

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MEETING  
May 15, 2006  
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Jack Loeb  
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 minutes of the March 27, 2006 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Report of the  
Housing Committee

Ms. O'Brien, Chairman of the Housing Committee, provided an overview of the Committee meeting held prior to the full Board meeting. Ms. O'Brien reported that the Committee recommended approval of the FY 2007 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The Committee recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

Report of the Codes  
and Standards  
Committee

Mr. Fleury, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee provided an overview of the Committee meeting held prior to the full Board meeting. Mr. Fleury reported that the Committee recommended adoption of an amendment to the State Fire Prevention Code to comply with legislation passed during the 2006 General Assembly session. A copy of the amendment and background information is attached to and made a part of these minutes as Appendix A. The Committee recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Fleury reported that the Committee recommended adoption of an amendment to the Uniform Statewide Building Code to provide in regulation requirement currently found in statute related to prohibiting the transfer of property ownership to delay enforcement of the building code. A copy of the amendment and background information is attached and made a part of these as Appendix B. The Committee recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, reported that the VHDA Board of Commissioners will meet on May 16, 2006 and finalize allocations of the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits and to consider allocations for the REACH funds.

Virginia Fire Services  
Board Report

Mr. Brian Mullins reported on the latest meeting of the Virginia Fire Service Board and code changes related to proposed emergency evacuation. Mr. Mullins reported on future meetings of the Code Committee, the Fallen Firefighter meeting on June 3, 2006, and the High School/College Public Safety Connection.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, introduced the Mr. Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General, that will serve as counsel to the Board. Mr. Shelton reported on state and federal budget issues, the Governor's recent visit to Eastern Shore (and the Town of Exmore) and the upcoming meeting of the Governor with agency heads. Mr. Basil Gooden, Principle Deputy Director of the Department, provided an update on the 2006 Governor's Housing

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Conference to be held November 28 – December 1, 2006 in Norfolk.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Fleury spoke about issues related to Workforce, Housing and the need for general education on such housing. Mr. Whitmore requested an update on the new Virginia Community Development Bank. Mr. Shelton provided general information on the latest activities rated to this bank.

New Business

None

Board matters

Ms. Davis thanked Board Committee Chairs for their excellent work during the past year.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Tuesday July 25, 2006 in Richmond.

Adjournment

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