

PRELIMINARY M I N U T E S

CLAYTON COUNTY LAND BANK BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Call to Order: Meeting of the Clayton County Land Bank Board of Advisors was called to order by Chairman Latrice Mitchell.

Present: Board Members: Chairman Latrice Mitchell; Terrence Moore, City of College Park; Artie Jones, City of College Park; Al Wiggins, City of Forest Park.

Land Bank Legal Advisory Staff: Attorneys Travis Smith and Aaron McCullough of Foster and Foster P.C.

Presentation: Christopher Norman of the Fulton County Land Bank gave a presentation on the roles of Land Banks.

Discussion: Chairman Mitchell opened the discussion to consider discontinuing the services of Foster & Foster P.C. and to begin the search of locating another law firm to provide legal services to the Board. Both Mr. Moore and Mr. Wiggins expressed concerns over the delays in addressing unsafe and unattended properties located in the cities of College Park and Forest Park while the Board searches for another law firm. Further discussion was held regarding the inability to retain the services of another law firm due to the absence of a budget that allocates funding for legal counsel.

Chairman Mitchell expressed concerns with communication between the City of College Park and Foster and Foster P.C. without her involvement. Representatives from Foster & Foster P.C. and the City of College Park explained that the failure to involve the chairman was not deliberate and that the chairman would be included in all relative correspondence in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to authorize the services of Foster and Foster P.C. on an interim and pro bono basis with the proviso that as soon as practical, a formal selection process to retain legal is made. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wiggins. Ms. Mitchell stated that she disagreed with the motion, Mr. Jones voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried and passed.

Chairman Mitchell made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the direction of the land bank and the Board advised Ms. Mitchell that

discussion of the land bank is not an acceptable reason go into executive session.

Adjournment: Mr. Moore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Wiggins Voting for the motion was unanimous.

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