

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
March 21, 2022
11:16 A.M.
Virginia Housing Center
Glen Allen, VA**

Members Present

Claudia Cotton
Susan Dewey
Andrew Friedman
Sylvia Hallock
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
Mark Jackson
Larry Murphy
Paykon Sarmadi
Patty Shields
Sean Farrell

Members Absent

Sonny Abbasi
Richard Gregory
Brett Meringoff

Call to Order

Mr. Bryan Horn, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) called the meeting of the Board to order at 11:16 a.m.

In the absence of a chair and vice-chair, Mr. Horn called for a vote for a Chairman pro-tempore. Mr. Farrell nominated Mr. Andrew Friedman to be Chairman pro tempore. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cotton. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of DHCD's Policy & Legislative Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.

Public Comment

Mr. Friedman opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2021 Board of Housing and Community Development meeting. The motion passed.

Report of the Housing and Community Development Committee

Mr. Andrew Friedman, Committee Chair, presented the committee recommendation of approval of the Industrial Revitalization Fund Guidelines. The recommendation from the

committee came as a standing motion. Ms. Claudia Cotton seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Amusement Device
Technical Advisory
Committee (ADTAC)

Mr. Jeff Brown, Director of the States Building Codes Office presented the Board with recommendations for reappointment to the Amusement Device Technical Advisory Committee (ADTAC). Mr. Sean Farrell motioned to reappoint Jeff Brubaker, Danny Abner, and Wayne Fuqua to the ADTAC. Mr. Larry Murphy seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Code Change Cycle
Update

Mr. Brown presented updates regarding the code change cycle. He noted the progress of the study groups, subworkgroups, and full workgroups. He noted the tentative schedule for upcoming meetings and also noted that May 1 is the cut-off date for code change proposal submissions to cdpVA.

Mr. Keith Johnson inquired about the status of legislation relating to smoke alarms and to agritourism buildings. Staff responded that additional information would be available in the future on these items.

Mr. Sean Farrell commended staff for their work in facilitating the code update cycle.

Resolutions

Mr. Flanders presented commending resolutions for former Board members Mimi Elrod and Monique Johnson. Mr. Farrell motioned to approve the resolutions and Mr. Mark Jackson seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed.

Reports and Information

Ms. Susan Dewey, Chief Executive Officer of Virginia Housing, updated the Board on mortgage relief related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Ms. Dewey also noted that updates to the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program were recently approved and that a temporary additional amount of LIHTC allocation would expire this year.

Ms. Claudia Cotton noted that the Virginia Fire Services Board met in February. She noted they discussed certain pending

legislation. They also made a recommendation regarding updates to the 2021 SFPC Code Document. Other items before the Board were live fire training structure and burn building grants, and discussion of studies.

Mr. Horn provided an update on the status of the Rent Relief Program (RRP). He also noted the National Main Street Conference would be in Richmond in May. Finally, Mr. Horn noted that the General Assembly has adjourned but will reconvene in a Special Session to consider pending legislation and the budget. Mr. Horn noted the Board would receive a comprehensive update on relevant legislation after that time.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Friedman recognized and welcomed Mr. Larry Murphy as the newest member of the Board. Mr. Murphy introduced himself to the Board.

New Business

There was no new business.

Board Matters

There were no further board matters.

Future Board Meeting
Dates

Mr. Horn and Mr. Flanders noted that Board retreat will be held in May in Richmond.

Adjournment

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