

Road Home Corporation Meeting Minutes

One American Place
301 Main Street
Suite 600 – Pearl Room
Baton Rouge, LA 70801
August 30th, 2007

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jerry Reaux.

Board Members: Jerry Reaux, Ernie Broussard, Joe Williams, Simone Champagne, Kathy Dyson, David Voelker

Non Members: Lara Richardson, Nadine Jarmon, Dan Rees

Approval of Minutes: August 16th, 2007: Motion by Ernie Broussard, Second by Joe Williams- Minutes approved.

Executive Director's Report: Dr. Jarmon's report included the awarding of the maintenance contract to Task Force. Her report stated our goal in the forthcoming weeks would be to develop a script on the questions we have been receiving, i.e. who do I talk to about buying the property next door, who do I need to talk to about mowing the property on my block that now belong to the RHC?

We have computers, cell phones and have selected a medical insurance provider; we are becoming a full corporation.

During the last two weeks we have been conducting debriefing sessions with the candidates that submitted proposals for the maintenance and security contracts.

Budget – the Board approved the increase from \$2,500,000 to \$30,000,000 which will allow us carry out the agreement of Maintenance and Security Contract and function as corporation. We are requesting \$9,000,000 to operate for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Jarmon's report included a summary of meetings with the key meeting being with Jefferson Parish – Tim Whitmere the CAA of Jefferson Parish.

Goals for Next Month – Work with FEMA, Army Corp and LRA to come up with a plan to cut maintenance cost and develop a plan for the demolition of property.

Maintenance Report:

Raymond Allen reported on Task Force progress. His report showed in three working days Task Force has assessed 357 properties and gave an overview of the steps Task Force would be making in maintaining the property.

Question for Task Force: Are you using your own employees or are you subcontracting.

Answer from Task Force: Currently we have been using our own employees, but beginning today, we will start using outside subs.

Comment from Task Force – thanks to the Staff of RHC for their quick response in approving the assessments.

Raymond Allen – statement to Chairman Reaux – we have not addressed swimming pools. There are a lot of pools in St. Bernard parish, with water, debris and a drowning hazard for children.

Concern of Chairman – Our liability within the neighborhood that have pool and health risks.

We are requesting Task Force to develop a proposal for the swimming pools.

Other Concerns of the Chairman, if the weeds are cut down it is possible – children will explore the properties that have pools and a number of things could happen to them.

It was decided to leave the property with pools as is until a proposal can be approved.

Property Count Update: 857 properties as August 30th, 2007

Question from the Board: Are we on track for the 9,000 closing by the end of the year?
Answer to the Board: Yes, according the selection to date – over 10,000 people have selected option 2 and 3 and there is a push to have 50,000 closing done by the end of the month.

Board Meeting Time Change: The time has been changed to 2:00.

Other Business:

Award of the Security: Contract: Motion by Ernie Broussard to award the security contract to Corporate Security Solution in the amount of \$4,600,000, second by David Voelker Motion approved by the board.

Changing of the Road Home Corporation Name: Dan Rees stated a DBA could be added to Road Home Corp. The Secretary State of LA website has been check for Louisiana Land Trust. Motion was made by David Voelker and second by Simone Champagne. The name change was approved by the Board.

Question from the public: Will this change any duties of the RHC.
Answer from the board: No, we are adopting the trade name of Louisiana Land Trust as a DBA.

Question from Ernie Broussard: Do we make any legislative changes?
Answer from Chairman Reaux: It does not change the corporation's legal obligations

The name change was approved by the Board.

WIMBY: (What's In My Back Yard) There is a website that shows all the options 1, 2 and 3. Dr. Jarmon stated Susan Elkins has offered assistance to anyone that have questions.

Committees: Do the board want to form committees? It was decided the entire board would continue to make decisions as a whole.

Conference: September 24th -25th in Pittsburg, PA – requesting someone from the Board (Trust) attend the conference.

Simone commented on the suggestion from Ira Peppercorn (the technical assistant) to add a bookkeeper to the staff. She thought was a great idea due to all of the work the corporation has forthcoming.

The Corporation will review a finance and bookkeeping procurement.

A recommendation for the bookkeeping services will be presented in the next meeting.

There was a general discussion on the parish dispositions plans by Lynn Bankston of the LRA and the board. It is consensus there is confusion from the parishes on the difference between the redevelopment plans and the parish plans.

Lynn stated assistance has been approved to help the parishes develop their plans.

Public Comments:

Today's meeting was a major success.

Meeting adjourned