



AGENDA FOR MEETING OF BUILD BATON ROUGE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS (“BOARD”)

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023

Location: Fishman Haygood, LLP, 100 North St. Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Attending Commissioners: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; ~~Charles Landry, Vice Chair~~; Suzanne Turner, Secretary; Will Campbell, Treasurer; Bobby Hamilton (each, a “Commissioner”)

Also attending: Gretchen Siemers, Vice President of Policy and Planning; Cornelius Payne, Director of Real Estate; Kendra Hendricks, Senior Manager of Economic Development and Finance; Jacques Hawkins, BBR Land Bank Coordinator; Tricia Prewitt, BBR Office Coordinator; Amanda Robertson, VGraham; Helena Cunningham

I. Action Item

- a. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rodney Braxton, Chairperson of the Board (“Chairperson”) at 9:05
- b. Mr. Braxton noted the Board’s receipt of proof of notice of meeting and affidavit of posting of public notice.
- c. Mr. Braxton noted the of the number of Directors present in person, and the number of votes necessary to constitute a majority. Mr. Landry was the only board member not present.
- d. Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners meeting held March 16, 2023. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Discussion Item

- a. Ms. Robertson from VGraham presented the YTD profit-loss actual vs. budget, program statement of activity, and cashflow projections for the period ended April 30, 2023. Ms. Robertson reported that the budget is as expected, with a healthy cash flow. Ms. Robertson noted the Land Bank budget was very routine, under budget.

III. Discussion Item

- a. Ms. Siemers provided a brief administrative update. Ms. Siemers reported that the audit is in full swing with no major flags so far and should be complete within the next 6 weeks or so.



Ms. Siemers reported that BBR has been working hard on CCEDD, spending significant amount of time on work, and will be requesting additional funds from CCEDD to compensate time.

Ms. Siemers updated the board on the temporary office space. Ms. Cunningham updated the board on 725 Main Street. After some discussion, the board decided to move forward with lease negotiations.

b. Land Bank Redevelopment Update

Ms. Seimers updated the board on Ardendale. The board had a discussion of options for the property. Ms. Turner expressed her desire to find a model on how to use the wetlands in a better way, perhaps involving a national preservation agency or making it a condition of any sale that the wetlands be used in an environmentally beneficial way.

c. Plank Road Master Plan Update

Ms. Siemers reported on Plank Road. She stated that BBR needs to establish the tax increment finance district of plank road, that Mr. Braxton created. An attorney will need to be brought in to draft and sign a CEA, which will be an upcoming cost.

IV. Discussion Item

- a. No Public Comment

V. Action Item

- a. Mr. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of real estate and personnel matters. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 9:29 am.

VI. Action item

- a. After returning from Executive Session with no changes, Ms. Turner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hamilton seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.