



Jun 5, 2024 | [June 5th Board Of Directors Meeting. 12-1 p.m.](#) [Abessino Stadium- \(Please Rsvp\)](#)

- Rick Gessner, called the regular Wilmington Neighborhood Conservancy Land Bank meeting to order at 12:12 p.m. All in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Rick Gessner , Tom Ogden, Tim Lucas, Cassandra Marshall, David Ross, Kevin Smith, Timothy C. Lucas, Maria Cabrera, Van Hampton.

Absent: Trippi Congo, Ray Fitzgerald, Chris Johnson, Susan Frank, Hal Schneikert, Raheema Jabbar-Bey, Bob Weir, Staff: David Reynolds, Bud Freel, Becky Vogel.

Call for MOTION by R. Gessner: Move to approve the minutes of the April 2024 WNCLB Board meeting.
Seconded and carried unanimously.

Britt Salen Presents for The Greening Committee:

- Have done projects In philly making lots of land into green spaces.
- Explained the idea that Green spaces such as gardens and orchards, could bring potential benefits in the community and the value of their homes themselves.
- Talks about turning lots into a city orchard project.
- Next Committee meeting on July 10th at 3-4pm.
- Maria brought up having Vertical gardens run by people at the neighborhood level. Suggest a budget and vision for gardens to further mass production to produce more food for the city of Wilmington.
- Green spaces put adjacent properties on average a market increase of 10-20%. Numbers show crime reduction, youth education average increase, and more beneficial incentives to society.

Finance Committee report:

- 2022 Audit is nearly complete. Will be shared with the board when completed. Will be a few months behind on audit 2023
- Ideally the 2024 audit will be out in June 2025.
- Procurement policy:
 - Have a draft with federal compliance.
 - Tom has feedback to help finalize policy and we will hopefully have it before the August meeting.
 - Landbank used to not have a policy in place.
- Better Financial Recording:
 - Completely up to date on quickbooks backlog.
 - Configuring quickbooks software for producing more efficient financial reporting

Governance Committee:

- Last meeting in April
- Put together list of members and terms on the board

Technical Advisory Board:

- Same members of Nonprofits
- Met twice since last meeting

Marketing Committee:

- Van will follow up with NuPoint to create a Marketing Plan
- The Marketing Committee meeting date will be given soon.

**Fundraising/ Community Outreach:**

- 300,000 from Gibraltar
- Acquired Elbert Palmer school in southbridge.
- Eugene Young has been out in the community and has spoken to the public that affordable homes will be installed at the site.
- Submitted 2 million dollar request to Bond Bill
- Senator Walsh walked around with Bud in the community.
- Bank of America \$200,000 dollar grant over 2 years (2024 and 2025).
- Multiple Magazine Articles: One in Delaware Chamber Magazine, Maria has also got us a front page piece in the hispanic newspaper.

Inventory Report

- 176 vacant lots
- 88 structures
- Ray and Bud will go out and look at eastside structures and update the webpage.

Project and progress status

Arpa - Meet with the city to deliberate what we want to do with these acquired funds.

Hilltop update:

- Just completed 233 and 226 N Harrison.
- Sold and rehabbed Eleven properties. Two will be settled this week.
- Another five properties will be listed in 30-45 days.
- Another eight properties that are under construction soon.
- Ready to expand footprint.

East Side:

- Disposition committee meeting on June 21st for twelve to thirteen properties on the eastside for renovation and home ownership.

Rick Moved to skip Executive Session.

Meeting adjourned.

Action items

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