

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
November 14, 2005
Richmond, Virginia

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Ms. Ann Hunnicutt
Mr. Eric Mays
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Mr. Doug Thomas
Mr. Ken Thompson
Mr. Ed Whitmore

Members Absent

Mr. Jack Loeb
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Carlos Sol

Call to Order

Ms. Betty Ann Davis, Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board of Housing and Community Development to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Stephen Calhoun of the Department's Policy Office. Mr. Calhoun reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no one requesting to comment at this meeting so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the amended minutes of the September 14, 2005 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. Ms. O'Brien abstained from voting stating that she was not present at the September 14, 2005 Board meeting.

Report of the
Housing Committee

Ms. O'Brien provided an overview of the Housing Committee meeting held prior to the full Board meeting. Ms. O'Brien reported on the public input sessions for the 2006-2007 Action Plan. Board members requested staff to prepare a summary report on the input received, including current policy on issues raised and information on changes requested.

Ms. O'Brien reported that the Committee reviewed the Virginia Housing Partnership Fund (VHPF) financial reports prepared by the Virginia Housing Development Authority and presented to the Board at their September 14, 2005 meeting. A motion was made to accept the VHPF report presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed. The report will be sent to the Governor, the Secretary of Commerce and Trade, the Chairman of Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Program Overview

Ms. Nikki Nicholau, Deputy Director of the Housing Division, presented an overview of the Department's home energy efficiency programs. A handout of the presentation outline was provided to each Board member.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, provided an update of the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and reported on possible legislation from the Virginia Housing Commission to revise the state low income housing tax credit program.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Brian Mullins reported on recent grants and mini-grants. Mr. Mullins also reported on the Burn Policy and upcoming work of the Codes Committee.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, reported on the Governor's Housing Conference held in Roanoke during September and hurricane relief assistance. Mr. Shelton also reported on recent Enterprise Zone designation announcements and provided an update of Virginia Works initiatives. Mr. Emory Rodgers, Deputy Director of the Division of Building and Fire Regulation, provided an update on the status of building and fire code regulations and an overview of upcoming training sessions to be provided by Department staff. Mr. Shelton reported on safe drinking water projects, a lead safe home grant from HUD and the work of the Virginia Housing Commission.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Ms. O'Brien spoke about a recent Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service report on the housing boom and

Virginia's real estate tax. A copy of the report was provided to Board members.

Mr. Ed Whitmore reported on the community needs and input sessions in Southwest Virginia and expressed his appreciation of the work of the Department in that area. Mr. Whitmore spoke briefly of workforce issues.

Board matters

Ms. Davis requested information on the scheduling and location of building code training to be presented by the Department. Mr. Emory Rodgers stated that he would provide Board members a schedule of training dates and locations.

There was a discussion of the possible need to update parking passes. Mr. Calhoun stated that he will check into the status of current parking passes.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, January 17, 2006 in Richmond.

Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.