

NORTH LAFAYETTE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Minutes of NLRA Meeting - January 8, 2015

The monthly meeting of the North Lafayette Redevelopment Authority was held Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the Lafayette Consolidated Government Councilman's Briefing Room, 705 University Ave., Lafayette, LA.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by the chairman. Dr. Chris Williams.

Board Members present were:

Dr. Chris Williams	Brent Celestine	Sam Flugence
Rickey Hardy	Jay Miller	Fannie Barrington
Stephanie Dugan		

Jessica Goff from the "Daily Advertiser" and Chad Lacomb was in attendance.

The minutes of the December meeting were read by the Secretary.

Sam Flugence made a motion to adopt the minutes as read, the motion was seconded by Brent Celestine.

Dr. Williams mentioned that NLRA need to elect a Treasurer. He explained that the Sec/Treasurer position was too heavy for the present secretary. The board had no objection to William's suggestion. Sam Flugence and Brent Celestine volunteered to be considered for the position.

The board members voted on the two candidates. Count was taken on the votes for the position. Sam Flugence was elected to the position of Treasurer for LNRA.

Brent Celestine posed a question "will there be a way to form a 'sub - committee' to assist the position of Treasurer"? Discussion took place on this subject. It was noted that the board would need a CPA at some point, therefore consideration for this suggestion would be granted.

SEMINAR UPDATE - THE DATE OF THE SEMINAR/RETREAT HAS BEEN rescheduled for 1/31/2015 at The Family Church. Time of the Seminar will be from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. The reason for the change of date was due to a large number of presenters not being able to attend the retreat on the previous date of consideration which was 1/24/2015 .

A review of a Draft for the Seminar Agenda took place. Several suggestions were made regarding the draft, and additions to the agenda were suggested. There was discussion on the various areas that would be represented at the Seminar. Dr. Williams has had several contacts from various boards throughout the State. The final Agenda will be prepared and presented to the board at a later date.

SAM FLUGENCE stated we NEED an ACTION ITEM on this subject. She made a motion to amend the agenda to add LPTFA AS AN ACTION ITEM.

She also made a motion to allow the chairman and co-chairman to take the necessary steps to make an application with LPTFA for funding assistance.

Mention was made by Sam Flugence that there is a need to get a "Mission Statement" for the NLRA. She suggested "a mission statement will clarify where NLRA is going".

The agenda was amended to get a motion to give NLRA the authority to exercise Act 818. Suggestion was made to move forward to research the possibility of purchasing properties from LCG on a Credit Sale. Sam Flugence made a motion to allow the authority to take the necessary steps to utilize adjudicated properties auction as a revenue source to the LNRA.

A motion to amend the agenda to add LCG tax sales discussion as an action item was approved.

A SUGGESTION WAS MADE TO WORK ON THE "Adjudicated Properties" after the Seminar.

POTENTIAL PARTNERS

Dr. Williams recognized Jay Miller. Jay indicated that he met with B. Shelvin, K. Boudreaux and Richard Becker and Rebecca Miller with LPTFA during the month of December. The intention of the meeting was to discuss "start-up Capital for the NLRA Board." They discussed a potential one year budget. Mr. Miller informed the group of the need for possible office staff, phone/fax line, etc to support LNRA. He said they discussed the need of a Start-up Capital. Richard felt he would place the issue on the LPTFA Agenda.

There was discussion on volunteering of the board's time, and the fact that the Association do not have support staff, as well as the possibility of Pro-Bono Attorneys and Pro Bono CPA's to volunteer to help the association.

Jay mentioned that Becker, in speaking for himself, felt he could or would support LNRA if possible. Becker felt "LPTFA would at least hear about LNRA and would put the concerns on their agenda", Jay felt that seemingly, Becker felt that LPTFA would want to partner with LNRA and/or help to get the association off the ground.

Becker suggested we submit a report or some plan to include a summary to present to the board to help seek assistance.

SAM FLUGENCE stated we **NEED an ACTION ITEM** on this subject. She made a motion to amend the agenda to "add LPTFA AS AN ACTION ITEM". She stated "we need to move forward with the information given LNRA". There is an application that need to be reviewed to see what information will need to be submitted to LPTFA for consideration to help LNRA to move forward.

Sam also made a motion to "allow the chairman and co-chairman to take the necessary steps to make an application with LPTFA for funding assistance".

Motion was approved.

Sam Flugence made another motion – Re: ACT 818 - NLRA TO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FROM LCG THROUGH CREDIT – VIA TAX SALES.

Seconded by Brent Celestine.

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Question came up by Stephanie about the time frame for publishing minutes of the meetings.

Clarification was made to show that we have the authority to adopt our own procedure on this matter.

And we have the authority to tweak our procedure's in a form and fashion.

The next meeting for NLRA will be held February 12, 2015.

Motion was made for meeting to adjourn. The NLRA Meeting came to a close. There was a motion to adjourn the meeting by Ricky Hardy. Seconded by Jay Miller.