



## Acquisition and Disposition Committee Meeting Minutes

*A public meeting of the Acquisition and Disposition Committee of the Albany County Land Bank Corporation was convened on April 13, 2022, via audioconference in accordance with New York State law.*

**Committee attendance:** Charles Touhey, Sam Wells, Joe LaCivita

**Staff attendance:** Adam Zaranko, Amanda Wyckoff, Erica Ganns, Will Sikula, Elista Gayle, Susan Baker

**The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM**

### **Review of minutes:**

The minutes of the March 9, 2022, Acquisition and Disposition Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

**Updates:** The following items were discussed:

1. The Executive Director provided an overview of the recommendation for award for the selection of a respondent for the Henry Johnson Boulevard and Clinton Avenue Request for Proposals. The RFP Selection Committee, which is jointly comprised of Land Bank Staff and City of Albany Agency heads has reviewed all the proposals and recommended issuing a Notice of Award to Home Leasing LLC for conditional designation as the selected developer. The Committee recommended advancing the recommendation of conditional designation to the full Board of Directors.
2. The Executive Director provided an update on the NYS Legacy Cities program. The state and Community Preservation Corporation are at a point in the program where the Land Bank can move forward with seeking approval to sell the nine vacant buildings that will be rehabbed under the program to TAGA Associates LLC. The Committee recommended advancing the sale of the nine properties to the full Board of Directors. The Land Bank has submitted a second application with JAW Housing that will fund the full rehab of eight additional vacant buildings owned by the Land Bank.
3. The Executive Director presented the Land Bank's latest refinements to a discount lot program designed to increase opportunities for local ownership and help dispose of vacant lots that have not been acquired. The Committee recommended advancing the program to the full Board of Directors for approval.
4. The Executive Director provided the Committee with an overview of the Request for Qualifications to redevelop the cluster of properties at Ontario and West Street that was released on April 12<sup>th</sup>.
5. Land Bank staff presented a request from Ms. Susan Moya requesting the Land Bank purchase vacant lots that had been purchased from the Land Bank and were left to her under an estate. The Committee did not support purchasing the lots and suggested the Land Bank offer to assist Ms. Moya with finding a local individual or group within the community that may be interested in acquiring the lots, which were improved and transformed into green space by the previous owner.



6. Staff presented letters from Ms. Tanya Deptola and her counsel regarding a purchase application for 1366 Central Avenue. Ms. Deptola had sought local approvals for a proposed development in support of her purchase application but was not selected to purchase the property. Ms. Deptola and her attorney requested the Committee reconsider the property sale selection. The Committee declined the request and noted that applicants that choose to pursue approvals or conduct due diligence prior to having any Board approved ownership, purchase contract or related agreement in place do so at their own risk and sole cost and expense.

**Sales Summaries Review:** The following property sales were reviewed, and the recommendations of the Committee were set forth and recommended to advance to the full Board of Directors as follows:

**73 Lancaster Street, Cohoes:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to John Kozlyuk with George Vogt as the 1<sup>st</sup> alternate buyer and David Livarchuk as the 2<sup>nd</sup> alternate buyer

**119 Columbia Street Extension, Cohoes:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to George Vogt with the stipulation that this lot will be merged with the property next to it and already owned by this individual

**213 Central Avenue, Cohoes:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to Donna Lee Langley

**383, 385 Second Street, Albany:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of these properties to Eden's Rose Foundation

**464 Elk Street, Albany:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends the sale of this property to Tim Doherty

**Pucker Street, Rensselaerville:**

Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to Joseph and Shari Esposito

**The meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Baker  
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Albany County Land Bank