



Meeting of Build Baton Rouge Board of Commissioners

MINUTES	OCTOBER 21, 2021	9:00 AM	ZOOM VIRTUAL
MEETING CALLED BY	Rodney Braxton		
TYPE OF MEETING	Build Baton Rouge (BBR) Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting		
NOTE TAKER	Tara Titone		
ATTENDEES	<p>Attending Board Members: Rodney Braxton, Chairman; Suzanne Turner, Secretary and Treasurer; Charles Landry; Will Campbell</p> <p>Also Attending: Christopher Tyson, BBR CEO; Tara Titone, BBR COO; D Cornelius Payne, BBR Director of Real Estate; Amanda Spain, Baker Donelson/BBR counsel; Dr. Adell Brown, Urban Elder Council; Reverend Raymond Jetson, Urban Elder Council; Angel Williams, Michael Wicker; Johnathan Hill, Franklin Associates; Heather Leblanc, BBR CFO; Bryon Turner, Fannie Mae; Perry Franklin, Franklin Associates; Isiah Marshall</p>		
	CALL TO ORDER		RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Braxton at 9:00 am		
	APPROVAL OF MINUTES		RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	The Board reviewed the minutes from the BBR Board of Commissioners meetings held on September 16 and September 25, 2021.		
ACTION	Ms. Turner made a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings held on September 16 and September 25, 2021 meetings. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The September 16 and September 25, 2021 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.		
	FINANCIAL REPORT		HEATHER LEBLANC
DISCUSSION	Ms. Leblanc presented the YTD profit and loss for the period ended September 30, 2021. BBR expenses for the year are under budget due to less travel, lower payroll costs, and lower operational expenses. BBR's cash balance at the end of September was \$101,000.00. Since then, Ms. Leblanc reports that BBR has received \$230,000 in reimbursements from the city parish for draw requests. Ms. Leblanc is still working on the remaining draw requests. \$783,000.00 remains.		
	LAND BANK PROPERTIES UPDATE-SHADA PLANTATION		CHRISTOPHER TYSON

DISCUSSION	Action Item: Adopt resolution	
DISCUSSION	The resolution in the packet refers to a grant of \$500,000 in general fund dollars (not Capital Outlay as noted in the agenda) in the appropriation bill, secured by Senator Cleveland Fields for the purpose of our ongoing collaboration with the Scotlandville Community Development Corporation for the planning and development of the Property known as Shada Plantation, located on Scenic Hwy. This resolution is to allow BBR to receive those moneys by making an application for them through the treasurer's office.	
ACTION	Mr. Braxton made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing Build Baton Rouge to enter into a contract with the State to receive \$500,000 for Shada Plantation development and authorizing the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement with the treasury office. Mr. Landry seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	
	CEO UPDATE	CHRISTOPHER TYSON
DISCUSSION	<p>Administrative- Mr. Tyson Introduced and welcomed Tricia Prewitt, BBR's new Office Coordinator. Mr. Tyson reported that BBR continues to consider its strategic communications needs and has spoken with a few consultants. He will share more information as the effort moves forward.</p> <p>Real Estate and Land Bank: BBR has two lots that have purchasers. The transactions are pending official transfer from the city-parish. BBR has a new addition to its land bank, a block of property at the corner of Plank and Choctaw. Plans for this property include a mixed-use development that could include a grocery store. This is a step forward in the implementation of the Advancing Cities grant.</p> <p>Federal Grants: Mr. Tyson reported that 176 roofs have been completed as part of the Roof Reset program and home rehabilitation visits into homes have resumed that were previously placed on hold during the pandemic.</p> <p>Projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advancing Cities: Mr. Tyson reported that a number of projects are advancing under the Advancing Cities' Grant. BBR is working with the EBR Public Library on the relocation of the Delmont Library Branch and Plank and Mohican. BBR is working with BREC on the design of a community park on the Plank Road corridor. BREC will eventually take over the operations of the park. TruFund has begun outreach and programming for its revolving loan program. BBR has acquired the property at Plank and Choctaw for the proposed grocery-anchored mixed-use development. - Plank Calumet: Mr. Tyson thanked Mayor Broome for her support of the project. The City-Parish has allocated funding towards the project through the American Recovery Relief Package. The funding will go before the Metro Council next week for final approval. - Ardendale: The EBR Housing Authority is working through HUD environmental approval process for the proposed BRChoice mixed-income housing development and is experiencing delays related to inflated construction pricing. BBR and the Housing Authority are in discussion BBR's disposition of the property for the development. 	

	NEW BUSINESS	RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	Representatives from the Urban Elder Council, Reverend Raymond Jetson and Dr. Adell Brown, were introduced. Rev. Jetson and Dr. Brown shared their action plan and it was well received by the Commissioners. The Commissioners and the Council have shared goals of keeping elders in their homes and not disenfranchising them. Mr. Braxton will invite them back after the Commissioners have a chance to review their Memorandum of Understanding.	
	PUBLIC COMMENT	RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	No public comment.	
	ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION	RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	Mr. Braxton adjourned the public meeting at 9:39 AM to enter into Executive Session.	
ACTION	Mr. Braxton made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Ms. Turner so moved.	
	ADJOURNMENT	RODNEY BRAXTON
DISCUSSION	The Board moved out of Executive Session at 10:11 AM and reported that no action was taken.	
ACTION	Mr. Braxton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 AM .	