

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
January 18, 2005
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Ms. Ann Hunnicutt
Mr. Jack Loeb
Mr. Eric Mays
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Carlos Sol
Mr. Ken Thompson
Mr. Ed Whitmore

Members Absent

Mr. Doug Thomas

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 address the Board at this meeting, so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2004 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Housing Committee Report

Ms. Nancy O'Brien, Chairman of the Housing Committee reported on the morning meeting of the Committee. The Committee reviewed input received on the 2005 Consolidated Plan Action Plan.

Ms. O'Brien reported that a proposed Action Plan would be presented at the March meeting of the Board. Ms. O'Brien

stated that she attended the public input session held in Charlottesville and was pleased with how the session was conducted.

New Employee

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, introduced the new Deputy Director for the Division of Building and Fire Regulation, Mr. Emory Rodgers. Mr. Rodgers spoke briefly about his background and his future role with the Department and the Board.

Public Hearing Date

After discussion, the Board agreed to hold its public hearing on building and fire prevention regulations on Thursday, March 17, 2005. Mr. Calhoun indicated that he would try to reserve the Lecture Hall at the Greater Richmond Convention Center for the public hearing.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority reported on the Qualified Allocation Plan for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. Ms. Dewey also provided an update on the VHDA strategic plan and the allocation of resources.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Dennis Mitchell reported on the activities of the Virginia Fire Services Board (VFSB). Mr. Mitchell reported on the development of policies by the Board, including policies on grants, incident reporting, aid to localities, mini-grants and burnt buildings. The VFSB will meet next on February 24 and 25, 2005.

Report of the Director

Mr. Shelton presented an overview of the Governor's Virginia Works initiative. These are new approaches to economic development in Virginia's rural communities to help existing industries, promote the creation of new industry and strengthen communities. There are \$21 million in targeted investments under Virginia Works.

Mr. Shelton also reported on the Enterprise Zone Program and the disposition of the recent court action filed regarding the allocation of tax credits. Mr. Shelton reviewed possible federal deficit reduction actions that may impact Department programs (CDBG and HOME).

Mr. Bill Ernst of the Department's Policy Office provided an overview of legislation introduced to date in the 2005

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General Assembly session. Mr. Rodgers provided a brief regulatory update.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Due to a recent resignation of a member of the Board's Building Code Academy Advisory Board (BCAAC), Mr. Rodgers reported on the need to fill that vacancy. A motion was made to consider the matter of filling of the vacancy. The motion was seconded and unanimously adopted. Mr. Rodgers stated that the Virginia Building and Code Officials Association (VBCOA) requested that Mr. Roger Robertson be appointed for their organization to serve on the BCAAC. A motion was made to appoint Mr. Robertson as the VBCOA representative on BCAAC. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Board Matters

None

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, March 17, 2005 in Richmond, approximately one hour after the conclusion of the Board's public hearing.

Adjournment

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