



514 W. Liberty Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Louisville Metro Government

Minutes - Final

Special VAPStat Joint Meeting

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 3:00 p.m.

Old Jail Auditorium

The special, annual meeting of the Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency of Louisville was held in the Auditorium, of the Old Jail Building, on 514 West Liberty Street, 3:14 p.m., on the above date. The agenda and agenda items were electronically provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency of Louisville (hereinafter referred to as “**URC**”)

James Robert Frazier, Chairman
Lisa Ogburn, Vice Chairman
Michael Hicks
Paul Mastrolia

LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT STAFF PRESENT:

Develop Louisville and Vacant & Public Property Administration (hereinafter referred to as “**VPPA**”)

Laura Grabowski, VPPA Director
Linette Huelsman, VPPA Real Estate Coordinator
Connie Sutton, VPPA Administrative Coordinator
Joshua Watkins, VPPA Real Estate Coordinator
Latondra Yates, VPPA Property & Leasing Supervisor

Jefferson County Attorney’s Office

Stephanie Malone, Assistant Jefferson County Attorney (Substituting for Edward Carle, Legal Counsel of the URC)

[Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements:](#)

Ms. Grabowski welcomed all of the Commissioners and guests, and announced that this meeting is the annual meeting of the URC.

[Vacant and Abandoned Property Statistics:](#)

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Grabowski delivered and explained the LouieStat KPI Report for December 20, 2017 which contained data for Fiscal Year 2018 relating to November, 2017. She also advised that a recommended sales strategy will be discussed at a future meeting based on the results of the Inventory Reconciliation Project conducted for the URC.

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Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:24 p.m. by Chairman Frazier.

Establish Quorum:

Roll call was taken and four (4) Board members were present establishing a quorum necessary to conduct business: Chairman Frazier, Vice Chairperson Ogburn, Commissioner Hicks, and Commissioner Mastrolia.

Election of Officers:

Chairman Frazier passed the control of the meeting to Ms. Malone to conduct the election of officers. Ms. Malone stated that, pursuant to its By-Laws, URC is required at this annual meeting to elect officers to serve a one (1) year term for the office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Malone then opened the floor for nominations as to Chairperson. Mr. Mastrolia nominated James Robert Frazier for Chairman. Being no other nominations, Ms. Malone closed the floor for nominations.

Motion: On motion of Mr. Mastrolia, seconded by Ms. Ogburn, James Robert Frazier was elected Chairman of the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Malone then opened the floor for nominations as to Vice Chairperson. Chairman Frazier nominated Lisa Ogburn for Vice Chairperson. Being no other nominations, Ms. Malone closed the floor for nominations.

Motion: On motion of Chairman Frazier, seconded by Mr. Mastrolia, Lisa Ogburn was elected Vice Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Malone then returned control of the meeting to Chairman Frazier.

Approval of Minutes:

On motion of Mr. Hicks, seconded by Ms. Ogburn, the minutes of the August 21, 2017 special meeting were unanimously approved.

New Business:

i. Annual Report

Using a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Grabowski and Mrs. Yates provided an overview of the year in review as it relates to URC's accomplishments. Those highlights included its current inventory resulting from the reconciliation project (102 parcels), the top three (3) Metro Council Districts and neighborhoods where its parcels reside, an update as to the Cedar Street Development Project, and what actions VPPA will be taking next year as to dispositions pursuant to the results of the reconciliation project and future decisions to be made by the Commission once the Metro transfers are complete.

Mr. Mastrolia then inquired as to what price range has been set for the housing being constructed within the Cedar Street Development to which Mrs. Yates replied that she did not have any information as to current sales prices set, however, Mr. Hicks stated that he has learned

that the sales prices range from \$120,000 to \$160,000 according to a two-tier system that correlates to the square footage of the homes being built by Rebound, Inc. and Community Ventures Corporation.

Chairman Frazier then inquired as to whether or not there is any goal in mind as to the disposition of the URC's parcels once all of the Metro transfers are complete to which Ms. Grabowski and Mrs. Yates replied that there is no set goal as of yet. It was reiterated that discussions will be had once it's clear as to what parcels remain in the inventory after the legalities are done relating to the approved Metro transfers to the Department of Public Works and the consolidation of the parcels being leased to the African-American Heritage Center for their parking lot.

Chairman Frazier then questioned as to whether or not opportunities still exist in disposing of the remaining inventory to which Ms. Grabowski replied that she believes enthusiasm is there and will grow after a determination is made as to which parcels are marketable and word gets out about them. Mrs. Yates added that other inter-government negotiations are on-going for some of these parcels, so interest is there. We just need to get the word out.

Chairman Frazier then asked if the Commission could continue to see updates as to other property dispositions that were previously approved, specifically the Urban League's proposed development, to which Ms. Grabowski confirmed disposition updates will continue to be presented at each meeting.

Old Business:

There is no old business to come before this commission.

Adjourn:

As there were no more items of business to discuss, on a motion by Ms. Ogburn, seconded by Mr. Mastrolia, and unanimously passed, the meeting of the Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency of Louisville was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Closing Remarks:

Ms. Grabowski wished everyone happy holidays and expressed her appreciation to everyone for their attendance and participation. Lastly, Ms. Grabowski stated that the next VAPStat Joint Meeting is scheduled for 3:00 p.m., on January 8, 2018, at the Old Jail Building Auditorium.

CHAIRPERSON
URBAN RENEWAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOUISVILLE

STAFF

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