

Board of Housing and Community Development (BHCD)
Board Retreat
600 E. Main Street, 12th Floor
Richmond, VA 23219
October 26, 2018

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi
John Patrick “J.P.” Carr
Susan Dewey
Sean Farrell
Andrew Friedman
Richard Gregory (arrived at 10 am)
Helen Hardiman
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Earl Reynolds
Jeff Sadler
Steve Semones
Patricia Shields

Members Absent

Mimi Elrod

- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. - Introductory activity

Mr. Willie Fobbs, Associate Director of Housing Preservation and Production for the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and Ms. Nancy Palmer, Program Manager in Housing at DHCD, presented on the Weatherization Assistance Program. Mr. Bryan Burris, Weatherization Inspector/Monitor at DHCD, gave a demonstration on energy efficiency tools and testing.

- 9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. - Policy Office/Director’s Office/Operations

Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, presented on the agency’s Policy Office and the Director’s Offices and their respective roles within DHCD. Ms. Courtney Dozier, Chief Deputy of DHCD, presented on the Governor’s broadband initiative and DHCD’s role in meeting the administration’s goal of broadband access for the Commonwealth within ten years. Ms. Kristen Dahlman, Senior Policy Analyst at DHCD, presented on the federal Opportunity Zones program.

- 9:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Housing and Community Development topics

Ms. Pam Kestner, Deputy Director of Housing at DHCD, presented on the Consolidated Plan and the Board’s role in approving the plan. Ms. Kathy Robertson, Associate Director of Homeless and Special Needs Programs at DHCD, presented on the Emergency Solutions Grant and the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) grant.

Mr. Fobbs presented on the National Housing Trust Fund and the HOME Investments partnership program and provided examples of projects utilizing these funds.

Mr. Jay Grant, Deputy Director of Community Development at DHCD, presented on the division of Community Development and gave an overview of its program. Ms. Tamarah Holmes, Associate Director of Policy and Strategic Development at DHCD, presented on Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Industrial Revitalization Fund (IRF), and Enterprise Zone projects funded by DHCD.

- 11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. - Partnership with the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA)

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of VHDA presented on the mission and goals of VHDA as well as its collaborative efforts with DHCD.

- 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - BHCD work plan for 2019

Mr. Erik Johnston discussed the proposed work plan for 2019, noting periodic reviews, a potential new code cycle, and updates to the bylaws.