# Meeting of Build Baton Rouge
## Board of Commissioners

## MINUTES
**MAY 16, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801**

## MEETING CALLED BY
John Noland

## TYPE OF MEETING
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting

## NOTE TAKER
Tara Titone

### ATTENDEES

- **Attending Board Members:** John Noland, Chairman; Brian Haymon, Vice Chairman; Susan Turner, Treasurer; Theodore Major, Secretary; Rodney Braxton

- **Also attending:** Christopher Tyson, BBR President and CEO; Tara Titone, BBR COO; Geno McLaughlin, BBR Community Outreach Specialist; Heather LeBlanc, V. Graham; Timothy Boone, The Advocate; Jonathan LeMaire, BRAC; Rowdy Gaudet, Mayor’s Office; Monique Robinson, Vital Resource Soltions; Sadie Roberts-Joseph, BRAA Museum; Pat LeDuff, SCDC CADAV; Rinaldi Jacobs, Full Circle Development; Fairleigh Jackson, Preserve LA; Evelyn Jackson, Red Stick Project; Haley Blakeman, CPEX; Adam Knapp, BRAC; Jacques Hawkins; Samuel Sanders, Sherisa Sullivan, MCRA; Raymond Jetson, MetroMorphosis; Gwen Hamilton, New Schools BR; Cordia Clark, District 10; Helena Williams, Walls Project; Barbara Freiberg, District 12; Eric Dexter, Civil Solutions; Frank Duke, BR Herpreet Singh, STA-LA; Bill Deville, BR CATS; Theo Richards

## CALL TO ORDER
**JOHN NOLAND**

## DISCUSSION
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at **9:05 AM**

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES
**JOHN NOLAND**

## DISCUSSION
The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 18, 2019 meeting. Mr. Major made a motion to approve and Mr. Haymon seconded the motion. The April 18, 2019 minutes were approved with no objection.

## FINANCIAL REPORT
**CHRISTOPHER TYSON**

## DISCUSSION
Mrs. LeBlanc presented the Board with the YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget, Program Statement of Activity and Cash Flow for the period ended April 30, 2019, and Monthly Cash Flow Projections. The Board took no issue.

## CEO UPDATE
**CHRISTOPHER TYSON**

- Mr. Tyson provided a brief update on BBR’s projects.

- **Ardendale:** Baton Rouge awarded $30 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant. BBR has received notice from the ACOA that our wetlands mitigation application has been posted for public notice. The public notice is 20 days from March 25, 2019.

- **Plank Corridor:** May 22 concept planning meeting; Grant funding commitments update: **TOTAL:** $214,500 financial, $10,000+ in-kind

- **Grants Division (OCD Administration):** Community Improvement Project RFP- funds awarded to Scotlandville CDC, Glen Oaks-Zion City CDC, Old South CDC, Melrose East/Red Stick Arts, MCRA/Walls Project.
Blight/Land Bank: Monroe and Tecumseh Streets trespass cleared, news reported. Our neighbor has been in touch with the trespasser who asserts his rights to the property, even though our neighbor purchased his lots from Civic Source and ours were transferred by the Metro Council. Our neighbor has filed a police report and we are working together to have the cars removed.

Other News:

- Our strategic visioning work is complete. Full report developed.
- We are beginning the process of pursuing a New Market Tax Credit application.
- **Co-City Project:** the Co-City Project Luncheon will be held Wednesday, May 29th, Room 801. Clayton Gillette, Sheila Foster, and Manny Patole will visit then. Co-City is an initiative of the Marron Institute for Urban Management at NYU and the LabGov Project at Georgetown focused on supporting and cultivating collaborative, community led community development efforts in cities both domestically and abroad. The Co-City Project has chosen Baton Rouge as its next partner city and has committed $50,000 in funds to support the partnership. That funding commitment supports a NYU-based Program Manager, Manny Patole. Manny made his first visit to Baton Rouge for the Food Truck Roundup. We will be coordinating a second visit in the coming months. Mr. Tyson will send out a separate communication about the next visit as we hope to stage a more formal kick-off with key partners and stakeholders.
- On Thursday, May 9th John Snow of Emergent Method and Mr. Tyson presented at the 2nd Annual Urbanism Next Conference in Portland, Oregon. The talk was entitled, "The Missing Middle: Understanding the Unique Challenges of AV Adaptation for Mid-Size Metros." We look forward to elevating Baton Rouge in the growing national conversation around the secondary impacts of AV adaptation on cities.
- House Bill 466 – addressing requirements for sufficient notice for tax adjudicated properties passed the House, headed to the Senate. Mr. Tyson spoke in favor both at the Capital Regional BBR is co-planning and hosting a statewide housing conference this summer with the Housing Louisiana coalition, which includes Housing NOLA and other entities statewide. The one-day conference is set for July in Baton Rouge.

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<td><strong>DISCUSSION</strong></td>
<td>Ms. Robinson and Ms. Delos Reyes presented the proposed values, vision, mission and name for the Authority and briefed the public on the strategic visioning process that was conducted over the past 4 months with BBR leadership, staff, Steering Committee, stakeholders and the public. Ms. Delos Reyes presented the final “(Re)Visoning Redevelopment: East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority’s 2019 Strategic Visioning Initiative” document and Mr. Tyson asked the Board for approval.</td>
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<td><strong>ACTION</strong></td>
<td>Mr. Braxton made a motion to adopt “(Re)Visoning Redevelopment: East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority’s 2019 Strategic Visioning Initiative” and the proposed values, vision, mission and name of the Authority. Ms. Turner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously to adopt “(Re)Visoning Redevelopment, the 2019 Strategic Visioning Initiative” and the values, vision, mission and name for the Authority.</td>
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<td><strong>NEW BUSINESS</strong></td>
<td>No new business.</td>
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<td><strong>PUBLIC COMMENT</strong></td>
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<td><strong>ADJOURNMENT</strong></td>
<td>Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 10:13 AM.</td>
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