



EAST BATON ROUGE
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**Meeting of
East Baton Rouge Redevelopment Authority
Board of Commissioners**

MINUTES	NOVEMBER 16, 2017	9:00 A.M.	801 NORTH BLVD BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
MEETING CALLED BY	John Noland		
TYPE OF MEETING	Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Tara Titone, RDA		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: John Noland, Chairman; Van Mayhall, Vice Chairman; Dr. James Llorens, Secretary; Susan Turner, Treasurer; Rodney Braxton</p> <p>Also attending: Gwen Hamilton, RDA Interim CEO; Tara Titone, RDA Director; Amanda Wells, RDA Attorney, Baker Donelson; Vanessa Graham, Vanessa Graham LLC; Heather LeBlanc, Vanessa Graham, LLC; Christopher Tyson, Incoming RDA CEO; Samuel Sanders, MCRA; Tim Boone, The Advocate; Byron Turner, Fannie Mae; Carol Smith, Harvey Smith Construction</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER	JOHN NOLAND	
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Noland at 9:26 a.m. , immediately following the EDBCDE Board and Advisory Board meeting.		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	JOHN NOLAND	
DISCUSSION	The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 19, 2017 meeting and took no issue.		
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Braxton moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Mayhall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.		
	FINANCIAL UPDATE	VANESSA GRAHAM	
DISCUSSION	Mrs. Graham provided the board with the October 2017 profit and loss statement, cash flow statement for the period, 2017 cash flow summary. Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Leblanc presented the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed General Fund Budget, 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed EBRMFA Budget, 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed CDBG Gustav/Ike Budget, 2018 Proposed CDBG/HOME:OCD Budget, and the 2017 Amended and 2018 Proposed Land Bank Budget to the Board.		
CONCLUSIONS	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Braxton to adopt a resolution to approve the 2017 Amended General Fund, EBRMFA, CDBG Gustav/Ike, and Land Bank Budgets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All Board members present were in favor, and the Amended 2017 General Fund, EBRMFA, CDBG Gustav/Ike, and Land Bank Budgets were approved.</p> <p>A motion was made by Mr. Braxton to adopt a resolution to approve the Proposed 2018 Proposed General Fund, EBRMFA, CDBG Gustav/Ike, CDBG/HOME: OCD, and Land Bank Budgets. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Turner. All Board members present were in favor, and the 2018 Proposed General Fund, EBRMFA, CDBG Gustav/Ike, CDBG/HOME: OCD, and Land Bank Budgets were approved.</p>		

	ARDENDALE UPDATE	GWEN HAMILTON/ AMANDA WELLS
DISCUSSION	Mrs. Hamilton gave a brief update on the Ardendale project and the EBR Housing Authority's interest in purchasing approximately 25 acres west of Ardenwood Drive for the purposes of the placement of mixed-income housing. The Housing Authority needs an executed intent to purchase agreement for their LIHTC funding application. Ms. Wells explained that the purchase price of the acreage would be the fair market appraised value of the property, and Mrs. Hamilton clarified that the purchase income would be returned to the State, as the Ardendale property was purchased with CDBG funds.	
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Braxton moved to adopt Resolution to enter into an Option to Purchase, upon satisfaction of all statutory and regulatory requirements, with Integral Development, LLC or one of its affiliates for the transfer of approx. 25 acres at Ardendale for the purpose of constructing high-quality mixed income housing. Mr. Mayhall seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.	
	CEO REPORT	
DISCUSSION	Mrs. Hamilton gave a brief update on the Entergy Project, stating that they were on schedule and that demolition would be starting in the coming weeks. Mrs. Hamilton asked Mr. Sam Sanders to give a quick update on his N. 24 th Street property that the RDA transferred to him for the purposes of constructing affordable housing. Mr. Sanders stated that the property has undergone an environmental Phase I and Phase II. He is awaiting the results of Phase II to determine next steps for development.	
	NEW BUSINESS, PUBLIC COMMENT & ADJOURNMENT	
NEW BUSINESS	No new business.	
PUBLIC COMMENT	<p>Mr. Byron Turner stated that there were old talks about the RDA creating a non-profit arm that could receive CHOTO and other sources of revenue for housing initiatives and asked if this was still in question. Mr. Noland and Mrs. Wells explained that the RDA can act as a non-profit in many ways and that the RDA is open to considering establishing non-profits for development projects moving forward.</p> <p>Mr. Noland thanked Mr. Mayhall for his steadfast role with the RDA Board and thanked him for his 10 years of service to the RDA as he moves on to pursue other endeavors.</p> <p>Mr. Noland stated that Mrs. Turner, Mr. Braxton and Mr. Noland have been reappointed to the RDA Board with the other two positions being filled by the Mayor and Baton Rouge Area Chamber.</p> <p>Mr. Noland noted the nice Mid City reception honoring Mrs. Hamilton and her acceptance of the Moody Award. Mr. Noland thanked Mrs. Hamilton for going above and beyond what she was required to do over three years ago when accepting the interim position at the RDA.</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	Mr. Mayhall suggested making a motion to remove Mrs. Hamilton's 'interim' status for her last month at the RDA. Mr. Braxton made the motion, and Mr. Noland seconded the motion. The motion to remove Mrs. Hamilton's 'interim' title for her last month at the RDA was carried unanimously.	
ADJOURNMENT	Mr. Noland adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am .	