



**Meeting of
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority
Board of Commissioners**

MINUTES	APRIL 5, 2018	9:00 A.M.	620 FLORIDA STREET, STE. 110 70801
MEETING CALLED BY	John Noland		
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Tara Titone		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: John Noland, Chairman; Brian Haymon; Theodore Major</p> <p>Also attending: Tara Wicker EBR Metro Council; Christopher Tyson, RDA President and CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Vice President; Tasha Saunders, RDA Grants Administrator; Marla Morris, RDA Grants Coordinator; Heather LeBlanc, Vanessa Graham, LLC;; Samuel Sanders, MCRA; Tim Boone, The Advocate; Byron Turner, Fannie Mae; Kia Bickham; Gabe Vicknair, DDD</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at 9:18 a.m.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES		JOHN NOLAND
DISCUSSION	The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 15, 2018 meeting and took no issue.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Haymon moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Major seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	AUDIT UPDATE		CHRISTOPHER TYSON
DISCUSSION	Mr. Tyson stated that Faulk & Winkler was selected through a request for proposals process and awarded the audit contract. They are expected to deliver their preliminary report of the RDA's audited 2017 financials by May 2018. The Board was asked to review and approve responses to the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2017 year and adopt a resolution.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Major made a motion to approve responses to the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2017 year and adopt the resolution. Mr. Haymon seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	FINANCIAL UPDATE		HEATHER LEBLANC
DISCUSSION	Mrs. LeBlanc provided the board with the April 2018 profit and loss statement, cash flow statement for the period, 2018 cash flow summary. The Board took no issue.		
	CEO REPORT		
DISCUSSION	<p>Mr. Tyson introduced the RDA's Grants Administrator, Tasha Saunders; Grants Coordinator, Marla Morris; and Administrative Assistant, Debora Washington who were recently hired.</p> <p>Mr. Tyson reported out on ongoing activities including the transit oriented development revitalization of the Plank Road corridor, the City's first commercial corridor and currently the most blighted. The corridor holds CATS' second highest ridership in the City, and the focus will be on implementing the State's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project along the corridor. Key partners are on board, and the Mayor has been</p>		

	<p>engaged at this point. The project is moving towards the initial planning stages, building on Fregonese and Associates' work and recommendations through FutureBR.</p> <p>The RDA Grants division, in conjunction with the City-Parish Office of Community Development (OCD), had begun the process of engaging the public to shape the 2018 Action Plan for the expenditure of the 2018 HUD HOME and CDBG funds. Mr. Tyson reported that the partnership between the RDA and OCD is going well.</p> <p>The RDA has been engaged in the Metro Council's discussions on blight and is partnering with the Mayor and City on their efforts to address and eliminate blight, as the core mission of the RDA.</p>
	NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Mr. Haymon stated that with the RDA's recent "reboot" he would like to see a report-out on the various programs with a definition and measurement of the goals the RDA is working towards. Mr. Major stated that he would like to meet with Mr. Tyson to gain a better understanding of the RDA's work. Mr. Tyson reported that he will be scheduling a Board retreat this summer to further flesh out the current and future work of the RDA and that the RDA would be in touch to schedule.</p>
PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
ADJOURNMENT	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am .

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