

MINUTES
Board of Directors
DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority
April 4, 2012

The Board of the Directors of the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority (“Board”) convened its first meeting at the City Hall of the City of Decatur, Georgia. Chris Morris, Director, DeKalb County Community Development Department, acted as meeting facilitator, as the Board had not elected a Chair. Ms. Morris called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. All Board members were present. Ms. Morris welcomed the Board Members and acknowledged other attendees (See Attached List of Attendees). She also provided a summary of matters relevant to the formation and operation of the DeKalb Regional Land Authority (“Land Bank”):

- DeKalb County retained the services of Livable Communities Coalition because of the organization’s expertise. Livable Communities Coalition will help the Land Bank move forward during the initial formative months.
- The principal office for the DeKalb Regional Land Bank Authority will be located at the DeKalb County Community Development Department (150 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue – Suite 330, Decatur, GA).
- Initial funding for the Land Bank will be provided from DeKalb County HUD funds.
- The City of Decatur has joined DeKalb County in forming the Land Bank. Some of the other cities within DeKalb County have indicated an interested in participating in the Land Bank.
- The DeKalb County/City of Decatur Agreement requires the LBA to notify each school district (Decatur and DeKalb) of each Board meeting. The Board may designate a School District Advisor to the Board. This action is necessary because the Land Bank’s actions may affect taxes affect the school system’s income. John Taylor added that, generally, protocol between school districts and land bank authorities has been informal.

Land Bank Overview and Update on SB 284

John Maximuk, Deputy Director- Programs,
Livable Communities Coalition

Chris Norman, Executive Director, Fulton
County/Atlanta Land Bank Authority, Inc.

John Maximuk presented a summary of SB 284, land bank legislation, recently enacted by the Georgia General Assembly and pending the Governor’s approval.

Chris Norman discussed the purpose of land banks and shared other pertinent information regarding land banks.

Approval of Bylaws

John Taylor, Attorney, Livable Communities Coalition

John Taylor presented the bylaws for consideration by the Board. Following discussion, the Board made revisions. A motion to endorse revised bylaws was made by Richard Princewill, seconded by Amanda Thompson, and the Board unanimously adopted the bylaws as amended. (See attached redline of Bylaws).

Next Board Meeting

The Board tentatively agreed to reconvene on May 2, 2012, at 4:00 PM.

- The DeKalb County Community Development Department staff will invite the community to attend.
- Representatives from the DeKalb School System and Decatur City Public Schools will be invited to attend.
- Livable Communities Coalition will present a draft of policies and procedures for the land bank.
- Information regarding liability insurance for Board members (Directors and Officers Insurance) will be presented.

Adjournment

The Board unanimously agreed to adjourn at 6:00 PM.

Minutes prepared by the Community Development Department and Livable Communities Coalition staffs.