

RESOLUTION NO. _____

AUTHORIZATION TO DONATE TWO VACANT LOTS

Item No. 5A

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) owns two lots located at 932 Mason Avenue and 12405 Hiawatha Avenue; and

WHEREAS, 932 Mason Avenue is an irregular sliver of land between an industrial property and another small and irregularly shaped property. Property was obtained in 2009 for \$1.00 whereby a group of lots were transferred to LMHA as part of site control for the Sheppard Square HOPE VI; and

WHEREAS, 12405 Hiawatha Avenue currently is being used as a public right-of-way. Lot is situated where Heafer Road runs through the middle of property, rendering the parcel unusable. Property was obtained in 1980 by the Housing Authority of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, LMHA seeks to donate 932 Mason Avenue back to the Landbank Authority and 12405 Hiawatha Avenue back to Louisville Metro Government; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Housing & Community Development has reviewed and approved LMHA's donation requests and has agreed to accept the vacant properties pending LMHA Board approval; and

WHEREAS, there are no Declaration of Trusts recorded on the lots. Over time LMHA has spent a de minimis amount of funds to maintain the parcels. LMHA is not seeking Special Applications Center disposition approval; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, that the Executive Director and Contracting Officer, Lisa Osanka, is hereby authorized to execute documents necessary to donate 932 Mason Avenue to the Landbank Authority and 12405 Hiawatha Avenue back to Louisville Metro Government.

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I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

The Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) owns two lots located at 932 Mason Avenue and 12405 Hiawatha Avenue.

The property located at 932 Mason Avenue is an irregular sliver of land between an industrial property and another irregularly shaped property located in Butchertown/Germantown. 932 Mason is located where Mason ends at Beargrass Creek and a CSX property. The shape and size (.0135 acres) of the parcel render the site unusable. The property was purchased in 2009 for \$1.00 whereby a group of lots were transferred to LMHA as part of site control for the Sheppard Square HOPE VI. LMHA is periodically required to maintain the parcel by removing debris and mowing.

The property located at 12405 Hiawatha Avenue currently is being used as a public right-of-way. The lot is situated at the intersection of Heafer Road and Hiawatha in Eastern Jefferson County (Berrytown). Heafer Road runs through the middle of the .1774-acre property, rendering the parcel unusable. Property was obtained in 1980 by the Housing Authority of Jefferson County.

The Office of Housing & Community Development has reviewed and approved LMHA's donation requests and has agreed to accept the vacant properties pending LMHA Board approval.

This resolution will authorize staff to execute necessary documents to donate vacant properties back to the Landbank Authority and Louisville Metro Government.

II. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Approve donation of properties.
- B. Do not donate the properties and pursue other options.

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III. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative "A"

IV. JUSTIFICATION

- LMHA will not have to maintain the disposed property.
- LMHA has no current use for either parcel.
- LMHA will eliminate its liability for the two sites.

V. PROCUREMENT CERTIFICATION

This sale is in compliance with Louisville Metro Housing Authority policy.

Steve Webb, Purchasing Agent

Date

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