

**LAND BANK ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday June 23, 2022– 1:00pm
Fourth Floor Conference Room
City Hall

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CITY OF ALBANY

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	David Bezona	(15-3)	10/07/23
	Kathy Hill Bahner (zoom)	(11-7)	10/07/23
	Isobel McGowan	(16-1)	10/07/22
	Tama Wagner	(14-1)	10/07/24
	Ali Kamali	(15-3)	10/07/22
	Ashley Hines	(02-1)	11/15/24
	Cole Woodbury	(03-0)	11/30/24
	Mary Kottenstette	(09-2)	10/07/22
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Jenny Gann	(14-4)	10/07/23

OTHERS PRESENT: Clint Thompson, Director of Planning and Community Development
Jason Soper, Assistant City Attorney
Carol Flury, Neighborhood Services Coordinator
Kim Schutte, Recording Secretary

Call to Order – Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:00

ROLL CALL – Eight (8) members were in attendance; quorum present. Bahner – present via zoom, Bezona - present, Gann - absent, Hines – present, Kamali - present, Kottenstette – present, McGowan – present, Wagner – present, Woodbury -- present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Kamali moved to approve the May 16, 2022 minutes as corrected. McGowan second.
Voice vote – unanimous [Kottenstette – abstain]
Motion passed.

SUNSHINE LAW DISCUSSION – Jason Soper answered questions concerning Sunshine Law requirements.
Kottenstette asked if it was legal for the members of the Committee to conduct email conversations among themselves. Soper replied that general conversations are appropriate, but if any topics concerning the work of the Land Bank Advisory Committee were raised, that email conversation becomes a de facto meeting. Schutte stated that currently all email communications with and between members of the

Committee currently come through her and information is then distributed; Soper replied that that is a prudent policy.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Wagner asked Thompson for an update on the Urban Homesteading Program. Thompson responded that the Urban Homesteading program does exist, but it currently has no funding. The funding package for the program is anticipated to be a part of the city application for state ARPA funds.
Kamali asked what the role of the Land Bank Advisory Committee would be if the Urban Homesteading program is fully implemented. Thompson replied that they are two different programs with similar goals.
McGowan asked if the Land Bank Advisory Committee could be an advisory body for the Urban Homesteading Board.
Kottenstette asked for clarification concerning the composition of the Urban Homesteading Board.
- B. Wagner asked Thompson for a report on the status of Corby and Isadore properties. Thompson replied that the title has been transferred on the Isadore property and that discussions are ongoing with the possible purchaser for Corby in the wake of the fire damage. Kottenstette inquired as to why there is not a way to compel purchasers of Land Bank properties to meet progress benchmarks. Thompson replied that the goal of the accompanying grants was to provide that kind of oversight.
- C. Bezona asked for information concerning the Karonis properties on Museum Hill. Thompson replied that fines are accruing. Schutte replied that there is a developer who appears to be making progress in acquiring those properties.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Hill-Bahner asked if it would be possible for a Land Bank Board member to attend the meetings of the Land Bank Advisory Committee. Thompson replied that he would talk to Steve Briggs, the chair of the Board.
- B. McGowan commented on the status of the Livestock Exchange Building and asked if there was interest on the part of the Committee to investigate the feasibility of suggesting acquisition of the property by the Land Bank. The consensus was that there is interest in investigating the feasibility. Kamali stated that it would be important to have information such as the value of the property, cost of insurance, cost of securing and stabilization. Thompson replied that much of that information is currently being collected.
- C. Thompson stated that the list of properties on the county tax sale will be available in July and that the Committee will be asked to evaluate properties for possible recommendation to the Land Bank Board.

ADJOURN

Woodbury moved, Kamali second. Adjourn at 1:54

Respectfully submitted by Kim Schutte, Secretary