

**LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

January 20, 2005/6

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority ("LARA"), a Texas non-profit corporation created and organized by the City of Houston as a local government corporation pursuant to the Texas Transportation Code Annotated, Section 431.101, et seq., and the Texas Local Government Code Annotated, Section 394.001 et seq., was held in the Houston City Hall Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 901 Bagby Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas on Friday, January 20, 2006. Written notice of the meeting, including the date, hour, place, and agenda for the meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Board Members in attendance were:

David Collins, Chairman of the Board
Reginald Adams, President
Jolanda Jones
James Harrison, III
Edward Locke
Teresa Morales
Cheryl Armitige
Antoinette Jackson
Jeremy Ratcliff, and
Craig Presley

Board members absent were:

Tyrone Dorian
Ray Fisher and
Yolanda Black Navarro

Others in attendance included Steve Tinnermon and Patricia McFarland of the Neighborhoods and Housing Division of the Mayor's Office; Jim Lemond and Archana Singh of Winstead Sechrest & Minick, P.C., the Authority's General Counsel; Leah Stolar and Cheryl Felps of the law firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Simpson, LLP; Lynn Henson of the City of Houston's Planning and Development department; and Charles Rencher of Horizon Southwest Properties.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Collins, the Board Chairman, at 2:14 p.m. and Mr. Collins announced that a quorum was present. Mr. Collins also welcomed new Board member Craig Presley.

II. Designation by Chairman of a recording secretary

Mr. Collins reiterated that the duties of Recording Secretary have been delegated to Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C., the Authority's General Counsel.

III. Review and approval of Minutes from the October 21, 2005 & November 18, 2005 Board meetings

The Minutes for the October and November Board Meetings were presented for consideration. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

The following items were taken out of order by the Chairman.

VI. New Business

a. Presentation by General Counsel on the requirements of new legislation (HB 914) effective January 1, 2006 regarding Conflict of Interest Disclosure statements by board members in certain circumstances

Mr. Lemond utilized a power point presentation to explain to the Board members the provisions of HB 914, incorporated as Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code. This new statute requires the filing of Conflicts of Interest disclosure forms in certain circumstances by local government officials and vendors who do business with local government entities. Following the presentation, the Board requested that Mr. Lemond schedule a follow-up meeting to advise the members of all laws or regulations governing the ethical conduct of the group as government officials.

b. Presentation by General Counsel on the requirements of new legislation (SB 286) effective January 1, 2006 regarding required training on the Texas Open Meetings Act and the Texas Public Information Act for board members of public entities

Mr. Lemond addressed Senate Bill 286, which requires that the Attorney General provide mandatory information to governing members of public entities as to their responsibilities. The information is provided through the Texas Attorney General's website, where a one hour tutorial is presented. Ms. Jones inquired as to the process by which an individual can log into the website and, further, about the procedure for assuring that the required training had been accomplished by everyone required to attend the classes. Mr. Lemond responded that questions about the procedure for completion of the training would be presented to the Board at a later date.

Chairman Collins returned to the order of the posted Agenda.

