## **Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency** Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 15, 2021

The Pine Bluff Urban Renewal Agency (PBURA) held its regular monthly meeting June 15, 2021, 5:30pm at the Donald W. Reynolds Community Services Center.

The following Commissioners were in attendance: Jimmy Dill, Chair Lloyd Franklin Sr. Treasurer Kirby Mouser, Secretary Travis Martin

Others in attendance: Chandra Griffin-Recorder Eplunus Colvin-PC News Joy Blankership Ryan Watley

Chairman Dill called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Franklin made a MOTION to approve the May 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mouser and APPROVED.

Commissioner Franklin reported April 2021 financial statement.

Commissioner Mouser made a MOTION to approve April 2021 financial statement as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin and was APPROVED.

ED Taggart report for housing. There are no options on the table at the moment. The city is still in negotiations and things are moving slow but the UR board will be updated when and if action is needed for Urban Renewal.

ED Taggart report on Crown Motel. A Colorado investor has shown interest to revitalizing the Crown Motel into living quarters such as 1-2 bedroom and studio apartments. A tentative proposal was received and presented to the UR Board. This tentative proposal is promising and ED Taggart will update the board as more information becomes available.

ED Taggart requested approval of bid results for 2100 Harding RFP abatement. The winning bid was Gerken Environmental with the lowest bid.

Commissioner Mouser MOTION to approve Gerken for the abatement for 2100 Harding st. (Regency Inn) as a result of the lowest RFP bid. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Franklin and APPROVED.

ED Taggart ED report.

- Demo scheduled through November 2021.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Main st. acquisitions are being finalized but no closing date has been set.
- The seven properties for eminent domain have been served to owners, since then owners have reached out to open discussion again.
- Masonic building use is in discussion of maybe a museum.
- 1104 Harding demo is set for June 28<sup>th</sup> if weather permits. UR currently owns 5 properties at this location.

Chairman Dill thanked all visitors.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm

/s/Chandra Griffin Chandra Griffin Recorder /s/ Wm. Kirby Mouser W. Kirby Mouser Secretary