

**LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

**HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**March 17, 2006**

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 Texas Transportation Code Annotated §431.101 et seq. and Texas Local Government Code Annotated §394.001 et seq., was held in the Houston City Hall Annex Council Chambers, Public Level, 900 Bagby, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77002 on March 17, 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  
Tyrone Dorian  
Yolanda Black-Navarro  
Craig Presley  
Jolanda Jones  
Teresa Morales  
Reverend James Nash

Board members absent were:

Antoinette Jackson  
Cheryl Armitige  
Jeremy Radcliff  
James Harrison, III

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 of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, L.L.P., and Lynn Henson of the City of Houston's Planning and Development Department.

**I. Call to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Collins, the Board Chairman, at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Collins announced that a quorum was present.

**II. Designation by Chairman of a Recording Secretary.**

As previously announced, Mr. Collins reiterated that the duties of Recording Secretary for each Board meeting have been delegated to Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C., the Authority's General Counsel.

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2006 Board Meeting.**

The Board reviewed the Minutes of the February 17, 2006 Board meeting. Upon a motion made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Morales, the Minutes of the February 17, 2006 Board meeting were unanimously approved.

**IV. Old Business.**

**a. Treasurer's Report.**

Ms. Morales presented the monthly LARA financial report. She informed the Board that, of the two banks that had pledged \$1,000 each to LARA at the February conference, one bank, J.P. Morgan Chase Bank had sent a check for \$1,000. Ms. Morales advised that Comerica Bank has communicated that its payment will be forthcoming. Ms. Morales stated that beginning in January the CPA will itemize expenses in the report in greater detail. She also stated that the statements would be reconciled so that expenditures would be more clearly delineated. Ms. Morales informed the Board that the bulk of expenses for the month were for the purchase of property. Next Ms. Morales stated that the report also outlined accounting procedures for LARA. She stated that there were no management issues. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones, to accept and approve the Treasurer's report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**b. Auction Update by Leah Stolar.**

Ms. Stolar presented the March Inventory Report on lots obtained by LARA. She stated that a total of 29 properties, split nearly evenly between acquisition through strike-off and acquisition by purchase, including the first property acquired in Lincoln Park, were acquired in March. Ms. Stolar stated that the April auction would consist of 31 posted properties, all of which are categorized by neighborhood on the last page of the report. Ms. Morales inquired as to whether there were files compiled, including photographs, on the properties. Ms. Stolar replied that an electronic file, containing photographs, was made available when purchase prices for the properties were being set. Mr. Tinnermon discussed a database, currently a work in progress, with files on different properties that captured all the information available on the property.

**c. Update by General Counsel on Online Ethics Training and Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Form.**

Mr. Lemond discussed the Texas Open Government mandatory training for local officials. He reminded the Board members to complete the training, which is available via the Texas Attorney General's website. Mr. Lemond then discussed the Conflicts of Interest Disclosure forms developed by the Texas Ethics Commission, copies of which he

