The meeting of the Neighborhood and Community Development Standing Committee was held on Monday, August 10, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., in the 5th Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Office Building. The following members were present: Commissioner Walker, Chairman; Commissioners Walters, Murguia, Townsend (via phone). Commissioner McKiernan was absent. Commissioner Bynum was present on behalf of Commissioner McKiernan. The following officials were also in attendance: Gordon Criswell, Assistant County Administrator; Jody Boeding, Chief Legal Counsel; Melissa Mundt, Assistant County Administrator; Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator; Lew Levin, Chief Financial Officer; Reginald Lindsey, Budget Director; and Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager.

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and members were present as shown above.

Approval of standing committee minutes for June 1, 2015. On motion of Commissioner Walters, seconded by Commissioner Murguia, the minutes were approved. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Agenda:

Item No. 1 – 150216…COMMUNICATION: LAND BANK APPLICATIONS

Synopsis: Communication requesting consideration of the following Land Bank applications, submitted by Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager. The Land Bank Advisory Board has recommended approval.

Side-lots
1823 N. 19th St. - Marco Valencia
1109 Lowell Ave. - Octavio Romero
1921 N. 8th St. - Silviano Juarez
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1319 Wood Ave. - Rueben Rodriguez
Best & Finals
2236 Richmond Ave. - Jacinto Cazares and Dennis Smith, both for yard extension. (Due to geographic nature, the Land Bank recommends for Mr. Smith.)

612 Lowell Ave. - Jose Arambula-Ayala for yard extension/driveway, and Rigoberto Lopez for yard extension/future garage. (The Land Bank recommends splitting the property giving each side 22.5 feet of frontage.)

Donation to Land Bank
4714 Vista Dr. - Wells Fargo REO Community Development Program. (Property will be donated with a clean title to the Land Bank. The Land Bank will then submit a development agreement with ABC for the rehab of the property.)

Transfers from Land Bank
710 Oakland Ave. - CHWC, Inc. for single-family home construction similar to others on the block.

213 S. 5th St. - City of Edwardsville, property was in Tax Sale 333. City of Edwardsville will raze property and keep possession.

Transfers to Land Bank
1907 N. 10th St. - Unified Government
116 S. 16th St. - Unified Government
214 S. 18th St. - Unified Government
2600 N. 5th St. - Unified Government
2801 N. 5th St. - Unified Government
1935 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2600 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2604 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2529 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2525 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2606 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2527 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2528 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2530 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2700 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2610 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2612 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
2608 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
1922 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
1914 N. 6th St. - Unified Government
436 Walker Ave. - City of Kansas City, KS
336 Walker Ave. - Unified Government
627 S. Pyle St. - City of Kansas City, KS
730 Tauromea Ave. - City of Kansas City, KS
(Per the December 2014 NCD Standing Committee presentation, property controlled by the UG, city and Board of County Commissioners that are delinquent will be transferred to the Land Bank to have delinquent property taxes abated.)

Joe Connor, Assistant County Administrator, said the Clerk needs to make a correction on the roll call. We have Commissioner Bynum substituting for Commissioner McKiernan. Chairman Walker said that is correct. Commissioner Bynum for the record will be substituting tonight for Brian McKiernan. Commissioner Bynum said here.

Chairman Walker asked does anyone have any item other than the Best and Final that they would—I’m going to pull that off and have discussion. Does anyone have any discussion on any of the items listed? None appearing, I would ask for a motion and a second on approving the rest of the Land Bank agenda applications.

Action: Commissioner Walters made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Murguia, to approve all items except Best & Final. Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Walters, Murguia, Bynum, Townsend, Walker.

Chairman Walker said we have a Best & Final on it appears two properties. Mr. Slaughter would you care to make any comment on either one of those?

Chris Slaughter, Land Bank Manager, said first we have here is the property at 2236 Richmond Ave. We have Mr. Smith as the owner of two properties here and Mr. Cazares is over here at 1849. The Land Bank will make a recommendation just based on the general layout of the properties that the property be recommended for Mr. Smith. We can go to the next one if you want or if you want to keep them separate.

Action: Commissioner Murguia made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walters to approve.
Chairman Walker asked are either of the parties here tonight and wish to say anything. Mr. Slaughter said no.

Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Walters, Murguia, Bynum, Townsend, Walker.

Mr. Slaughter said the second property is 612 Lowell Ave. which is right there in the middle. Mr. Ayala and Mr. Lopez have both applied for and I think our recommendation would be to just split it in half and give each property owner half the parcel. Chairman Walker asked when we split properties like that do we do the re-plat or are they surveyed and divided. Mr. Slaughter said we do not do the survey, we just generate a new legal description that would incorporate that.

Action: Commissioner Murguia made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walters to approve. Roll call was taken and there were five “Ayes,” Walters, Murguia, Bynum, Townsend, Walker.

Adjourn

Chairman Walker adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

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