



BLIGHT AUTHORITY OF MEMPHIS, INC.

BAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

June 18, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Directors ("Board") of Blight Authority of Memphis, Inc. ("BAM") was held on Friday, June 18, 2021, and took place at the City Hall, Conference A Room 403, located at 125 North Main Street, Memphis, TN 38103. Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Memphis Daily News.

WELCOME

Roll Call

The following board members were in attendance:

- Kathy Moore Cowan
- Louisa Yanes
- Jill Steinberg
- Shawn Massey
- Brent Hooks
- Ry Jackson

The following staff members and BAM representatives were present:

- Leslie Smith
- Allison Baker
- Olliette Murry-Drobot

Chairman Kathy Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

Public Comments

No new comments or attendance

WELCOME

Chairman Kathy Cowan called the meeting to order at 9:19 am.

Cowan introduced the Board Retreat Consultant, Olliette Murry-Drobot.

Drobot provided an overview of the retreat activities and asked the board for a brief introduction.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

Minutes

The Board was allowed to review the minutes from the last board meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021.

- Massey made a motion to approve the minutes, and Yanes seconded the motion, all approved.

Financial Reports

Smith shared with the board fundraising updates. Both the Balance Statement and the Profit and Loss Statement was distributed to the full. The board reviewed and accepted the financial statements.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Memphis 3.0 Alignment

The board decided to focus its priority neighborhoods in Frayser, South, and North Memphis. More specifically, BAM will focus on accelerator anchors within these three neighborhoods.

Steinberg asked that BAM really place energy in ensuring the Adopt-A-Lot program does not slip between fingers. This program plays a vital role in offering BAM the ability to have community engagement in focus area. BAM's programs like Adopt-A-Lot should really be targeted to take place within the focus areas.

Aside for the Adopt-A-Lot program, BAM should design a asset map within the neighborhoods of focus.

IDENTIFICATION OF NEEDS & RESOURCES

Volunteers & Advisory Council

Smith presented an governance committee item to the board for consideration of incorporating an advisory council to help build the capacity of the organization. Board discussed pros and cons. After the discussion, the board decided that BAM will not start off with the creation of an advisory council, instead, BAM will look to work with the Mayor's E-Team to focus its acquisition activities within the priority neighborhoods.

BOARD LEADERSHIP & COMMITMENT

Committee Updates

Kathy reviewed the Board Job Description. Board members received commitment forms to review and acknowledge by signing the form.

CLOSING

The next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 3 PM in person at City Hall.

Cowan adjourns the meeting at 11:31 AM.

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