

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

January 26, 2024

11:00 AM

Glen Allen, VA

Members Present

Richard Gregory
Sylvia Hallock
Roger Jones
Larry Murphy
Mark Trostle
Janet Wiglesworth

Members Absent

Louie Berbert
Claudia Cotton
Sean Farrell
Lynne Goldberg
Abigail Johnson
Keith Johnson
J.M. Snell
Scott Stosser

Call to Order

Mr. Richard Gregory, Vice Chair of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board to order at 11:00 am.

Roll Call

The roll was called by Mr. Chase Sawyer of the Department of Housing and Community Development Policy Office. Mr. Sawyer reported that a quorum was not present. Since a quorum was not present, Mr. Sawyer informed members that the Board would not be able to take actions on any items on the agenda and all actionable items would be deferred to the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Public Comment

Mr. Gregory opened the floor for comment.

Lisa Berger (ICC Code Council) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Charles Woodson (Richmond Animal Advocacy Alliance) spoke in favor of bird safe glass.

Glen Bessa (resident of Chesterfield County, VA) spoke in opposition to the Board's decision to not adopt certain insulation and vehicle electrification requirements in the 2021 USBC. He also spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Steve Shapiro (Virginia Apartment Management Association) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle and

stated any regulation reduction efforts should happen in the 2024 USBC code cycle.

Monique Hanis (VGC Climate & Clean Energy Group) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC cycle code for regulatory reduction.

Susan Stillman (resident of Vienna, VA) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 code for regulatory reduction.

Ian Giammanco (Insurance Institute of Business & Home Safety) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 code for regulatory reduction.

Eileen Hanrahan (resident of Lorton, VA) spoke in support of bird safety glass in commercial buildings.

Jason Vandever spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

McKenna Dunbar spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Casey Bylee spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

John Harmon spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Joel Scata (National Resources Defense Council) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Mary-Carson Stiff (Wetlands Watch) spoke in opposition to reopening the 2021 USBC code cycle for regulatory reduction.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum was not present, so no action was taken on the minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting of the Board.

Private Activity Bond Update

Ms. Grace Wheaton of the DHCD Policy Office updated the Board on upcoming changes to guidelines on Local Housing Authority

Private Activity Bonds (PAB). Ms. Wheaton outlined the changes to the guidelines currently out for public comment and reviewed the process undertaken to update the guidelines. The Board will consider proposed changes later in the year. Ms. Wheaton took questions from the Board at the end of the presentation.

Mr. Gregory recommended reviewing the PAB process and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC) at the next Board retreat.

Adjournment Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the regular Board meeting was adjourned until the close of the Codes and Standards Committee meeting.

Call to Order Following the conclusion of the Codes and Standards Committee meeting, Mr. Richard Gregory reconvened the regular meeting of the Board.

Roll Call The roll was called by Mr. Chase Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer reported that a quorum was not present. Since a quorum was not present, Mr. Sawyer reminded members that the Board would not be able to take actions on any items on the agenda and all actionable items would be deferred to the next meeting of the Board, scheduled for January 31, 2024.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee There were no items to report from the Codes and Standards Committee.

Virginia Housing Report Ms. Janet Wigglesworth, Interim CEO and COO of Virginia Housing, gave updates on a recent meeting with USDA Rural Development and collaboration efforts.

VFSB Report No members of the Fire Services Board were present.

Report of the Director DHCD Director Bryan Horn updated the Board on the agency's efforts to track legislation and budget items during the General Assembly Session.

Unfinished Business There was no unfinished business.

New Business There was no new business.

Board Matters

Mr. Sawyer reminded the Board that Conflict of Interest Filings are due on February 1.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. This meeting will be held virtually. The Codes and Standards Committee will also meet during this time.

Adjournment

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