

**St. Bernard Parish Housing, Redevelopment
& Quality of Life Authority Commission**
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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1:30 p.m.

Council Chambers

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AGENDA

Roll Call
Pledge

1. Motion to approve minutes of the February 18, 2025 Housing Redevelopment & Quality of Life Authority Commission meeting.
2. Motion to adopt Resolution **HRQLC# 34-02-25**, a resolution authorizing an extension of two (2) years for purchasers of properties under the Buy and Build Program to comply with their obligations thereunder and related matters.

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BY THE DIRECTION OF THE CHAIR

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#1

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSING, REDEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

On motion of xxxx, seconded by xxxx, it was moved to approve minutes of the February 18, 2025 Housing Redevelopment & Quality of Life Authority Commission meeting.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

The Council Chair, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **xxx**.

And the motion was declared **xxxx** on the 26th day of February, 2025.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a motion adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Housing, Redevelopment & Quality of Life Commission of the Parish of St. Bernard, held at Chalmette, Louisiana, on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Witness my hand and the seal
of the Parish of St. Bernard on
the 26th day of February, 2025.

ROXANNE ADAMS
RECORDING SECRETARY

MINUTES OF THE **HOUSING REDEVELOPMENT QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION** HELD ON **FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT TWO O'CLOCK (2:00) P.M.** IN ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED AT 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA.

The Housing Redevelopment Quality of Life Commission met on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers pursuant to notice given to each member and posted in the manner required by law.

Committee Chair, Mr. McCloskey, convened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. and directed the Recording Secretary, Roxanne Adams, to call the roll.

There were present: Committee Chair, Mr. McCloskey and Member's Patrice Cusimano, Joshua "Josh" Moran, Cindi Meyer, Ryan Randall and Fred Everhardt.

There was absent: Committee Member Amanda Mones, Joseph DiFatta and Parish President's Appointee.

Committee Chair, Mr. McCloskey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 On motion of Mrs. Cusimano, seconded by Ms. Meyer, it was moved to approve minutes of the February 26, 2024 Housing Redevelopment & Quality of Life Authority Commission meeting.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Everhardt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mones, DiFatta, President's Appointee

Committee Member, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18th day of February, 2025.

#2 On motion of Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Randall, it was moved to **adopt** the following resolution:
RESOLUTION HRQLC #34-02-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF TWO (2) YEARS FOR PURCHASERS OF PROPERTIES UNDER THE BUY AND BUILD PROGRAM TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS THEREUNDER AND RELATED MATTERS.

Discussion ensued;

On motion of the Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to take a brief recess.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Everhardt

NAYS: None

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ABSENT: Mones, DiFatta, President's Appointee

Committee Member, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18th day of February, 2025.

On motion of the Chair, without objection and by unanimous consent, it was moved to return to regular session and resume discussion on Item #2

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS: Cusimano, Moran, Meyer, Randall, Everhardt

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mones, DiFatta, President's Appointee

Committee Member, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **YEA**.

And the motion was declared **adopted** on the 18th day of February, 2025.

Discussion ensued;

Due to not having a member from Administration present, No Official Action will be taken on this item at this time.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m. on the 18th day of February, 2025.

Roxanne Adams

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#2

EXTRACT OF THE OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSING, REDEVELOPMENT & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMISSION OF THE PARISH OF ST. BERNARD, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX, 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT 1:30 P.M.

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, it was moved to **APPROVE** the following resolution:

RESOLUTION HRQLC #34-02-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION OF TWO (2) YEARS FOR PURCHASERS OF PROPERTIES UNDER THE BUY AND BUILD PROGRAM TO COMPLY WITH THEIR OBLIGATIONS THEREUNDER AND RELATED MATTERS.

WHEREAS, to encourage the redevelopment of vacant lots into new homes utilizing former Louisiana Land Trust properties, the St. Bernard Parish Council in its **Ordinance SBPC #1856-03-17** provided for certain of said properties to be sold via the Buy and Build Program, said program to be administered by the Office of Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Acts of Sales for said properties sold pursuant to the Buy and Build Program contained certain restrictive covenants which required the purchaser to complete construction of a single-family home within a certain period of time; and,

WHEREAS, due to a variety of factors including, but not limited to, COVID-19, rising interest rates, rising costs of material, and rising insurance premiums, certain participants in the Buy and Build Program have been unable to comply with the timing provisions of that program; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Development has reported that a total of one hundred fifty-nine (159) properties sold via the Buy and Build Program are out of compliance with their obligations, and that fifty-eight (58) of that total actually have structures built on them but are out of compliance due to their failure to complete construction within the relevant time frames of the program; and,

WHEREAS, the action directed herein would serve the purpose of encouraging the redevelopment of those lots still vacant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the HRQLC approves the following action:

- 1). To the extent a property currently has a structure built upon it but is considered non-compliant because the construction of said structure was not completed timely, said property is to be deemed compliant.

- 2). Owners of the remaining non-compliant vacant lots shall be granted a two (2) year extension beginning March 15, 2025, to bring their properties in compliance.
- 3). Owners of non-compliant vacant lots may sell their properties within this two (2) year period pursuant to the rules and conditions set forth in the attached **Exhibit "A"**. Purchasers of non-compliant vacant lots shall be subject to the normal restrictions of the Buy and Build Program.

The above and foregoing having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereupon resulted as follows:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Committee Chair, Mr. McCloskey, cast his vote as **XXX**.

And the motion was declared **xxxx** on the 26th day of February, 2025.

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