

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
June 25, 2007
Richmond, Virginia

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Eric Mays
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Doug Thomas
Mr. Ken Thompson

Members Absent

Mr. Brian Mullins
Mr. Edwin Whitmore

Call to Order

Ms. Betty Ann Davis, Chairman of the Board of Housing and Community Development, called the meeting of the Board 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

No one present requested to comment at this meeting so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed. Ms. Davis abstained from voting due to her absence from the April meeting.

Report of the Community Development

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, provided an overview of the morning meeting of the Committee. (Ed Whitmore chaired the Committee meeting but was unable to attend full Board meeting). Mr. Shelton reported that the Committee members discussed recent legislative changes to the Enterprise Zone Program and methods of tracking job creation totals for agency programs. A staff presentation on broadband issues was made during the Committee meeting.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee

Mr. Tom Fleury, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, reported that since all Board members present attended the Committee meeting, no Committee report was needed.

Upon recommendation of the Committee, a motion was made to adopt as Fast Track Regulations the proposed Virginia Certification Standards and Manufactured Industrialized Safety Regulations presented. The motion also requested Department staff to set an effective date for these regulations. The motion was unanimously approved.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of Virginia Housing Development Authority, reported on the Granting Freedom Program. A public service announcement on the program featuring Governor Kaine was shown. Ms. Julia Perkinson, Direct Organization Coordinator at VHDA, provided additional information on the program.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Dennis Mitchell reported on a recent strategic planning session of the VFSB and recent elections. Mr. Mitchell reported that the next Board meeting would be in Hampton, Virginia in August with the state fire fighters.

Report of the Director

Mr. Shelton reported on the recent work of the Housing Study Commission and its five work groups. Mr. Shelton also provided a regulatory update. Mr. Shelton reported on recent CDBG Competitive Grant Program Awards and new Main Street community announcements. Handouts for both were provided.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Ms. Dewey stated that a key priority in the VHDA strategic plan is property management. Ms. Dewey reported that a Property Management Program is offered at Virginia Tech. Ms. Dewey also reported on the Hokie Memorial Fund for this program.

Board Matters

Mr. Mitchell reported on the recent loss of nine fire fighters in South Carolina.

Ms. Davis presented a recent article in Virginia Business Magazine on former Board member Carlos Sol. Ms. Davis also thanked Mr. Ken Thompson for his service on the Board.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 24, 2007 in the Board Room of the Department of Housing and Community Development Building (Jackson Center) in Richmond, Virginia. A public hearing will be held by the Board on that date beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Greater Richmond Convention

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Center Lecture Hall.

Adjournment

Upon completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.