

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

July 28, 2007

A meeting of the Board Of Directors (the "Board") of the Land Assemblage Redevelopment Authority ("LARA" or the "Authority"), 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 Annex Council Chambers, Public Level, 900 Bagby Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas, on Friday, July 28, 2007. Written notice of the meeting, which included 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
Yolanda Black-Navarro
Teresa Morales
Tyrone Dorian
Jeremy Ratcliff
James Harrison III
Jolanda Jones

Board Members absent were:

Ray Fisher; Craig Presley; and Reverend John W. Bowie

Others in attendance included: Steve Tinnermon, Pat McFarland, and Agatha Collins of the Neighborhoods and Housing Division of the Mayor's Office (the "NHD"); Jim Lemond and Tonja King of Winstead PC, the Authority's General Counsel; Leah Stolar of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, L.L.P.; Chris Butler, special assistant to the Mayor of Houston for property construction; and Lynn Henson of the City of Houston's Planning and Development Department.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Collins, Chairman, called the Board Meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes from the June 22, 2007 Board Meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Harrison, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the June 22, 2007 Board meeting.

III. Old Business

A. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. Dorian distributed copies of the Financial Statements for the Eleven Month Period Ending May 31, 2007. Ms. Jones moved to accept the report. Mr. Adams seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

B. Auction Update by Linebarger, Goggan, Blair and Sampson, L.L.P.

Ms. Stolar distributed the monthly Auction Report as prepared by her firm and pointed out that 19 out of 30 properties were acquired by LARA at the July auction. She added that 48 properties are available for the next auction and are identified on the last page of the Property Lot Foreclosure Activity Report.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee Reports.

Mr. Adams reported that the Executive Committee had convened prior to the scheduled Board meeting. The Committee specifically discussed the proposed authorization for approval for two additional lots to be sold to Burghli homes in the Acres Homes area for a sales price of \$12,000.00 (\$6,000 each). The motion was approved by the executive committee. Additionally, the committee discussed the recommendation to enter into an agreement with Urban Harvest for the lease of L.A.R.A. lots to be used to create and operate community gardens in the Acres Homes community. The committee approved a motion to enter into negotiations to discuss that arrangement. The committee also considered a request for proposal for annual audit services. The committee determined that the finance committee should make a final selection and present the selection for board approval.

Mr. Lemond stated that Stewart Title has advised the Board that all documents relating to each of the sales through L.A.R.A have been received, except for the corporate resolutions. He suggested that Winstead PC will prepare corporate resolutions for all lots that are currently in inventory, and for those approved in the future, and is seeking approval from the Board in that regard. He also asked that the Board approve and authorize Mr. Collins to execute the resolutions. Additionally, Mr. Lemond stated that all resolutions, including those from previous sales, would be presented for ratification by the board.

Mr. Adams reported that the Executive Committee discussed the potential approval of Petition to Void Constable's Sale and Motion to Vacate Judgment and Revive Tax Suit in the matter of *Harris County, et. al. vs. Georgia H. Atlas*, Cause No. 2004-46842, and provide for the execution of the appropriate pleadings by L.A.R.A.'s General Counsel. Ms. Stolar added that the issue in this suit involved a name confusion issue. She stated that in reviewing the records, it was determined that one of the parties had been incorrectly named, and that error must be corrected for title to properly issue. Ms. Stolar advised the Board that the procedure for correcting the issue was outlined in the property tax code.

B. RFP Committee Report.

Mr. Butler provided an update on the Houston Hope Construction Projects.

Mr. Adams thanked Mr. Butler for creating a detailed spreadsheet report which will now be presented to the board on a monthly basis.

V. LARA Administrative Report by Stephen Tinnermon.

Mr. Tinnermon indicated that he had no report to present separate from the posted Agenda Items to be considered by the Board.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion And Approval Of Authorization To Award Burghli Homes Additional L.A.R.A. Lots For The Construction Of Affordable Housing In The Acres Homes Community

Mr. Collins called for questions, or remarks, and none were asserted. Upon Motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Dorian, the Board unanimously approved the authorization to award Burghli the additional lots in the Acres Home community.

B. Consideration And Possible Action To Enter An Agreement With Urban Harvest, A Texas Non-Profit Organization, For The Lease Of L.A.R.A Lots To Be Used To Create And Operate Community Gardens In The Acres Homes Community

Mr. Collins opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Adams advised the board that a representative from Urban Harvest was in attendance, and was available to address the Board. Mr. Gary Edmonson with Urban Harvest provided a brief overview of the program. He stated that Urban Harvest's mission was to lease lots in L.A.R.A. communities, and provide landscaping and scenery to enhance the aesthetic beauty of the neighborhood.

Mr. Adams inquired as to whether Urban Harvest was working with any specific community groups in Acres Homes. Mr. Edmonson stated that Urban Harvest was using outside assistance.

Mr. Adams noted that the proposed agreement did not specify how the lots would be developed; and that the board would like more specific information on the proposed development plans. He inquired as to whether Urban Harvest had determined what specific lots they were interested in using, and Mr. Edmonson responded affirmatively. Mr. Edmonds stated that it is the intent of Urban Harvest to work with the communities and determine how they would like the projects to look.

Mr. Adams advised Mr. Edmonds that the Board was interested in supporting the project; and encouraged him to build alliances with the communities and develop a plan or proposal for the lots. Ms. Jones encouraged Mr. Edmonds to be able to identify the specific groups Urban Harvest would be working with next reporting to the board.

Ms. Black-Navarro stated that she was familiar with Urban Harvest, and believes they are a great project.

Mr. Collins deferred the vote until the next Board meeting.

C. Discussion And Approval Of The Issuance Of A L.A.R.A Request For Proposal For Annual Audit Services And Authorization Of L.A.R.A. Finance Committee To Evaluate Proposals and Award Contract

Upon Motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Harrison, the Board unanimously voted to approve the Request for Proposal for Audit Services, and authorized the finance committee to award the contract.

D. Discussion and Approval of Corporate Resolutions Relating To L.A.R.A. Lots Sold To Builders Of Affordable Housing

Ms. Black moved to authorize the preparation of corporate resolutions as explained by Mr. Lemond. Mr. Harrison seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

E. Discussion and Approval Of Petition To Void Constable's Sale and Motion To Vacate Judgment and Revive Tax Suit In The Matter Of *Harris County, Et Al. Vs. Georgia H. Atlas, Cause No. 2004-46842*, and to Provide for the Execution of Appropriate Pleadings by L.A.R.A.'s General Counsel

Upon Motion by Ms. Jones, seconded by Mr. Adams the Board unanimously voted to approve the Petition and authorized Winstead PC to execute the appropriate pleadings.

V. Chairman's Report

Mr. Collins stated that there would be no Chairman's Report.

VI. Public Comments

Mr. Collins invited public comment or discussion. No members of the public addressed the board.

VII. Executive Session

Mr. Collins noted that there were no matters requiring an Executive Session.

VIII. Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Ratcliff, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

**Jim Lemond and Tonja King
Winstead PC**

Signed on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Reginald Adams, President

Jolanda Jones, Secretary