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## NASSAU COUNTY LAND BANK CORPORATION

MINUTES, MAY 10th, 2018 BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Nassau County Land Bank Corporation was held this date in 1st Floor Conference Room at One West Street, Mineola, New York beginning on or about 3:30pm

The Attendees were:

### **Board Members:**

Siela Bynoe- Chair Meredith A. Hughes- Vice Chair Kennetha Pettus- Treasurer Frank Moroney

## **Executive Director:**

Brittany C. Russell

# **County Attendees:**

Andrew Kahl- County Attorney's Office Ted Hommel- Counsel to the Board, County Attorney's Office Craig Pavel- County Attorney's Office Kevin Crean- Director of Nassau County Housing Garry Pappas- Nassau County Housing

- Call to Order at or about 3:38pm
  - o The meeting was convened with the attendance of the following Directors

- Siela Bynoe
- Meredith Hughes
- Kennetha Pettus
- Frank Moroney
- Motion to adopt the minutes from April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - Moved by Director Moroney, seconded by Director Hughes
  - o Minutes adopted by unanimous vote
- Executive Director Report
  - Spoke with Enterprise for the first time
    - Will do ride along soon
  - o Phone meeting with Albany Land Bank upcoming
  - o Spoke with Syracuse Land Bank, Uniondale Land Trust, Nassau CDA
  - Will meet with Town of Hempstead for future sites
  - Meeting upcoming with New York State
  - Will try to get access to Department of State for list of bank owned properties (1200+ homes) → mortgage foreclosure
    - This list is different from realty trac (which is \$30/month)
    - Includes contact info
  - o Plan on looking at Fannie Mae properties
  - o Community Restoration Corp (who donated the Elmont Property) has another property
    - 7 East Dewey Street, East Rockaway, NY
  - Lots of inventory from the ToH/ToNH
  - o Working on getting a working list of County Owned properties
    - Other Counties give properties to Land Trusts before tax lien sale
  - o RFQ/RFP for surveyors, maintenance, title searches, etc.
  - Discussion was held regarding setting up an auto withdrawal payment method regarding the monthly Realty Trac fee
    - Will look into setting up an account with debit card access with a small amount of money in it for recurring fees and cost of doing business expenditures
      - These fees and costs have already been accounted for in the budget
- Land Bank Business
  - Vice Chair Meredith Hughes mentioned a zombie house in Westbury
    - 73 South Fulton Street
  - Mutual Benefit Agreement
    - Will hopefully be done by May 23<sup>rd</sup>
    - A Clerk File number has already been assigned
    - Copies of the Mutual Benefit Agreement have already been circulated to the Board
  - o RFQ/RFP's
    - Drafting sample RFQ/RFP's using other land banks for reference
    - Plan on sitting down with Kevin Walsh of Nassau County Real Estate for review of County contracts (appraisal services)
    - Can piggyback off County Contracts
    - Did title search in-house of 3 properties
      - 1 property already bought
      - Another adversely possessing a small County owned land (side lot)

Public Comment

- Rebecca Sinclair and Rachelle of the Town of Hempstead
  - Discussed how a joint-partnership is not only beneficial but needed
  - Hopes to visualize the zombie problem to see clusters of vacancies
  - Will share sample RFP's
- Director Crean
  - ToB/ToNH active in acquiring blighted homes
    - Acquisition/demo/maintenance
  - Currently focusing on hard hit areas or wealthier areas (to add affordable housing)
  - Can the Land Bank looking into commercial or anything other than residential?
    - Yes, the Brownfield program is one example of this (Suffolk has been very successful in this)
    - Housing could help with this

At which point Chair Siela Bynoe made a motion at 4:27pm to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Board Member Frank Moroney

**MEETING ADJOURNED** to Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 @ 3:30pm at the First Floor Conference Room at One West Street, Mineola, NY 11501