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MINUTES
Board Meeting
May 2, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS:

IN ATTENDANCE: David Sager, Ira Steingart, Freda Eisenberg, Josh Potosek, Alan Sorensen, Terri Ward

ABSENT: Nancy Buck, Daniel Wright, Jacquie Leventoff

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Ron Stabak (Village of Liberty), Jill Weyer (SC Planning), Rich Conroy (SC Treasurer's Office), Andy Ford (County Attorney's office), Ed Homenick (Real Property), Helen Budrock (Sullivan Renaissance), Ken Walters, Steve Lundgren, George Nikolados (Village of Monticello)

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Freda Eisenberg, Chair, at approximately 8:30 a.m. All members present with the exception of Daniel Wright, Nancy Buck and Jacquie Leventoff. It was noted that this meeting was being held specifically to determine a request to the County to withhold certain properties from the 2017 foreclosure auction catalogue.

II. Potential Property Acquisition/ Tax Foreclosures

Freda reported on the work done by DPEM since the last meeting to review foreclosed properties in the land bank focus areas. Discussions with other land banks regarding occupied properties identified challenges that warranted more experience and capacity than is currently present, and she recommended eliminating occupied properties from the SCLBC request. She also reported on meeting with the County Treasurer and Property Examiner, which resulted in further reductions in the target list.

A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Terri to request the removal of the following seven parcels from the 2017 County foreclosure auction catalogue:

<u>Monticello</u>		<u>Liberty</u>	
107.-1-18	44 High Street	109.-2-14	11 Balsam Dr.
116-3-3	4 Washington Street	115.-1-30	237 S. Main Street
116-1-23	7 Washington Street	112.-4-30	5 Orchard St.
115-12-3	9 Cross Street		

All present approved the motion.

Dave asked if 504 Broadway in Monticello had been repurchased as it could be a great asset for the land bank to be used as an incubator or office. Rich Conroy reported that it had not been and a motion was made by David and seconded by Alan to request pulling this property from the auction as well in order to plan for its best reuse. The building is in a prime Village location in close proximity to new restaurants and cafes which have seen some recent property improvements. All present approved the motion.

Alan suggested that Village code enforcement officers and/or engineers be engaged in evaluating the conditions of properties under consideration for acquisition by the land bank. Ron and Dave volunteered to enlist municipal staff and consultants in this task.

III. Public Comment

Steve Lundgren asked to be notified regarding the next meeting date. Ken Walter asked that the entire board packet be posted on the website in addition to minutes and agenda. He also requested that board meetings be recorded and posted online.

Ron noted Dan Wright had submitted a resignation letter to the SC Legislative Clerk (Annmarie Martin).

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:10 am.