

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
HOUSING and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M., July 17, 2017
Glen Allen, Virginia

Members Present

Mr. John Ainslie
Mr. John Patrick “J.P.” Carr
Ms. Susan Dewey
Ms. Helen Hardiman
Mr. Shekar Narasimhan
Mr. Earl Reynolds
Mr. Tommy Shields

Members Absent

Mr. Roger McLellon
Mr. Steve Semones

Call to Order

Mr. Shekar Narasimhan, Vice Chairman of the Housing and Community Development Committee, called the meeting of the Committee to order.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development’s (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017, meeting of the Committee. The motion was properly seconded and passed unanimously.

Enterprise Zone
Regulations

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of DHCD informed the committee that at a prior meeting staff shared with the Board an update from this year’s legislative session which included a change to the Enterprise Zone Program. The legislative change will need to be reflected in the program’s regulations. Staff is responsible for the administration of the program but the Board is responsible for adopting the regulations.

Mr. Shelton introduced Jordan Snelling, Program Administrator for the Enterprise Zone Program, who reviewed the changes in the legislation that came about from an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) opinion. As this change to the regulations is required by statute, it is exempt from the Administrative Process Act. Mr. Shelton added that this change would become effective January 1, 2018.

In addition to the statutory change, staff recommended consideration of a broad based review of the regulations, noting possible administrative changes as well as the need to consider recommendations made by the recent Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) study on the program. Mr. J.P. Carr was cautious that a review of the regulations would cause an expansion of the program without an increase in funding. The Committee moved to recommend to the full board to adopt the changes in the regulation due to the statutory change and to begin the process for a broad based review of the regulations.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Shelton informed the Committee that at the May meeting the Board approved the Consolidated Plan: Annual Action Plan submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This was done with a caveat that a 10 percent change in allocation of funds would require additional Board review. Mr. Shelton stated that currently, HUD is operating on an approved budget with level funding and he does not foresee the plan coming back before the Board.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Committee Matters

There were no Committee matters to be discussed.

Adjournment

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