

Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency
Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2018

Due to weather on January 16, 2018, the monthly meeting of the Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency (URA) was held on January 30, 2018 at Pine Bluff Title Company, 728 South Main Street.

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
Pat Anderson

The meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Pat Anderson was a guest speaker representing Habitat for Humanity and spoke about a program Pine Bluff's Habitat is reviewing which would expand Habitat's ability to provide more housing. The proposed program is similar to an existing program Little Rock's Habitat has called RESTORE.

Commissioner Mouser made a MOTION to approve the December 19, 2017 minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Conley and CARRIED.

Chairman Dill presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) the Economic and Community Development Committee has asked him to sign. The parties of the agreement are the URA and the City of Pine Bluff, through its Economic and Community Development Department. The MOU outlines the general area of responsibilities of the Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Plan.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to authorize Chairman Jimmy Dill sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, through its Economic and Community Development Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and CARRIED.

Dr. Ryan Watley updated the commissioners on the status of America's Best Inn. Representatives from Brownfields recently walked through the site as well as the Regency Inn (formerly Admiral Benbow Inn) site. Another abatement company has been contacted to give a quote on demolition. Dr. Watley should have more information by the next URA meeting.

The URA has received quotes from First Arkansas Insurance and Milner Insurance for property and general liability insurance for the 216 South Main Street property. First Arkansas's annual premium quote was \$416, and Milner's was \$1,132.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to accept First Arkansas Insurance's quote for property and general liability insurance for 216 South Main Street. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin and CARRIED.

First Arkansas Insurance submitted a quote for Non-Profit Directors and Officers, and Employment Practices Liability insurance. Milner Insurance was unable to get a market to give a quote.

Ms. Cockrum was asked to check with local minority-owned insurance companies to obtain a quote. If there are no local companies, check with minority-owned companies in Little Rock.

Commissioner Mouser made a MOTION to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Martin. The motion CARRIED with Commissioners Conley, Dill, Martin, and Mouser voting For and Commissioner Franklin voting Against.

The executive session ended at 6:41 p.m. No action was taken. The regular meeting continued.

Ms. Cockrum gave an update on the URA's link on the City's website.

Commissioner Franklin, Treasurer, reported the Depository Board granted the URA permission to open a bank account. The URA has an employee identification number.

Commissioner Franklin presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The parties of the agreement are the URA and the City of Pine Bluff, through its Finance Department. The MOU is needed since the City will handle payroll and accounts payable for the URA.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to authorize Chairman Jimmy Dill sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and the City of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, through its Finance Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Conley and CARRIED.

There being no further business, public comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

/s/ Leigh Cockrum
Leigh Cockrum
Recorder

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