report from the Sustainability Committee (Director Brawley)

Director Brawley as Committee Chair of the CCLBA Sustainability Committee delivered a report from the Sustainability Committee. CCLBA Executive Director Brian White and Commissioner Bridget Gainer's Office are drafting a Sustainability Committee mission statement and priorities document. **No action taken.**

X. Chairman's Report (Director Gainer)

Chairwoman Gainer was not in attendance. Vice-Chairman Grisham reminded meeting participants that all documents from the meeting are available on the CCLBA's website, and that the next CCLBA Board meeting is April 24, 2014 at 8:00AM at the Metropolitan Planning Council. **No action taken.**

XII. Adjournment

Director Saffo, seconded by Director Ware, 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