PHILADELPHIA LAND BANK

JANUARY 16, 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank was held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, via Zoom webinar, of which proper notices were given. A condensed certified transcript of this meeting is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit A**.

Call to Order

Acting Board Chair Andrew Goodman called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

Mr. Goodman introduced himself as Acting Board Chair and welcomed everyone to the January meeting of the Philadelphia Land Bank Board.

Andrea Imredy Saah, Senior Counsel, made the following announcements:

Today's Board meeting is being held via an authorized communication device and is being recorded. Questions and comments may be made using the Q&A function or by using the "raise hand" function. If you are calling in and not using the Zoom webinar link, you may ask questions or make comments by pressing *9 on your phone or using the "raise hand" function. Please do not use the Chat function. If any member of the public has any issues submitting questions or comments, please send an email to Andrea.Saah@phdc.phila.gov. Please note that all questions and comments received by email prior to this meeting or through the Q&A function during the meeting will be included in the minutes. All questions and comments received by 4 pm yesterday were shared with the Board. Two emails were received the morning of this meeting, and they were shared with the Board as well.

Prior to today's Public Session, the Board held an Executive Session during which Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the agenda, announced the departure of Director of Real Estate Jessie Lawrence and expressed appreciation for Mr. Lawrence's services.

Item I Roll Call

The following members of the Board of Directors reported present: Maria Gonzalez, Andrew Goodman, Michael Johns, Rebecca Lopez Kriss, Majeedah Rashid, Mo Rushdy and Rick Sauer.

The following Board members were absent: Alexander Balloon and Michael Koonce.

The following Land Management staff members were present: Angel Rodriguez, Jessie Lawrence, Andrea Imredy Saah, Esq., Robert Spence, Esq., Todd Hestand, Cristina Martinez, Germaine McCray-McDonald, Brian Romano, Tracy Pinson-Reviere, Mathen Pullukattu, Evelyn Sheared and Carolyn Terry.

Public Attendees: The list of public attendees follow these minutes.

A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, proceeded with business.

Mr. Goodman announced new rules for public comment to be implemented this year. Individuals will be allowed two (2) minutes for public comment per person per agenda item. There will be no personal attacks or hate speech against anyone, including applicants, staff members, Board members or other members of the public. Comments must be related to the specific agenda item in question. Staff will assist with timing and muting microphones as needed. Mr. Goodman stated these rules are in line with "best practices" from comparable boards and commissions in the City of Philadelphia, and Mr. Goodman trusts that this will maintain robust public comment at the meetings.

Item II Approval of Board Minutes

Mr. Goodman called for questions or comments from the Board regarding the minutes of the Board meeting of December 12, 2023. There were none. Mr. Goodman called for questions or comments from the public. There were none.

Mr. Goodman called for a motion regarding approval of the minutes.

Mr. Rushdy moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Gonzalez seconded the motion.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the December 12, 2023 Board Meeting minutes.

Item III Executive Director's Report

Mr. Rodriguez wished everyone a Happy New Year. Mr. Rodriguez reported that there was a ribbon cutting, the final of four (4) ribbon cuttings last year. It was for the BMK Property Group's project on William Street in Kensington, and the ribbon cutting went well. Mr. Rodriguez encouraged people to look at the Turn the Key website, a link to which was placed in the chat, to see what is being produced as affordable housing.

Mr. Rodriguez stated there will be a groundbreaking for the Grays Ferry Dover-Myrtlewood project at 1553 S. Dover Street on Tuesday, February 20 at 1:30 pm in the 2nd Council District in South Philadelphia. The project is significant because it is a partnership of BMK and Dawud Bey, who is a first cohort graduate of the PHDC Minority Developer Program. This shows the results of the initiatives to support black and brown developers and pair them with larger contractors to get affordable housing built.

Mr. Rodriguez added there will also be a ribbon cutting for the Sharswood-Blumberg project in late February. This is a partnership between PHA and PHDC's Turn the Key program and will offer seventy-seven (77) affordable homes in the Sharswood-Blumberg area.

Mr. Rodriguez notified the Board and public that, pursuant to Resolution No. 2023-32, two projects' sales prices were approved administratively. The home sales prices in the Pastor James Allen project in Council District 4 were increased from \$195,000 and \$200,000 (NOTE: the previously approved prices were \$200,000 and \$230,000, not \$195,000 and \$200,000) to \$230,000 and \$250,000, respectively, with income eligibility remaining at or below 80% of AMI. The increase is due to rising construction costs and financing costs in the construction finance market. For the Grays Ferry Dover-Myrtlewood project in Council District 2, the home sales price is increasing from \$230,000 to \$250,000, with income eligibility remaining at or below 80% AMI, again due to construction costs and construction financing costs.

Mr. Rodriguez acknowledged that Jessie Lawrence, who served as Real Estate Director for the past three (3) years, is departing to work for Mayor Parker as Associate Deputy Mayor for Planning and Special Projects. This is his last Board meeting and last day with the Land Bank. Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Goodman, and other Board members congratulated and thanked Mr. Lawrence and wished him well.

Item IV Property Dispositions

Mr. Goodman stated there are three (3) property dispositions before the Board today, and that he would be recusing himself for the first item. Mr. Goodman stated he provided technical assistance to the applicant for the first disposition as part of his role in the 3rd Council District. A copy of the letter to the Board recusing himself from this item is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit B**.

A. Development – Mixed-Income Housing (unsolicited)

Mr. Goodman stated Ms. Gonzalez would chair the meeting for the first item and then turned off his audio and video. Ms. Gonzalez stated that, per the Land Bank bylaws, as Secretary, she will act as Chair for the item.

Mr. Lawrence requested that the Board authorize the disposition of lots in the University City area to Northern Libs Partners LLC for the development of nineteen (19) mixed-income homeownership units. This proposal includes five (5) single-family units and fourteen (14) condominium units and duplex structures. The properties are in the Third Council District at 4422 and 4426-30 Ludlow Street; and 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 34-36 S. 44th Street. The proposal includes four (4) units which will be sold to households with incomes at or below 60% AMI with a maximum price of \$199,990, one (1) unit which will be sold to a household with an income at or below 80% AMI with a maximum price of \$250,000, and six (6) units which will be sold to households with incomes at or below 100% AMI with a maximum price of \$280,000, for a total of eleven (11) affordable units. The units will be three (3) stories with no basement, containing 1,500 square feet with three (3) bedrooms and two (2) bathrooms. There will also be market-rate units which will be 2,000 square feet with no basements, three (3) stories, and include four (4) bedrooms and four and a half (4.5) bathrooms. The affordable units will be eligible for participation in the Turn the Key Program.

The proposal was unsolicited and evaluated pursuant to the disposition policy. The applicant plans to purchase the properties for \$12,000. The applicant is compliant and in good standing with the City of Philadelphia. The project will require an Economic Opportunity Plan and will be subject to an

irrevocable power of attorney and a right of re-entry and reverter restrictions. The affordable units will be subject to use restrictions and income verification requirements to ensure the units remain affordable for at least 15 years.

Ms. Gonzalez called for questions or comments from the Board. There were none.

Ms. Gonzalez asked if any correspondence was received prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Imredy Saah responded that the Board received two (2) letters supporting the disposition and two (2) letters opposing the disposition, all of which are attached to these minutes as **Exhibit C**. The first letter supporting the development was from Councilmember Gauthier, and the second supporting letter was from the West Philadelphia Economic Development Council. The first letter of opposition was from West Philly United Neighbors RCO, and the second letter was from Jihad Ali.

Ms. Gonzalez called for comments or questions from the public.

Ms. Lopez Kriss asked to hear from the developer regarding the accuracy of the claims in the letters of opposition. Jeremy Blatstein, representing the developer, responded, explaining that he emailed the RCOs identified by the Land Bank and delivered letters to the community members within 250 feet of the project on December 28, 2023. Mr. Blatstein sent a follow-up email to the RCOs the day prior to the meeting as a reminder. The meeting was held January 11, 2024. Mr. Blatstein said the meeting went well, but acknowledged there was opposition from West Philadelphia United Neighbors and Mr. Jihad Ali. Ms. Lopez Kriss asked if everyone received a paper notice in their mailbox about the meeting. Mr. Blatstein responded yes, they did. Ms. Lopez-Kris asked how many people attended the meeting. Mr. Blastein responded fifteen (15) people attended.

Ms. Gonzalez recognized Ang Sun, the President of West Philadelphia United Neighbors. Mr. Sun commented on the transparency of this process, stating that only 5 or 6 people attended the meeting. Mr. Sun did not attend the meeting, as he did not see the initial notice and the reminder was sent two (2) hours before the meeting on January 11.

Ms. Gonzalez next recognized Jihad Ali, who voiced his opinion that the community meeting notification process is flawed. Mr. Ali did not like that there was no sign-in sheet in the Board package and that no vote was taken regarding community support and asked that the disposition be tabled. Mr. Rodriguez then clarified the community meeting requirement and notification process. The community meeting was instituted as a requirement by the Land Bank Board to provide an additional opportunity for the community to receive information about a proposed disposition. It is not a Registered Community Organization (RCO) meeting, it does not follow RCO and planning department rules, and a vote is not required. The goal is to alert the community so they can come to the Board meeting and share their concerns. Mr. Rodriguez also noted that the Land Bank posted notice on the properties regarding the pending disposition.

Mr. Rushdy asked Mr. Blatstein if he received a package with instructions from the Land Bank staff on whom to contact for the community meeting. Mr. Blatstein responded that the letter from the Land Bank instructed him to give notice to residents within 250 feet of the property and provided a list of RCOs to notify. Mr. Rushdy asked if Mr. Blatstein received an acknowledgement or receipt of the notices when they were sent. Mr. Blatstein responded that he did, since one of the local neighbors was on the call and that indicated the neighbors received the notices. Mr. Rushdy asked if the instructions from the Land Bank were followed. Mr. Blatstein confirmed that they were. Mr. Rushdy asked Land Bank staff if they believed the instructions were followed. Mr. Lawrence

responded affirmatively. Ms. Gonzalez asked if a sign-in sheet was provided to the Land Bank. Mr. Blatstein confirmed that it was.

Mr. Sauer asked if the developer is restricted to the type of development and number of units identified in the application. Mr. Rodriguez said the developer is restricted to the project as approved by the Board. There is a Purchase and Development Agreement which defines the project and is recorded. The agreement includes a right of reverter and other restrictions which protect the Land Bank in the event the developer does not fulfill the terms of the agreement. The Land Bank also does not convey the properties until the developer receives their permits and would not issue a consent to sell letter if the developer did not build the project as approved. Finally, there is a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants that is recorded against the properties, which includes a definition of the use approved by the Board and the restrictions and covenants that govern the project.

Ms. Gonzalez next recognized Nabeelah Bey, a member of the Mill Creek community. Ms. Bey agreed with Mr. Ali's proposal to table the disposition and to hold a more widely announced community participation meeting. Ms. Bey voiced her concerns about the additional weight of these structures on the land, and that the area is saturated with housing.

Ms. Gonzalez recognized Mr. Blatstein again. Mr. Blatstein clarified that the developer is contributing one lot to the project, which allows the affordable housing to be fully realized.

Ms. Gonzalez called for a motion regarding the proposed disposition.

Mr. Rushdy moved to approve the disposition. Ms. Lopez Kriss seconded the motion.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board (without Mr. Goodman present) approved the Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of 4422 Ludlow Street, 4426-30 Ludlow Street, 18-20 S. 44th Street, 24-28 S. 44th Street, 30 S. 44th Street, 34-36 S. 44th Street to Northern Libs Partners, LLC (attached to these minutes as <u>Exhibit D</u>).

B. Development – Community-Benefitting Use (unsolicited)

Mr. Goodman returned to the meeting, and Ms. Rashid turned off her audio and video at this time. Mr. Rodriguez explained that Ms. Rashid has an affiliation with the applicant for the next disposition and is recusing herself from this item. A copy of her letter explaining the recusal is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit E**.

Mr. Rodriguez requested that the Board authorize the lease of 3601 Germantown Avenue, formerly a City-owned parking lot being transferred to the Land Bank, to Called to Serve CDC. The lease would be for \$10 per year for an initial 1-year term, which would automatically extend to 5 years, and would allow for five 5-year extensions for a possible total of 30 years pending City Council approval. Called To Serve CDC wishes to lease the 65-space parking lot and to sublet the parking lot to 3701 North Broad LLC, which owns the Beury Building, located at 3701-03 North Broad. The Beury Building is being redeveloped as a hotel with restaurant, fitness center, and meeting spaces. 3701 North Broad would like to use 45 spaces for valet parking for its guests. The remaining 20 spaces would continue to be used by existing businesses along the commercial corridor. The sublease requires 3701 North Broad LLC to make improvements to the parking lot and to provide security for the lot. Hotel rooms and meeting space would also be provided to Called

To Serve CDC in support of its programming. The lease terms are summarized in Exhibit A to the proposed resolution, and the terms of the sublease to 3701 North Broad LLC are summarized in Exhibit B to the proposed resolution. Called To Serve will also be required to report to the Land Bank how they are using the funds received from 3701 North Broad LLC

Mr. Goodman asked if there is any precedent for such an arrangement. Mr. Rodriguez responded that the Land Bank owns land near 15th and Poplar where North Broad Renaissance has a multi-year lease with the Land Bank, and they sublet the land to the Met event venue. North Broad Renaissance receives rent payments and in-kind services. The agreement has been in place for multiple years and is going well. This type of arrangement allows the City to leverage its resources to improve the commercial corridor without expending any funds directly. Mr. Goodman asked if the improvements were required under the agreement. Mr. Rodriguez responded that they are, and the Land Bank would be monitoring to ensure they are completed.

Mr. Goodman asked if any correspondence was received prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Imredy Saah stated that none was received. Mr. Goodman asked if any member of the public wished to comment on this item. There were none.

Mr. Goodman called for a motion regarding the proposed disposition.

Ms. Gonzalez moved to approve the disposition. Mr. Johns seconded the motion.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously (without Ms. Rashid present) approved Resolution Authorizing a Lease between Philadelphia Land Bank and Called To Serve CDC, Inc., and a Sublease between Called To Serve CDC, Inc. and 3701 North Broad, LLC, for 3601 Germantown Avenue (attached to these minutes as Exhibit F).

C. Side/Rear Yards

Mr. Lawrence requested that the Board authorize the conveyance of 2428 North Orianna Street in the 7th Council District to the adjacent owner, Anthony K. Bright, Jr., to be used as a side or rear yard. The applicant is compliant and in good standing with the City of Philadelphia. The property will be subject to a 30-year mortgage and use restrictions as a side or rear yard.

Mr. Goodman called for questions from the Board. Mr. Goodman asked if the adjacent owner was an entity. Mr. Lawrence stated the Land Bank reviewed the deed and ownership and is satisfied that Mr. Bright is the owner and occupant of the adjacent home.

Mr. Goodman asked if any correspondence was received prior to the Board meeting. Ms. Imredy Saah stated none was received.

Mr. Goodman asked if any member of the public wished to comment on this item and recognized Odessa Tate, who asked if the 28th Street and Cumberland Street development was on the agenda today. Mr. Rodriguez confirmed that that project was not on the agenda for this meeting.

Mr. Goodman called for a motion regarding the proposed disposition.

Ms. Lopez Kriss moved to approve the disposition. Mr. Rushdy seconded the motion.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously approved the **Resolution Authorizing Conveyance of 2428 North Orianna Street to Anthony K. Bright, Jr.** (attached to these minutes as **Exhibit G**).

Item V Public Comment (Old & New Business)

Mr. Goodman asked if any member of the public wished to raise old or new business. Mr. Goodman recognized Jihad Ali, who thanked Mr. Lawrence for his service. Mr. Ali stated the Board can be disrespectful, and that he believes the processes required by the Land Bank are flawed. Mr. Ali also requested that all conflicts of interest be reduced to writing. Ms. Imredy Saah clarified that Board members are supposed to submit a letter explaining their conflict of interest prior to the meeting, but if they did not recognize the conflict prior to the meeting, they are required to verbally acknowledge the conflict in the meeting and submit a written letter after the meeting.

Mr. Goodman next recognized LuAn Gethers. Ms. Gethers owns a property in Strawberry Mansion and requested contact information for someone at the Land Bank to address maintenance needs at an adjacent property. Ms. Gethers also asked about the process for the City releasing the adjacent property for competitive bidding. Mr. Rodriguez responded that if Ms. Gethers provides the property address, the maintenance team can stabilize the property.

Mr. Goodman next recognized Lawrence Macey. Mr. Macey asked for contact information regarding current and future RFP for low-income affordable housing developments. Mr. Rodriguez provided the contact information for Melissa Long, Director of the Division of Housing and Community Development, in the chat. Mr. Goodman added that the PHDC website has information regarding the competitive and noncompetitive bid processes.

Mr. Goodman next recognized Ronald Jackson. Mr. Jackson asked for Mr. Macey's contact information. Mr. Rodriguez responded that Mr. Macey put his email in the Q&A, and that Mr. Rodriguez would post the email in the chat for Mr. Jackson's convenience.

Item VI Adjournment

Mr. Goodman called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gonzalez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Sauer seconded the motion.

Upon motion made and duly seconded, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 11:11 am.

NOTE: Any comments and questions submitted via the Q&A function follow the list of attendees attached to these minutes.

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE SHEET

PHILADELPHIA LAND BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, JANUARY 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM, held remotely using Zoom Webinar.

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Mark Coriolan
Lawrence Macey
Abdul-Rahim Muhammad
David Fecteau
Winnie Branton
Jacquelyn Sims
Strawberry Mansion Community Concern
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Jeremy Blatstein
Traci Powell
Lili Razi
Suzanne Ponsen
Kelly Cary
Jeffrey Brown
Larry Griffin
Anthony Fullard
Nicole Clayton-Morgan
Michelle Lewis
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LuAn Gethers
Thom Webster
Juanda Myles
Daniel Galarraga
Pam Andrews
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Arlene Smith
Jeffrey Harley
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PUBLIC COMMENTS SUBMITTED IN Q&A
PHILADELPHIA LAND BANK BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING Tuesday, JANUARY 16, 2023, at 10:00 AM, held remotely using Zoom Webinar

#	Question	Asker Name	Answer
1	are they sold at 12k PER lot?	Nabeelah Bey	\$1,000/ parcel = \$12,000 total
2	That is awful Are they vacant lots?	Nabeelah Bey	Yes
3	Why can't the community preserve green space and community gardens?	Nabeelah Bey	The site is currenlty being used for illegal parking. We have not received a qualified application for that use.
4	Do you have a document on the required items for a qualified application?	Nabeelah Bey	Anyone interested in acquiring public land must apply via this websaite: https://phdcphila.org/land/buy-land/
5	Who is the developer?	Nabeelah Bey	Northern Libs Partners, LLC
6	I agree with the initial suggestion table until another community meeting can be held	Nabeelah Bey	
7	Jeffrey Harley from Called To Serve CDC is on the call.	Jeffrey Harley	
8	Is the Land Bank considering hybrid board meetings rather than solely virtual meetings?	Winnie Branton	For the time being we will be remote.
9	maceysenterprises@gmail.com	Lawrence Macey	

Exhibit A

Condensed transcript of JANUARY 16, 2023 Board Meeting follows

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA LAND BANK

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, January 16, 2024

LOCATION: Zoom Teleconference

REPORTED BY: John Kelly, Court Reporter

BOARD MEMBERS: ANDREW GOODMAN, Acting Chair

MARIA GONZALEZ, Board Secretary MICHAEL JOHNS, Board Member ALEXANDER BALLOON, Board Member MAJEEDAH RASHID, Board Member

RICK SAUER, Board Member MO RUSHDY, Board Member

REBECCA LOPEZ KRISS, Board Member

ALSO PRESENT: ANDREA IMREADY SAAH, Esquire, Board Counsel

ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, Executive Director

JESSIE LAWRENCE, Director, Real Estate, PHDC

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Page 2	Page 4 1 by email prior to this meeting or through the Q&A function
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I, Roll Call 4	4 shared with the Board. Also, I received two emails this
	5 morning which were also just shared with the Board.
II. Approval of Minutes of Meeting of December 12, 2023	6 Prior to today's Public Session, the Board held an
III. Executive Director's Report 7	7 Executive Session during which the agenda was reviewed and
TV Punnatu Pinnati	8 also Mr. Lawrence's departure was announced, and
IV. Property Dispositions	9 appreciation was expressed for his service. And that's it.
A. Development - Mixed Income Housing (unsolicited) 10	10 ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Thank you, Andrea. And with
4422, 4426-30 Ludlow Street; 18 20, 24, 26, 28,	11 that, let's do roll call.
4422, 4420 30 Eddiow Science, 10 20, 24, 20, 20,	12 MS. SAAH: Rick Sauer?
30, 34-36 South 44th Street	13 MR. SAUER: I'm here.
B. Development - Community-Benefitting Use	14 MS. SAAH: Mo Rushdy?
	15 MR. RUSHDY: Here.
(unsolicited)	16 MS. SAAH: Majeedah Rashid?
3601 Germantown Avenue 32	17 MS. RASHID: Here.
	18 MS. SAAH: Michael Koonce?
C. Side/Rear Yards	19 (No response.)
2428 North Orianna Street 37	20 MS. SAAH: Michael Johns?
	21 MR. JOHNS: Here.
VI. Public Comment (Old & New Business) 41	22 MS. SAAH: Maria Gonzalez?
VII. Adjournment 49	23 MS. GONZALEZ: Here.
	24 MS. SAAH: Andrew Goodman?
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1 PROCEEDINGS	1 ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Here.
ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Good morning and Happy New Year to everyone. Welcome to the January 2024 meeting of the	2 MS. SAAH: Alexander Balloon? 3 (No response.)
	3 (No response.) 4 MS. SAAH: Rebecca Lopez Kriss?
4 Philadelphia Land Bank Board of Directors. My name is 5 Andrew Goodman. I am Acting Chair of the Philadelphia Land	5 MS. LOPEZ KRISS: I'm here.
6 Bank Board. Happy New Year, happy snow, thanks for taking	6 MS. SAAH: All right. We have a quorum and can
7 time to be with us this morning.	7 proceed.
8 And I apologize ahead of time if I sound a little	8 ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Great. Thank you so much.
9 froggy here, more froggy than normal, coming out of being	9 Before we proceed to the next item of the agenda, I
10 under the weather for a few days, so thank you for your	10 wanted to take a moment to amnounce some new ground rules
11 patience.	11 for public comment that we'll be implementing this month.
12 With that, I will turn it over to our attorney for a	12 New year, new ideas on how to make sure we are maximizing
13 brief note about conducting virtual meetings.	13 the opportunity for as many people as possible to give
14 MS. SAAH: Good morning, everyone. Today's meeting is	14 public comment at these meetings.
15 being held via an authorized communication device and is	15 So for agenda items where public comment is taken,
16 being recorded. Questions and comments may be made using	16 individuals will now have the following ground rules for
17 the Q&A function or using the "raised hand" function. If	17 giving public comment.
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19 may ask questions or make comments by pressing star 9 on	19 minutes of public comment per person per agenda item.
20 your phone or using the "raised hand" function. Please do	20 We will set a rule of no personal attacks or hate
21 not use the chat function. If any member of the public has	21 speech on any individuals. This includes applicants, staff
22 any issues submitting questions or comments, please send an	22 members, Board members, or other members of the public.
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23 email to andrea.saah@phdc.phila.gov.	23 Comments must be relevant to the specific agenda item
23 email to andrea.saah@phdc.phila.gov. 24 Please note that all questions and comments received	

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1	muting people's microphones as needed.	1	Next we'll be having a ribbon cutting for Sharswood
2	These are in line with best practices from comparable	2	Blumberg in late February as well. This is a partnership
3	boards and commissions in the City of Philadelphia, and I	3	between PHA and also with Lane Management to actually expand
4	trust that they'll help maintain robust public comment as	4	what we're offering in Turn the Key. So we're looking
5	we've had for many years now.	5	forward to that. Those will be 77 new affordable homes that
6	So I wanted to amnounce that, everybody, at the very	6	are coming on line in the Sharswood Blumberg area.
7	beginning, and we'll proceed now to the next agenda item	7	And then just to notify the Board and the public,
8	which is review of the minutes from the last Board meeting.	8	pursuant to Resolution 2023-32, two projects, the sales
9	Hopefully members of the Board have had ample time to review	9	prices were we approved administratively the increase of
10	the minutes from the December 2023 Board.	10	sales prices.
11	Are there any questions or comments on last month's	11	One is for Pastor Allen in the Fourth District,
12	Board minutes?		
		12	increasing the sales price from \$195,000 and \$200,000
13	(No response.)	13	respectively to \$230,000 and \$250,000. They still would be
14	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Hearing none, can I get a	14	affordable at 80 percent of AMI. These are due to rising
15	motion?	15	construction costs and financing issues in the construction
16	MR. RUSHDY: Motion to approve.	16	finance market.
17	MS. GONZALEZ: Second.	17	Next is Dover Myrtlewood in the Second District, which
18	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Motion has been made and	18	we are increasing from \$230,000 to \$250,000 at 80 percent of
19	properly seconded to approve meeting minutes from the	19	AMI, again for construction costs and financing.
20	December 2023 meeting of the Land Bank Board. All in favor?	20	And then finally what I'd like to acknowledge is
21	(Chorus of ayes.)	21	Jessie Lawrence. He has been serving as our real estate
22	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Any opposed?	22	director for the past three years. He will be departing.
23	(No response.)	23	This will be his last Board meeting, and actually last day
24	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: The ayes have it. Motion	24	here at the Land Bank. I got him to stay at least for one
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1	carries. Minutes are approved.	1	more Board meeting.
2	We will now proceed to our report from our executive	2	He will be moving on to work for our new mayor, Mayor
3	director.	3	Parker, and work as assistant deputy mayor for planning and
4	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Good morning, Board and public. Happy	4	special projects.
5	New Year. Today I'd like to report on several things. I	5	I can't say enough about the impact Jessie's had on
6	want to just let everybody know, we did have a ribbon	6	myself and the organization and the staff. We do wish him
7	cutting last year. It was our last ribbon cutting. I think	7	well, and I've got to say, he's a great hire. It's a big
8	we had four last year, over on William Street. It went very	8	loss for us but a great gain for the city, and I wish you
9	well.	9	well.
10	I suggest and encourage people to really take a look	10	MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Angel, appreciate it.
11	at our Turn the Key web site. We'll put the link in the	11	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Hear, hear. Congratulations,
12	chat for everybody, but it was a great product. I think	12	Jessie. Tough shoes to fill for sure. I was even surprised
13	everybody should look and see what we're producing for the	13	to see you this morning. Thank you for your work on behalf
14	general public as affordable housing.	14	of the entire Board.
15	We do have a groundbreaking that's coming up in Dover	15	MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
16	Myrtlewood in South Philadelphia. This is in the second	16	MR. RUSHDY: Thank you, Jessie.
17	councilmanic district. That will be in late February.	17	MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you.
18	What's significant about this is, this is a	18	MR. RODRIGUEZ: That concludes my report.
19	partnership between BMK and Dawoud Bey, who is a MDP, a	19	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: All right. Thank you, Angel.
20	minority developer program, our first cohort graduate. So	20	Any questions on the executive director's report?
21	we're really looking forward to that. It's showing our	21	(No response.)
22	initiatives to really support black and brown developers and	22	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Seeing none, move into Agenda
23	pair them with responsible prime contractors to get housing	23	Item No. IV, property dispositions. We have three different
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24 property dispositions agenda items before the Board this

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1	morning.	1	unsolicited and evaluated pursuant to the disposition
2	First one is around a mixed income housing development	2	policy. The developer plans to purchase the property for
3	proposal in the 44th and Ludlow area in the Third Council	3	\$12,000.
4	District. For that one, I'll be recusing myself as part of	4	Evidence of project financing has been provided. The
5	my day-to-day role as providing technical assistance in the	5	applicant is in compliance and good standing with the City
6	Third Council District. I'll turn chair duties over to	6	of Philadelphia. The project will be subject to an economic
7	Maria Gonzalez, and I will turn off my audio and video.	7	opportunity plan. The project will be subject to an
8	Thank you.	8	irrevocable power of attorney and right of re-entry/reverter
9	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Mr. Chair.	9	as well.
10	Good morning, everyone. In accordance with the bylaws	10	The sale of those affordable units will be subject to
11	of the Philadelphia Land Bank, I as secretary will be acting	11	use restrictions and income verification requirements, as a
12	as chair on this particular agenda item. As Mr. Goodman	12	Declaration of Restrictive Covenants will be placed on them
13	said, he is recusing himself.	13	to ensure that the units remain affordable for at least 15
14	So with that, I give the floor to staff to make a	14	years. That is it.
15	presentation.	15	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Jesse. Do we have
16	MR. LAWRENCE: Thank you, Madam Acting Chair. First	16	any questions or comments from the Board?
17	item on the list, Item A in this section, today we're asking	17	(No response.)
18	the Board to authorize the disposition of lots in University	18	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Seeing none, Andrea, do we
19	Cities to Northern Libs Partners, specifically for the	19	have any comments from the public?
20	development of 19 mixed income homeownership units.	20	MS. SAAH: Yes, Madam Chair. We received two letters
21	This particular proposal includes five single-family	21	supporting the disposition and two letters opposing the
22	units and 14 condominium units and duplex structures. The	22	disposition.
23	properties are in the Third District, and they are listed as	23	The first was a letter from Councilwoman Gauthier
24	follows: 4422, 4426 to 30 Ludlow Street, and also 18 to 20,	24	supporting the disposition. She was writing to express her
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1	Page 11 24 to 28, 30, 34 to 36 South 44th Street, generally located	1	Page 13 support for the mixed income homeownership proposal at 44th
2	at 44th and Ludlow.	2	and Ludlow Streets that is being reviewed by the Land Bank
3	The scope specifically includes four affordable condo	3	Board of Directors.
4	units that will target households at 60 percent of AMI.	4	These parcels present a unique opportunity to provide
5	That maximum sales price for those units will be \$199,990.	5	family-changing homeownership within walking distance of
6	There will be one affordable unit targeting households	6	some of the region's largest job centers at the university
7	with incomes at 80 percent of AMI and that unit max sale,	7	"eds and meds." This location also provide walkable access
8	the maximum sales price for that unit will be \$250,000.	8	to transit, quality schools, and comprehensive goods and
9	And then there will be six affordable units that will	9	services.
10	be sold to those at 100 percent of AMI with a maximum sales	10	Though the proposal is not fully affordable, it
11	price of \$280,000.	11	provides a depth of affordability that we do not otherwise
12	And then there will be a mix of affordable and market	12	see on the private market.
13	rate condos that will be three stories, no basement,	13	Thanks to Turn the Key's soft second mortgages, this
14	containing 1,500 square feet with three bedrooms and two	14	proposal can generate a majority of its homes sold at
15	bathrooms.	15	purchase prices near or sometimes below \$200,000.
16	There will also be all single-family market rate units	16	These are unparalleled accessible housing and wealth
17	that will be 2,000 square feet with no basement, three	17	generation opportunities in this amenity-rich section of my
18	stories, and those units will include four bedrooms and 4.5	18	district, and it's for this reason that I support this
19	bathrooms.	19	proposal. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,
20	The affordable units in this particular case will be	20	Jamie Gauthier.
21	eligible for neighborhood preservation, the NPI program's	21	The second supporting letter was from the West
22	Turn the Key program. The subsidy will, though, be on a	22	Philadelphia Economic Development Council RCO, addressed to
23	sliding scale.	23	the chair.
24	The proposal for this particular project was	24	The West Philadelphia Boonomic Development Council RCO

Page 14 Page 16 1 participated in a virtual community meeting. We have designated to be sold under 60 percent of AMI. We strongly expressed concerns about African-American contracting advocate for 100 percent of the units to be affordable. opportunities. The company has verbally committed to seeing 3 And fourth, we are deeply concerned about developer African-American contractors participate in the project. We accountability. The proposed conveyance involves valuable offer no apposition to the project. CMX4-zoned parcels, estimated at multi-millions of dollars. Councilwoman Gauthier and all other RCOs were copied We express concerns about the developer's track record 6 on this. This came from Kyle J. Sampson, President. of developing affordable housing and their ability to adhere 7 Third, we have a letter of opposition from West Philly 8 8 to proposed plans. 9 United Neighbors, another RCO, addressed to the Land Bank, 9 When this developer was constructing other buildings and I will read it briefly. in the neighborhood, they very often blocked the one-lane 10 10 11 I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on Ludlow Street without permission from the city, enclosed behalf of West Philly United Neighbors, an RCO deeply city-owned land with a fence, and parked illegally. 12 12 concerned about the proposed conveyance of the properties at The community doubts how the Land Bank will ensure 13 13 44th Street and Ludlow Street to the developer Northern Libs 14 compliance with the proposed 20-unit construction limit. 14 Partners. Our opposition is rooted in the following Because these are CMX4-zoned parcels, the developer could 15 critical reasons: develop hundreds of units once they acquire the land. There is a lack of community input. The community was 17 17 Without a robust mechanism for accountability, we 18 inadequately informed about the proposed development. The arque against conveying these lands to a developer whose 19 initial notification of the Zoom meeting was sent via email 19 primary motivation may be profit. by the developer during the holiday season, and many key 20 In conclusion, we urge the Board of Directors to vote stakeholders were excluded from the communication. against the conveyance of these properties to Northern Libs 21 21 Moreover, the timing of the reminder email, sent just Partners. Our community's well-being and the preservation 22 22 a few hours before the meeting, hindered community of valuable assets controlled by the city should take participation. Only about five to six community members precedence over the interests of a developer. And this was Page 15 Page 17 sent by Ang Sun, President, West Philly United Neighbors. made the community meeting. 2 2

Given the significant impact of the proposed development on the community, a more inclusive and 3 well-publicized community meeting is essential.

5 Secondly, the community needs green space. The community values green space and community gardens, which 7 are becoming increasingly scarce.

In recent years, within a couple of blocks, many buildings including a total of about 2,000 units of apartments have been constructed and more have been proposed.

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We have already lost our community garden at 43rd and Ludlow, 12 South 43rd Street, to a developer. That piece of land which was once sold by the city for only \$3000 to the first buyer after changing hands twice eventually sold to a developer from New York City for nearly \$1 million and became an 18-unit apartment building.

Preserving green spaces is crucial for the well-being of our neighborhood. We propose that the land in question be conveyed to the community for the establishment of community gardens and community-controlled development.

22 Third, there is inadequate affordable housing in this proposal. The proposed percentage is woefully inadequate.

Out of the 20 residential homes planned, only four are

Lastly, I just received this morning a lengthy letter from Mr. Jihad Ali, writing about this particular proposal.

He says that he endorses the concept of developing family homeownership in this area, but the critical issue revolves around whether the current unsolicited developer is

the most suitable choice for this project and whether the proposed development fully leverages the zoning density

allowed for this specific location.

He's asking the Land Bank Board not to vote on this 10 today and is asking for a continuance. 11

12 First, there has been a severe -- the community has observed a severe lack of public notice and insufficient time for the community to meet and discuss the proposed 14 15 development.

The notice provided for this hearing after the Public 17 Meeting on Thursday, January 11th at 7:00 pm, only left the community and attended eight business hours before the weekend and Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday, so it did not allow for meaningful participation by the attendees of the public meeting to discuss with participating RCO's, which is essential in making informed decisions about the developments in our area.

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1	sought-after development area with over 500 units within two	1	us, along with notices delivered to all of the local
2	blocks raises significant concerns. Many questions about	2	community members that were within 250 feet. So that
3	parking, design, and the impact on alleyways still need to	3	occurred on December 28th. I hand delivered them to local
4	be answered.	4	community members.
5	The developer's failure to disclose their pending	5	I then sent a follow-up email the day of the meeting
6	development of an 11-story, 100-unit apartment building at	6	as a helpful reminder to the RCOs that the meeting was
7	4400 Market Street is a significant concern.	7	occurring, along with local community members that were
			within the 250 feet of the project that were in attendance
8	Also, he discovered that three parcels of the proposed	8	1,3
9	development site had been pledged as security for the	9	at that evening.
10	developer's previous loan with Republic Bank in 2021.	10	And the meeting went well. There was some opposition
11	In the board package, the developer indicated the	11	from the two people that were just stated, but overall there
12	intent to pledge these same properties as a contribution to	12	was support for this and there's a need for obviously
13	another bank. This raises questions about their financial	13	affordable housing in this area.
14	stability and the potential risks associated with the	14	To be able to provide houses at this affordability
15	project.	15	level is what we are also doing. And the mention, just want
16	Lastly, he's concerned that the developer is	16	to put one point to kind of mention, is that we are
17	underutilizing the CMX zoning for the site, not fully	17	contributing two of our lots that we own to this project to
18	maximizing homeownership, and may consider combining the	18	make it so that we can actually produce more affordable
19	44th Street lots north of Ludlow Street with the 4400 Market	19	units on all these Land Bank lots.
20	Street lots for additional market-rate houses. This could	20	MS. LOPEZ KRISS: So what day was the actual meeting?
21	exploit taxpayers' interests in favor of the developer's	21	MR. BLATSTBIN: The meeting was on January 11th at 7
22	profit.	22	p.m.
23	And so because of all these concerns, he's asking the	23	MS. LOPEZ KRISS: It was on January 11th, and you
24	Board to table the item and schedule another public meeting,	24	noticed on the 28th?
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Yes. MR. ALI: Good morning, members of the Board, and thank you, Ms. Kriss, for raising those concerns. I just wanted to really make a quick comment. The process is really flawed when you have an unsolicited developer conduct a committee meeting and he's not versed on the rights of community members to participate. He had just told you that he sent out a notice. I was one of the only people that I know that had signed in at the meeting. That wasn't disclosed. There was no sign-in sheet. There was no vote taken. When we asked him about a vote, he said that wasn't required, so how could he say that he had support? I think that's a crucial point. As Mr. Goodman knows, there was somebody Mrs. Lilysen (phonetic) was there, and she asked what was the next steps. There was no notice that this hearing was even today. So it's really two issues. One is the issue of process, and the other was the conduct of the developer. For him not to disclose that he was the owner of the 4300	1 2 3 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Page 25 There is no, and I think this is what I tried to make mention to the Board before, this is a complaint that we've gotten from the Planning Department that it is confusing RCOs in that they think they are following the planning process. This is not the planning process. This is merely to alert the community so that they can come to the Board meeting and voice their concerns and have it not be the first time they heard about the project. The second thing I would like to say is that we did post the properties, which we are required to do, and that this parcel, these parcels have been subject to illegal parking. Currently it's owned by PRA, and there have been cease-and-desist notices several times. It's a large liability problem for the PRA, which is when we were posting the property, this is how this came about. So, just background. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Angel. Moving on, do we have anyone else from the public that wishes to make a statement? MR. RODRIGUEZ: Mo's hand is up. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Mo?

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24 for the developer, Mr. Blatstein.

23 Market site, and that site is right next to those properties

24 on 44th Street, we just thought it was not being

MR. RUSHDY: Thank you, Madam Chair. I had a question

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 8 9	Page 26 Mr. Blatstein, were you given a notification package and instructions by the Land Bank on who to go to? ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Mr. Blatstein? MR. BLATSTEIN: Yes. Sorry. Can you hear me? MR. RUSHDY: Yes. MR. BLATSTEIN: Yes. In the letter from the Land Bank, it says to give notice to the residents within 250 feet of the property along with, if you would like to notify	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	Page 28 for greater density development, is the developer restricted to that type of project per se if we dispose of the property to them, Angel? In other words, they couldn't go in and add a bunch of additional properties beyond what's being approved? MR. RODRIGUEZ: No, no. We can't. We would only approve what this Board package, what the Board approves. It's also backed up by a purchase development agreement
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	the list of RCOs, but that is not a requirement per what the community outreach package, per my understanding of the directions. So that was my understanding of me sending that email and follow-up to the RCOs, a step that was not necessarily required per what the instructions I received. The main point of order was, notifying the residents within 250 feet of the property. MR. RUSHDY: And have you received some acknowledgement or your receipt in terms of these notifications when you sent out? MR. BLATSTBIN: Yes. One of the local neighbors, Clarence Ellis, was on the call, so that was my kind of ability to know that they were receiving the notices. MR. RUSHDY: And so do the instructions by the Land Bank in terms of notifications to the community members per	9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	which we do record against the property, and there's also right of reverter and also we have certain, you know, other deed restrictions on the property. So it would be very difficult for them to do that. We would also not issue a consent to sell. During the construction phase, we would be monitoring, and if there were any change, we would then have the opportunity to stop the development and issue a cease and desist. And also, we wouldn't go to closing until they pulled their permits, and we would have to see conformity with what they propose. And Andrea, I want to let you guys know, we always put a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants that will be tied to what's in the Board resolution. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Does anyone else from the Board have any questions or comments?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	Page 27 the rules and regs of the Land Bank, have these been followed? MR. BLATSTEIN: Yes. MR. RUSHDY: And Angel, the question is now to the Land Bank staff, have the instructions that were given to the developer been followed? I guess Jessie or Angel. MR. RODRIGUEZ: Jessie? MR. LAWRENCE: Yes. MR. RUSHDY: Thank you. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Mr. Blatstein, I just have a question. Along with those instructions, do you have a sign-in sheet also that has been provided to the Land Bank?	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	Page 29 MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have one member of the public, Ms. Bey. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. Please state your name and proceed with your statement. MS. BEY: Yes. My name is Nabeelah Bey. I am a member of the Mill Creek Community. However, I do agree with Mr. Ali's proposal to table this issue and to conduct a more thoroughly announced community participation period. And I just wanted to note, in regards to Angel's statement he just made, that the developer clearly said he was going to join some other property to this property to make his project larger or something like that.
13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	MR. BLATSTBIN: Yes. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. Thank you. Moving on, do we have anyone else from the public that wishes to make a statement? MR. RODRIGUEZ: We have Rick Sauer. MR. SAUER: Yeah, I just have one quick clarification question. I know a couple of the comments related to the zoning for the site and the size of the density of the projects it allowed. So if the proposal to the Land Bank that we're approving or being asked to approve for disposition is for a certain number of units even though the zoning would allow	13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	So I just want the Board to keep in mind how saturated that area is. That whole 44th and Chestmut, 42nd and Chestmut, it's like unbelievable. You can't drive. You can't park. You can't see the skyline anymore. It's just saturated. And to think that someone else is going to squeeze in some more properties, I don't know how much weight the land of Philadelphia can take in certain areas. There's buildings just piled on top of each other. So that's my comment. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Thank you, Ms. Bey. Moving on, I know that Mr. Blatstein, you have your hand raised again.

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1	(Pause.)	1	entire Board, and that is a valid vote.
2	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: So we can move on to other	2	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. Motion carries. Okay.
3	public comments.	3	Thank you, everyone. I give the floor back to Mr. Goodman.
4	MR. BLATSTEIN: Sorry, I just wanted to clarify the	4	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Thank you, Secretary Gonzalez.
5	statement that I made if I wasn't clear to the Land Bank	5	Next agenda item is a community benefiting use on Item IV.B
6	Board of, that there's going to be two clusters of the six	6	of this agenda. Angel?
7	houses, of the (inaudible) that owns duplexes, and	7	MR. RODRIGUEZ: I just want to make note that Majeedah
8	eight duplexes. And we own a lot within the Monopoly board	8	Rashid is going to recuse herself from this item. She has
9	of the Land Bank land, which is what we're contributing to	9	an affiliation with Called to Serve and the coalition that's
10	the project to allow us to produce the 14, two different	10	working on North Broad corridor development on Broad and
11	clusters of the in different places.	11	Third.
12	So that was my comment of where we are combining our	12	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Thank you for identifying that,
13	land to make the project more feasible on an affordability	13	Angel. All right. Will staff read the summary for this
14	perspective. Thank you.	14	agenda item, IV.B?
15	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. Thank you, Mr.	15	MR. RODRIGUEZ: Certainly. As background, 3601
16	Blatstein. Any other public comments?	16	Germantown Avenue is formerly a city-owned parking lot which
17	(Pause.)	17	the city has transferred to the Land Bank in anticipation of
18	MR. RODRIGUEZ: I think we can call the vote.	18	the Land Bank's lease of the property to the tenant-
19	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: No, that's it? Okay. Do we	19	applicant, Called to Serve.
20	have any other questions or comments from the Board?	20	The Land Bank would lease the parking lot to Called to
21	(No response.)	21	Serve for \$10.00 per year. The initial term of the lease
22	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. If that is a no, then I	22	would be for one year, which would automatically expand to
23	will call the question. Is there a motion on this agenda	23	five years and provide five renewal options of five years
24	item?	24	each for a possible total of 30 years upon approval by City
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	MS. LOPEZ KRISS: I'll second. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. All those in favor? (Chorus of ayes.) ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: I see four. Anyone against? (No response.) ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. I'm going to have to do a polling, I'm sorry. Mr. Rushdy? MR. RUSHDY: Aye. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Majeedah? MS. RASHID: Aye. ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Rick? MR. SAUER: Aye.	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	year renewal options for five years each. Called to Serve wishes to lease the parking lot which contains 65 parking spaces from the Land Bank and then sublet the parking lot to 3701 North Broad. 3701 North Broad owns the Beury Building located at 3701-03 North Broad Street, shown as National Bank of North Philadelphia on the attached site plan, and is redeveloping the building as a hotel with a restaurant, fitness center, meeting spaces. In the Board package we provide a web site for the Board and public to review. 3701 North Broad would like to use 45 spaces, 45 of the 65 parking spaces for valet parking
14	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Michael Johns?	14	for its guests.
15	MR. JOHNS: Aye.	15	The remaining 20 parking spaces will continue to be
16	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Rebecca?	16	used by existing businesses along the commercial corridor as
17	MS. LOPEZ KRISS: Aye.	17	approved by Called to Serve.
18	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. And that's it, right?	18	The sublease will require 3701 North Broad to make
19	MS. SAAH: You.	19	improvements to the parking lot, operate and provide
20	MR. SAUER: Yourself.	20	security for the parking lot, pay monthly rent to Called to
21	MR. RUSHDY: You need to vote as well, I think.	21	Serve, and provide and those terms for the monthly rent
22	ACTING CHAIR GONZALEZ: Okay. I am aye.	22	are in the Board package, and provide complimentary hotel
23	MR. RODRIGUEZ: So one, two, three	23	rooms and meeting rooms for use by Called to Serve for its
24	MS. SAAH: So that's six, which is a majority of the	24	neighborhood programming.
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21	MR. LAWRENCE: We did do that research, yes, sir.	21	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Motion has been made and
22	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Awesome. Thank you. Another	22	properly seconded to approve the proposed disposition
23 24	atypical example, hence my questions. Okay. Thank you. Did we receive any public comment on this agenda item in	23 24	application for rear yard at 2428 North Orianna Street. All in favor?
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1 like -- I can only speak for myself -- me sometimes.
                                                                               MS. SAAH: May I respond?
          I think that this Board, I think the majority of you
                                                                               ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Of course.
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    are doing your best to make great decisions with limited
                                                                               MS. SAAH: Yes. Just to clarify regarding the
    information.
                                                                         conflict of interest process, when a Board member identifies
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           I think that the process, as I said before, is flawed.
                                                                         a potential conflict of interest, they are supposed to
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    The fact that you have a meeting, that you have a developer
                                                                         submit a letter prior to the meeting.
    have a meeting, whatever the guidelines are, and then not
                                                                               If a conflict of interest is identified just prior to
    have a representative from your organization to monitor
                                                                          the Board meeting or they don't have time, they didn't
    that, I think that's flawed because in the case where I
                                                                          realize that, then they have to announce it at the Board
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    testified in, the developer made a statement that everybody
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                                                                          meeting and must submit a letter later right after the Board
    was in favor of something. That's a serious problem.
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          And I think, going forward, we get better what we
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                                                                               So Ms. Rashid will be submitting that letter and it
13 practice. That's my saying out in the construction world.
                                                                     13 will be included in the minutes along with Mr. Goodman's
    So as you go along, you should get better at what you
                                                                          recusal letter. We're always trying to do better, but
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   practice.
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                                                                          sometimes it happens.
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           You are all Board members. Those of you that come on
                                                                               ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Absolutely. Thank you, Andrea,
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    that Board, your responsibility is to us as citizens, not to
                                                                         and thank you, Mr. Ali. Your full points are well taken.
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    developers. I know that they might be dear to some of your
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                                                                               Next up I see LuAmn Gethers. Please state your name
    hearts, but your responsibility is to us as citizens.
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                                                                          and begin your comments.
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           And the least you could do is respect us because we
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                                                                               MS. GETHERS: Yes. Good morning. My name is LuAnn
    come with limited resources. We come with just knowledge
                                                                     21 Gethers. I am an owner of a property in the Strawberry
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    that we earned from participating, by getting better at what
                                                                         Mansion section of Philadelphia.
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    we participate in.
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                                                                               I'm just wondering if someone could direct me to first
           We don't come with attorneys. We don't come with
                                                                     24 contact information directly for your department. I think
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    consultants. We don't come with none of that. We don't
                                                                          the phone number that I've tried to call several times
    come with any support.
                                                                          that's listed on the web site does not take me to any type
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          And I do want to say, before I go, you've been really
                                                                         of person or voice mail.
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    great with me. Ms. Saah, your general counsel, thank you
                                                                               And also, is there a place to find out, I've owned my
    for always being available. Thank you for always giving me
                                                                         property for 12 years now, and I inquired about the property
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     respect. Thank you for always entertaining our concerns.
                                                                         next door. There's been some issues with it.
           I just think as we go better, we need to get that
                                                                               What is the, I guess, the course of action for
    process better on any type of public meeting, because after
                                                                         properties to be released by the city for competitive bids
    all, you are the parent organization. You have to comply
                                                                         so that someone could possibly buy it and take care of it?
    with the Right-to-Know laws and all the Sunshine Laws.
                                                                               At this point, the property is not doing well and I've
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           And if you have a subcommittee under you, you have to
                                                                         had several concerns, and sent them in the way of L&I with
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    have oversight to make sure that that person is respecting
                                                                          no, you know, action. So just wondering what that process
    community members according to the laws that you adhere to.
                                                                         is like, and then if there's someone that I can contact
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    And how can they, if they don't have any guidance from you?
                                                                         directly. Thank you.
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           So that's really my comment. Thank you for allowing
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                                                                               MR. RODRIGUEZ: So Ms. Gethers, I put my email in the
    me to comment. And one other thing in closing. In your
                                                                         chat. You can email me directly. Can I ask, the property
    last Board meeting, the Board Chair did a -- where you have
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                                                                          adjacent to your home, is it vacant land or a structure?
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    a conflict of interest.
                                                                               MS. GETHERS: It's a structure that is owned by the
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           She did a written documentation of a conflict of
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    interest. You had another Board member that had a conflict
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    of interest and they just verbally said what it is.
                                                                         directly, I can have a maintenance team come out and
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           We would just like some consistency on the conflicts
                                                                         stabilize the property and we can have a conversation about
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23 of interest, that they be reduced in writing as the law
                                                                          what impact that property is having on your home.
24 requires and they be attached to the minutes. Thank you.
                                                                               MS. GETHERS: Okay. Thank you.
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1	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Thank you. And yes, Angel's	1	MR. MACEY: Great. I'll reach back out to her. That
2	email address is on the chat box. Next up, I see Lawrence	2	way one more thing and I'm going to get out of your hair
3	Macey. Please state your name and proceed with your	3	here. With those said RFPs, because of, again, because of
4	comments.	4	my business plan and the model here, it would be difficult
5	MR. MACEY: Good morning. Can you hear me?	5	I won't say difficult. It would be impossible for me to
6	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Loud and clear.	6	put a deposit down, because the deposit is supposed to be
7	MR. MACEY: My name's Lawrence Macey. My company's	7	ten percent of what your bid is, and my bid for these
8	Macey's Enterprises, LLC. And this a tad of old and new	8	particular RFPs would be 50 percent of the net profits
9	business. I just want to touch on a little old business to	9	forever.
10	refresh your memories of who I am.	10	So I know that can't be addressed necessarily right
11	My development company has a few unsolicited	11	here on the spot, but that's the dilemma that I'm with, that
12	applications, and because of my unique business model of	12	our particular model is not being greedy and giving half
13	sowing half of our net profits into the communities where we	13	back, and that presents the dilemma of a couple little
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14	develop, it caused me to reach out with our pilot program,	14	hiccups and hangups.
15	which brings me to the new business.	15	But just for contact purposes and getting some details
16	I reached out to Washington, to Secretary Fudge, and	16	together, so I'll also put my email in the chat, and anybody
17	she put me in contact with Director Ford, who after	17	under the sound of my voice and you guys that could offer
18	conversating with him, then directed me to Director Melissa	18	any other assistance or advice, I would appreciate it.
19	Lang here.	19	ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Thank you. I'll just note, on
20	And that brings me kind of to my question. I'm trying	20	the PHDC web site, there is the RFP kind of bar, drop down,
21	to reach out and find out the best contact information for	21	to look at current and previous RFPs, and then under the
22	her, because me and my company and my network are	22	Land tab, there is also the policy document that has
23	implementing a pilot program here starting in Philadelphia	23	information on the non-competitive route, so, you know,
24	and we're going to work our way hopefully up the East Coast	24	applying unsolicited for community-minded uses outside of
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          ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Motion has been made and
4 properly seconded to adjourn the January 2024 Land Bank
   Board meeting. All in favor?
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          (Chorus of ayes.)
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          ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: Any opposed?
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          (No response.)
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          ACTING CHAIR GOODMAN: The ayes have it. Motion
    carries, and the meeting is adjourned.
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          (Whereupon, at 11:11 a.m., the proceedings were
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    concluded.)
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          I hereby certify that the foregoing proceedings, the
   Philadelphia Land Bank Board of Directors Meeting, were
    reported by me on January 16, 2024, and that I, John A.
    Kelly, read this transcript and attest that this transcript
    is a true and accurate record of the proceedings.
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Exhibit R

January 12, 2024

Via Certified Mail

Angel Rodriguez Executive Director Philadelphia Land Bank 1234 Market Street, 16th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107

General Counsel City of Philadelphia Board of Ethics One Parkway Building 1515 Arch Street, 18th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102-1504 James Leonard, Esquire Commissioner City of Philadelphia Department of Records Room 111, City Hall Philadelphia, PA 19107

Re: Conflict Disclosure Letter

Ladies/Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Land Bank's Public Disclosure and Disqualification Procedure for Conflict Issues, I write to disclose why I will abstain from participating in section 4A of the December 2024 Land Bank Board meeting agenda, pertaining to disposition of parcels in the 44th and Ludlow Streets vicinity.

The Land Bank Board will discuss Property Dispositions in agenda section 4A at its meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. In my day-to-day professional capacity as Director of Equitable Development for 3rd District City Councilmember Jamie R. Gauthier, I received advance information about the particulars of this application and assisted with coordination with staff at one of the land conveying agencies to facilitate consideration and administration of the applications that will be considered in agenda section 4A.

To eliminate any perceived conflict of interest, I will disqualify myself and abstain from using the authority of my membership on the Land Bank Board to participate in Board discussions or official Board action related to this proposed Property Disposition. I must remove myself from the opportunity to influence in any manner the Land Bank's actions related to this matter. This includes leaving the meeting while the Executive Director consults with Land Bank Board members and while the Land Bank Board otherwise considers and votes on the matter.

This letter will also confirm that I will abide by the Land Bank's Public Disclosure and Disqualification Procedure for Conflict Issues and will not take official action in any future Land Bank deliberation or official action involving these Property Dispositions while the above-described conflict exists. Please contact me if you require further clarification.

Sincerely.

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CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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January 12, 2024

Angel Rodriguez, Executive Director Philadelphia Land Bank 1234 Market Street, 16th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Executive Director Rodriguez:

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Committee on Commerce and Economic Development
Committee on Public Safety
Committee on Education
Committee on the Environment
Committee on People with Disabilities

and Special Needs
Committee on Children and Youth

I am writing to express my support for the mixed-income homeownership proposal at 44th and Ludlow Streets in the 3rd Council District that is being reviewed by the Land Bank Board of Directors at this month's meeting.

These parcels present a unique opportunity to provide family-changing homeownership within walking distance of some of the region's largest job centers at the university "eds and meds." This location also provides walkable access to transit, quality schools, and comprehensive goods and services.

Though the proposal is not fully "affordable," it provides a depth of affordability that we do not otherwise see on the private market. Thanks to Turn the Key "soft second" mortgages, this proposal can generate a majority of its homes sold at purchase prices near (or sometimes well below) \$200,000. These are unparalleled accessible housing and wealth generation opportunities in this amenity-rich section of my District, and it's for this reason that I support this proposal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Gauthier

Sincerely,

Jamie R. Gauthier

Councilmember, 3rd District

Andrea Saah

From: West Phila Economic Dev Council <publicpolicy@gmx.com>

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:52 AM Sent: To: Andrea Saah; Andrew Goodman Cc: jeremy@orensbrothers.com

Subject: Letter of Stpport

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Letter of support attached:

Re: Property Addresses: S. 44th Street - 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 34, 36 Ludlow Street - 4422, 4426, 4428, 4430

Kyle Sampson, President

West Philadelphia Economic Development Council



WEST PHILADELPHIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

A REGISTERED COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

January 15, 2024

Anne Fadullon

Chairperson

Philadelphia Land Bank

Dear Chairperson Fadullon,

Re: Applicant-Northern Libs Partners LLC

Property Addresses:

S. 44th Street – 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 34, 36

Ludlow Street - 4422, 4426, 4428, 4430

The West Philadelphia Economic Development Council RCO participated in a virtual community meeting. We have expressed concerns about African-American contracting opportunities. The company has verbally committed to seeing African-American contractors participate in the project.

We offer no opposition to the project.

255 South 58th Street Philadelphia, 19139 215-395-9759

publicpolicy@gmx.com

Sincerely,

Kyle J. Sampson

President

215-501-2596

cc: Hon. Jamie Gauthier, 3rd Councilmatic District

All overlaying RCOs

West Philly United Neighbors (RCO) 10 S 43rd Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 wpunRCO@gmail.com

January 15, 2024

Land Bank Board of Directors
Philadelphia Land Bank
1234 Market Street, 16th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19107
Attention: Andrea Imredy Saah, Senior Counsel

Email: andrea.saah@phdc.phila.gov

Subject: Strong Opposition to Conveyance of Parcels at 44th Street and Ludlow Street

Dear Land Bank Board of Directors,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of West Philly United Neighbors, an RCO deeply concerned about the proposed conveyance of the properties at 18, 20, 24, 26, 28, 30, 34, 36 on S. 44th Street, and 4422, 4426, 4428, 4430 on Ludlow Street to the developer Northern Libs Partners LLC. Our opposition is rooted in the following critical reasons:

- 1) There is a <u>Lack of Community Input</u>. The community was inadequately informed about the proposed development. The initial notification of the community Zoom meeting was sent via email by the developer during the holiday season, and many key stakeholders were excluded from the communication. Moreover, the timing of the reminder email, sent just 2 hours before the meeting, hindered community participation. I heard on Thursday, January 11, only about 5-6 community members made the community meeting. Given the significant impact of the proposed development on the community, a more inclusive and well-publicized community meeting is essential.
- 2) The community Needs Green Space. Our community values green space and community gardens, which are becoming increasingly scarce. In recent years, within a couple of blocks around the 12 parcels in discussion, many buildings including a total of about 2000 units of apartments have been constructed and more have been proposed. We have already lost our community garden, which was enjoyed by the community, at 43rd Street and Ludlow (12 S 43rd Street) to a developer. That piece of land which was once sold by the city for only \$3000 to the first buyer after changing hands twice eventually sold to a developer from New York City for nearly 1 million dollars and became an 18-unit apartment building now. Preserving green spaces is crucial for the well-being of our neighborhood. We propose that the 12 parcels in question be

conveyed to the community for the establishment of community gardens and community-controlled development

- 3) There is <u>Inadequate Affordable Housing</u> in this proposal. The proposed percentage for affordable housing is woefully inadequate. Out of the 20 residential homes planned, only 4 are designated to be sold under 60% AMI. We strongly advocate for 100% of the units to be affordable, ensuring housing accessibility for a broader range of community members.
- 4) We are deeply <u>Concerned about Developer Accountability</u>. The proposed conveyance involves valuable CMX4-zoned parcels, estimated at multi-million dollars. We express concerns about the developer's track record of developing affordable housing and their ability to adhere to proposed plans. When this developer was constructing other buildings in the neighborhood, they very often blocked the one-lane Ludlow Street without permission from the city, enclosed city-owned land with a fence, and parked illegally. The community doubts how the Land Bank to ensure compliance with the proposed 20-unit construction limit. Because these are CMX4-zoned parcels, the developer could develop hundreds of units once they acquire the land. Without a robust mechanism for accountability, we argue against conveying these lands to a developer whose primary motivation may be profit.

In conclusion, we urge the Board of Directors to vote against the conveyance of these properties to Northern Libs Partners LLC. Our community's well-being and the preservation of valuable assets controlled by the city should take precedence over the interests of a developer.

Best regards,

Ang Sun, Ph.D. (He/Him/His)

President, West Philly United Neighbors (RCO)

Andrea Saah

From: jihad jihadali.com < jihad @jihadali.com >
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 9:26 AM

To: Andrea Saah

Subject: Re: Board Agenda Request for Continuance of Hearing - Lack of Public Notice and

Community Involvement and Unanswered Questions

Attachments: deed 4424 Ludlow street lot 22 and 32-53991246.pdf; Mortgage 53991253.pdf

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Re: Board Agenda Request for Continuance of Hearing - Lack of Public Notice and Community Involvement and Unanswered Questions

Dear General Counsel Saah.

I hope you are doing well. I am writing to you about the Public Meeting about the proposed Agenda Item IV -A development of 18,20,24,26,28,30,34-36 South 44th Street and 4422, 4426-30 Ludlow Street held by the developers Nothern Libs Partners LLC.

I endorse the concept of developing family homeownership in this area. However, the critical issue revolves around whether the current unsolicited developer is the most suitable choice for this project and whether the proposed development fully leverages the zoning density allowed for this specific location.

I want to ask the Land Bank Board not to vote on this today and ask for a continuance of the hearing based on critical factors that require further examination and community engagement.

Firstly, we have observed a severe lack of public notice and insufficient time for the community to meet and discuss the proposed development adequately. The notice provided for this hearing after the Public Meeting on Thursday, 1/11/2024, at 7:00 pm, only left the community and attended eight business hours before the weekend and Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday on 1-15-2024 and the Land Bank Meeting on 1-16-2024 did not allow for meaningful participation by the attendees of the public meeting to discuss with participating RCO's, which is essential in making informed decisions about developments in our area.

Furthermore, the location of the proposed development in a sought-after development area with over 500 units within two blocks raises significant concerns. Many questions about parking, design, and the impact on public alleyways still need to be answered. Additionally, the developer's failure to disclose their pending development of an 11-story, 100-unit apartment building at 4400 Market Street is a significant concern.

Upon further investigation, we discovered that three parcels of the proposed development site had been pledged as security for the developer's previous loan with Republic Bank, dated Dec 12, 2021. (see attachments). In the board package, the developer indicated the intent to pledge these same properties as a contribution to another bank. This raises questions about the developer's financial stability and the potential risks associated with the project.

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Lastly, we are concerned that the developer is underutilizing the CMX zoning for the site, not fully maximizing homeownership, and may consider combining the 44th Street lots north of Ludlow Street with the 4400 Market Street lots for additional market-rate houses. This could exploit taxpayers' interests in favor of the developer's profit.

Because of these concerns, I would like to ask the Board to table this item and schedule another public meeting. This additional time will allow citizens to review the development proposals thoughtfully and provide valuable input. It will also enable the Board to address the issues raised and ensure that the development aligns with the best interests of our community.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to a fair and transparent process that considers the welfare of our neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information or clarification.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Sincerely, Jihad Ali

Exhibit D

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 1

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF 4422 LUDLOW STREET, 4426-30 LUDLOW STREET, 18-20 S. 44TH STREET, 24-28 S. 44TH STREET, 30 S. 44TH STREET, 34-36 S. 44TH STREET TO NORTHERN LIBS PARTNERS, LLC

WHEREAS, Section 16-707 of the Philadelphia Code authorizes the Philadelphia Land Bank (the "**Land Bank**") to convey, exchange, sell, transfer, lease, grant or mortgage interests in real property of the Land Bank in the form and by the method determined to be in the best interests of the Land Bank, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council, and subject further to the terms and conditions of Chapter 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") has determined that it is in the best interests of the Land Bank to convey 4422 and 4426-30 Ludlow Street, and 18-20, 24-28, 30, and 34-36 S. 44th Street (collectively, the "**Property**") to Northern Libs Partners, LLC, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (the "**Purchaser**").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank that:

- 1. The conveyance of the Property to the Purchaser for Twelve Thousand and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$12,000.00) is in the best interests of the Land Bank and is hereby approved, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.
- 2. The conveyance of the Property complies with all applicable terms and conditions of Section 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.
- 3. Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Executive Director and Senior Counsel are each hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the Land Bank, to prepare, execute, deliver, and perform any and all agreements, deeds, and other documents, as may be necessary or desirable, to consummate the conveyance of the Property (collectively, the "Transaction Documents") and, from time to time and at any time, amend, supplement, and modify the Transaction Documents, or any of them, as may be necessary or desirable. The Transaction Documents and any amendments, supplements, and modifications thereto shall contain such terms and conditions as the Executive Director and Senior Counsel shall deem necessary or appropriate subject to the terms of this Resolution, and, when so executed and delivered by the Land Bank shall constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Land Bank.
- 4. The Executive Director with the advice of Senior Counsel may modify this Resolution as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes and intents. The Executive Director or Senior Counsel will notify the Board of all modifications to this Resolution at the next Board meeting following the date of such modifications.
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board.

Adopted by Philadelphia Land Bank Board of Directors on January 16, 2024.

Exhibit E

Recusal letter from Majeedah Rashid to be added

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 - 2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE BETWEEN PHILADELPHIA LAND BANK AND CALLED TO SERVE CDC, INC., AND A SUBLEASE BETWEEN CALLED TO SERVE CDC, INC. AND 3701 NORTH BROAD, LLC, FOR 3601 GERMANTOWN AVENUE

WHEREAS, Section 16-707 of the Philadelphia Code authorizes the Philadelphia Land Bank (the "**Land Bank**") to convey, exchange, sell, transfer, lease, grant or mortgage interests in real property of the Land Bank in the form and by the method determined to be in the best interests of the Land Bank, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council, and subject further to the terms and conditions of Chapter 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") has determined that it is in the best interest of the Land Bank to lease 3601 Germantown Avenue (the "**Property**") to Called to Serve CDC, Inc., a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation (the "**Tenant**") for a one (1) year initial term which will automatically convert to a five (5) year initial term upon approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.

WHEREAS, the Tenant desires to sublet the Property to 3701 North Broad, LLC, and Pennsylvania limited liability company (the "**Subtenant**"), and, pursuant to the terms of the lease agreement, a sublease of the Property by the Tenant requires the Board's approval.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the Land Bank to approve the Tenant's sublease to 3701 North Broad, LLC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank that:

- 1. The lease of the Property to the Tenant upon terms and conditions materially in conformance with the terms and conditions summarized in the Lease Summary attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution is in the best interest of the Land Bank and is hereby approved, subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
- 2. The sublease of the Property by the Tenant to the Subtenant upon terms and conditions materially in conformance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Sublease Summary attached as Exhibit "B" to this Resolution is in the best interest of the Land Bank and is hereby approved, subject to the terms and conditions of this Resolution.
- 3. The lease and the sublease of the Property comply with all terms and conditions of Section 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.
- 4. The Executive Director and Senior Counsel are each hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the Land Bank, to negotiate, prepare, execute, deliver, and perform any and all agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the lease of the Property with terms and conditions materially in conformance with the summary of major lease terms (Exhibit "A") attached to this Resolution and further containing such other terms and conditions which the Executive Director and Senior Counsel deem necessary or appropriate, and which, when so executed and delivered by the Land Bank, shall constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Land Bank.

- 5. The Executive Director and Senior Counsel are each hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the Land Bank, to negotiate, prepare, execute, deliver, and perform any and all agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the sublease of the Property with terms and conditions materially in conformance with the summary of major sublease terms (Exhibit "B") attached to this Resolution and further containing such other terms and conditions which the Executive Director and Senior Counsel deem necessary or appropriate, and which, when so executed and delivered by the Land Bank, shall constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Land Bank.
- 6. The Executive Director, with the advice of Senior Counsel, may modify this Resolution as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes and intents. The Executive Director or Senior Counsel will notify the Board of all modifications to this Resolution at the next Board meeting following the date of such modifications.
- 7. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board.

Adopted by Philadelphia Land Bank Board of Directors on January 16, 2024.

EXHIBIT "A" to Resolution Summary of Major Lease Terms

Parties	Landlord: Philadelphia Land Bank; Tenant: Called to Serve CDC, Inc.
Term	Initial term of one (1) year. The term is automatically extended to five (5) years upon resolution of City Council, without any further action of the Land Bank Board.
Renewals	Upon resolution of City Council, five (5) consecutive renewal options of five (5) years each, without any further action of the Land Bank Board.
Rent	Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each year of the term.
Real Estate Taxes, Insurance, and Other Costs	Rent is absolutely net to Landlord. All costs, expenses, liabilities, and obligations relating to the ownership and operation of the premises, including but not limited to insurance, utilities, taxes, construction, repair, and maintenance, are paid by Tenant.
Permitted Use	Private parking on an existing parking lot for use by businesses along the Broad, Germantown and Erie business corridor.
Zoning and	The Property is already zoned for the Permitted Use.
Improvements	Tenant is expected to improve the premises in connection with the Permitted Use to bring the Property up to code under the City of Philadelphia Code requirements, including resurfacing, striping, adequate fencing, and lighting. Tenant will commence and complete the work within such periods as determined by Landlord.
Sublease	The premises will be sublet to 3701 North Broad, LLC (Subtenant).
Sublease Proceeds	All gross proceeds and other consideration received by Tenant from any sublease or assignment (" Proceeds ") will be used exclusively for Qualified Operational Expenditures and for no other purpose.
	 "Qualified Operational Expenditures" - reasonable costs incurred by Tenant including salaries, benefits, overhead and program supplies for any of the following: programs that provide technical assistance to businesses located on the Broad, Germantown and Erie commercial corridor; programs that seek to maintain and increase the number of businesses on the
	Broad, Germantown and Erie commercial corridor; • programs for the cleaning and revitalization of the Broad, Germantown and
	 Erie commercial corridor; and programs that provide after-school educational and skill-building programs to youth at schools located within the Nicetown-Tioga neighborhoods served by Tenant as part of its organizational mission.
	Tenant is required to provide a quarterly report ("Tenant's Report") containing information about the Proceeds (expected, actual, and earmarked), the programs and activities supported by the Proceeds, the Qualified Operational Expenditures (budgeted and actual), and any other information as may be requested by Landlord.

EXHIBIT "B" to Resolution Summary of Major Sublease Terms

Parties	Landlord: Philadelphia Land Bank Sublessor: Called to Serve CDC, Inc. Sublessee: 3701 North Broad, LLC
Term	Co-terminous with the term of the master lease between Landlord and Sublessor.
Renewals	In accordance with the terms of the master lease between Landlord and Sublessor, five (5) consecutive Renewal Options of five (5) years each, subject to and conditional upon the exercise of each Renewal Option by the Sublessor.
Rent	Base Rent during the Initial Term (as defined in the master lease) shall consist of the following:
	(i) Year 1: Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) annually payable in equal monthly installments of Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) on the first day of each calendar month during the Initial Term, as may be adjusted for each Renewal Term (as more particularly set forth below), by check made payable to Sublessor.
	Base Rent shall be adjusted as follows: Year 2: \$18,000 annually (\$1,500/month) Years 3 & 4: \$27,600 annually (\$2,300/month) Year 5: \$33,600 annually (\$2,800/month) Years 6 and forward: annual rent increases to be equal to the increase in the 12-month Consumer Price Index (CPI) over the prior year.
	In no event shall Base Rent in any Renewal Term be less than the Base Rent paid in the immediately prior Renewal Term.
	 (ii) Sublessee shall donate to Sublessor annually: 10 complimentary room nights at the Hotel Beury (date exclusions will exist) 1 complimentary meeting room per month (chairs & water only)
	(iii) Sublessor shall have complimentary access to 20 of the 65 parking spaces contained in the parking lot. Sublessee may pick location of those parking spaces.
Real Estate Taxes, Insurance, and Other Costs	All costs, expenses, liabilities, and obligations relating to the operation of the Property and all obligations under the master lease, including, without limitation, insurance, utilities, taxes, construction, repair, and maintenance, are the Sublessor's responsibility.
Permitted Use	Private (valet) parking of motor vehicles for guests of The Hotel Beury located at 3701 N. Broad Street (45 spaces) and private parking for neighborhood businesses and organizations (20 spaces chosen by Sublessee for businesses and organizations chosen by Sublessor).

Zoning and Improvements	The Property is already zoned for Permitted Use.
	Sublessee shall improve the Property and shall bear the costs, expenses, liabilities, and obligations therefore in accordance with the terms of the Sublease regarding construction improvements required under the master lease or the Sublease.
	Sublessee will commence and complete the work in accordance with a plan and within timelines to be approved by Landlord and Sublessor.
Confession of Judgment	Sublease will contain a confession of judgment for rent and possession. Sublease may not be amended or modified without Landlord's approval.

Exhibit G

RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – 3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF 2428 NORTH ORIANNA STREET TO ANTHONY K. BRIGHT, JR.

WHEREAS, Section 16-707 of the Philadelphia Code authorizes the Philadelphia Land Bank (the "**Land Bank**") to convey, exchange, sell, transfer, lease, grant or mortgage interests in real property of the Land Bank in the form and by the method determined to be in the best interests of the Land Bank, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council, and subject further to the terms and conditions of Chapter 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "**Board**") has determined that it is in the best interests of the Land Bank to convey 2428 North Orianna Street (the "**Property**") to Anthony K. Bright, Jr. (the "**Purchaser**").

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Land Bank that:

- 1. The conveyance of the Property to the Purchaser for One and 00/100 U.S. Dollar (\$1.00) and a thirty (30) year mortgage for Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Nine and 00/100 U.S. Dollars (\$24,999.00) is in the best interests of the Land Bank and is hereby approved, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.
- 2. The conveyance of the Property complies with all applicable terms and conditions of Section 16-404 of the Philadelphia Code, subject to approval by resolution of Philadelphia City Council.
- 3. Subject to the terms of this Resolution, the Executive Director and Senior Counsel are each hereby authorized, in the name of and on behalf of the Land Bank, to prepare, execute, deliver, and perform any and all agreements, deeds, and other documents, as may be necessary or desirable, to consummate the conveyance of the Property (collectively, the "Transaction Documents") and, from time to time and at any time, amend, supplement, and modify the Transaction Documents, or any of them, as may be necessary or desirable. The Transaction Documents and any amendments, supplements, and modifications thereto shall contain such terms and conditions as the Executive Director and Senior Counsel shall deem necessary or appropriate subject to the terms of this Resolution, and, when so executed and delivered by the Land Bank shall constitute the valid and binding obligations of the Land Bank.
- 4. The Executive Director with the advice of Senior Counsel may modify this Resolution as may be necessary or desirable to carry out its purposes and intents. The Executive Director or Senior Counsel will notify the Board of all modifications to this Resolution at the next Board meeting following the date of such modifications.
- 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board.

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