Jonesboro Land Bank Commission Minutes for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Via City Council Chambers, 300 South Church Street, Jonesboro, AR

Note: We will follow guidelines for public meetings per the Arkansas Department of Health.

1. Roll Call

Present: Jeffrey Herndon, Corey Mills, Dennis Zolper, Gabe Roberts, Bob Warner, Ryan Robeson, Heather Owens, Derrel Smith

Absent: James Hollywood, Jay McLeod

Resigned: Jeremy Moore, Ray Osment

2. Finding of a quorum

3. Approval of Minutes

a. July 13, 2021

A motion was made by Dennis Zolper to approve the minutes, seconded by Gabe Roberts. The motion PASSED unanimously.

4. Old Business

5. New Business

A. 105 Drake Update, Vote on Donation

Ryan Robeson stated he spoke to the property owner of 105 N Drake and she has signed the property donation form. He stated they are working on getting it appraised and it should be completed by the end of the week. He stated they should be able to vote on the acquisition of the property and forward that to City Council for approval.

Bob Warner asked for commissioner comment.

Jeffrey Herndon asked if there were any liens on the property that would be forgiven.

Ryan Robeson stated there should not be any liens on the property.

Bob Warner stated that would show on the title search prior to approval from City Council.

Dennis Zolper asked about a gentleman that spoke at a prior meeting about the Land Bank and asked if there was any follow up to that conversation.

Ryan Robeson stated he has spoken to him since about properties owned by the Land Bank. He stated once we are ready to redevelop this area, he is interested in putting in a bid for the project.

Bob Warner stated the focus after this acquisition would be 508 Front to complete the block.

A motion was made by Dennis Zolper to approve the acquisition of the property at 105 N Drake St., seconded by Jeffrey Herndon, that this matter be Approved. The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 5 – Jeffrey Herndon, Corey Mills, Dennis Zolper, Gabe Roberts, and Bob Warner

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Nay: 0

B. Commission Recommendations for Appointments, Areas of Interest

Bob Warner stated Ray Osment and Jeremy Moore both resigned from the Land Bank and those positions need to be filled. He stated he would accept suggestions from each committee member and they can email those suggestions to Ryan Robeson or himself.

Derrel Smith asked if any vacancies need to be filled by certain organizations or areas.

Ryan Robeson stated he believes they are all filled. He stated they would like to get someone from Ward 4, but that is not a requirement. He stated the other can be from anywhere in the city.

Jeffrey Herndon stated he lives in Valley View so is likely Ward 4, but also represents Habitat for Humanity.

C. Commissioner Comments

Bob Warner asked for additional commissioner comments. There were none.

6. Public Comments (3 Minutes Per Person)

Bob Warner asked for public comments. There were none.

7. Adjournment

Dennis Zolper made a motion to adjourn. The motion PASSED unanimously.