



**Joint Meeting of:  
Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners and  
East Baton Rouge Community Development Entity, LLC Advisory Board**

<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>NOVEMBER 23, 2021</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>ZOOM VIRTUAL</b>
<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Rodney Braxton		
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Build Baton Rouge (BBR) Board of Commissioners - Joint Meeting		
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Tara Titone		
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<p><b>Attending Board Members:</b> Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Brian Haymon, Vice Chairman; Charles Landry; Will Campbell</p> <p><b>Also Attending:</b> Christopher Tyson, BBR CEO; Tara Titone, BBR COO; Tricia Prewitt, Gretchen Siemers, Cornelius Payne, Shanderrick Williams, BBR; Amanda Spain, Baker Donelson; Heather LeBlanc, VGraham; Gwen Hamilton; Wendy Daniels; Byron Turner, Fannie Mae</p>		
	<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>		<b>RODNEY BRAXTON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Braxton at <b>9:10 AM</b>		
	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>		<b>RODNEY BRAXTON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The Board reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2021 meeting of the Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners.		
<b>ACTION</b>	Mr. Landry made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The October 21, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously.		
	<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>		<b>HEATHER LEBLANC</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Ms. Leblanc presented the YTD profit and loss for the period ended October 31 2021. BBR expenses for the year are under budget due to a decrease in salary, benefits and operational expenses. BBR's cash balance at the end of October was \$149,000. BBR has received \$280,000 in reimbursements from the City Parish for draw requests. Ms. Leblanc is still working on the remaining draw requests. \$515,000.00 remains.		

	<b>LAND BANK PROPERTIES UPDATE</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson asked the board to consider adopting a resolution approving the transfer of two properties out of the BBR land bank and to two interested parties.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Mr. Landry made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of Lot 12PT, Sq 1, Lorente Town, Parcel ID 30015, for two thousand and no/100 (\$2,000) dollars to Janice H. Johnson. Mr. Haymon seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
<b>ACTION</b>	Mr. Campbell made a motion to adopt a resolution authorizing the transfer of the eastern 1/2 of Lot 11, Sq. 252, Swart Subdivision, 1335 Myrtle Street, for seven thousand five hundred sixty and no/100 (\$7,560) dollars to the Louisiana Black History Hall of Fame. Mr. Braxton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.	
	<b>CEO REPORT</b>	<b>CHRISTOPHER TYSON</b>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Administrative-</b> No updates</p> <p><b>Real Estate and Land Bank:</b> BBR will transfer two lots out of its land bank in the coming weeks per today's approval of the board (above). Mr. Braxton asked why properties are in BBR's land bank for so long. Mr. Tyson and Ms. Spain explained that each property comes with its own issues and that title cleaning on a case by case basis is often long-cycle work. Mr. Landry said he'd like for the board to be caught up on title clearing. Ms. Spain agreed to send the Board a title clearing memo she'd prepared to explain current barriers to clearing title.</p> <p><b>Federal Grants:</b> Mr. Tyson reported that 192 roofs have been completed as part of the Roof Reset program and 27 homes rehabilitated as part of the Home Rehabilitation program. Mr. Tyson stated his appreciation of the ongoing working relationship with the mayor's office and clarified that BBR will not retain oversight of the federal grants programs on behalf of the city parish after Dec. 31, 2021. This was incorrectly stated in an article released the same morning in The Advocate. BBR would send the Board a link to the article.</p> <p><b>Redevelopment Projects:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Plank Road Masterplan- Pocket Park:</b> two formerly adjudicated parcels on Plank and Erie we will be transformed into a park in partnership with BREC. The project will be in two phases, and BREC is willing to contribute funds towards the implementation of the project. Mr. Tyson commended BREC staff on their dedication to the project. BBR should have a final presentation on the park at the December board meeting.</li> <li>- <b>Plank Road Masterplan- Community Land Trust:</b> BBR has established a land trust with input from its Co-City partners. An interim board is being established. Mrs. Siemers announced that a community meeting to rollout the land trust would be held on Dec. 9 at noon. In January, BBR's land banked properties that do not have current redevelopment plans will be transferred into the land trust. The Advancing Cities' grant has budgeted funds to oversee the land trust which will be incubated in-house at BBR.</li> <li>- <b>Plank Road Masterplan- Plank-Calumet Mixed Use Development:</b> Mr. Tyson thanked Mayor Broome for her funding support of the project through the American Recovery Relief Package. The funding will go before the Metro Council for final approval. The project was rebid in November and came in higher, therefore a funding gap remains that BBR is working to close.</li> </ul>	

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>- <b>Plank Road Library- Delmont Branch Relocation:</b> At the November meeting of the EBRPL, the Board agreed to move forward with due diligence of the site with the intention to purchase the property from BBR.</p> <p>- <b>Ardendale:</b> The EBR Housing Authority is working through HUD environmental approval process for the proposed BRChoice mixed-income housing development. BBR and the Housing Authority are discussing disposition strategies of the property for the development.</p>
	<p><b>NEW BUSINESS</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RODNEY BRAXTON</b></span></p>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Tyson recognized Gwen Hamilton, former interim CEO.
	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RODNEY BRAXTON</b></span></p>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	No public comments.
	<p><b>ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RODNEY BRAXTON</b></span></p>
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	The board did not move into executive session.
<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Mr. Landry moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Braxton adjourned the meeting at <b>9:43 AM.</b>

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