

Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency
Called Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018

A called meeting of the Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency (URA) was held on February 6, 2018 at The Baim Law Firm, 300 East Fifth Avenue.

The following commissioners were in attendance:

Jimmy Dill, chair
Rita Conley
Lloyd Franklin, Sr.
Travis Martin
Kirby Mouser

Also in attendance were:

Leigh Cockrum
Ryan Watley
Larry Mathews
Alderman Bruce Lockett
Evelyn Horton

The meeting was called to order at 5:38 p.m.

The commissioners went into executive session at 5:40 p.m. and the called meeting resumed at 6:20 p.m. No action was taken.

Assistant Attorney Joe Childers hasn't reviewed The Central City Urban Renewal Plan (Plan) yet.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Martin to table any action on the Plan until the URA hears back from legal/Joe Childers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouser and CARRIED.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Conley to request Larry Mathews and the Economic and Community Development Department review the Plan as well and to offer opinion, input and expertise on the Plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin and CARRIED.

Dr. Watley showed a condemned properties map and pointed out the URA focus area. Approximately 500 houses in the city have been condemned or foreclosed. Most are also in high crime areas.

A suggestion was made to cross reference the condemned properties with tax reference, if not already done so, to try to locate the current property owner.

Mr. Larry Mathews was in attendance at the meeting and stated the URA could appeal directly to the Land Commissioner to donate property to the URA since they are a public agency.

Commissioner Martin asked for a binder with resources/maps.

There being no further business, public comments were heard.

A MOTION was made by Commissioner Mouser to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

/s/ Leigh Cockrum
Leigh Cockrum
Recorder

/s/ Wm. Kirby Mouser
W. Kirby Mouser
Secretary