

Agritourism Event Structure Technical Advisory Committee

November 2, 2022 Meeting Summary

All Virtual Meeting via Google Meet

Committee Members Present

- Chris Barry, VA Fire Services Board
- Skip Causey, VA Wineries Association
- Heidi Hertz, Agribusiness Council
- Joe Lerch, VA Association of Counties
- Martha Moore, VA Farm Bureau
- Jimmy Moss, VA Building and Code Officials Association
- Paige Wernig, VA Craft Brewers Guild

Other Attendees

- Jeff Brown, Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- Kristen Dahlman, Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- Cindy Davis, Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- Sean Farrell, Board of Housing and Community Development
- Kyle Flanders, Dept. of Housing and Community Development
- Keith Johnson, Board of Housing and Community Development
- Anne Leigh Kerr, VA Wineries Association
- Chase Sawyer, Dept. of Housing and Community Development

Key Takeaways

- General agreement that the meeting summaries and memo captured the work of the committee

Note: Please note the summary and notes included do not include specific endorsement or opinion of the committee or any one-committee member

Summary

Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) staff presented an overall update of some of the key findings of the committee and areas where there was consensus and/or stakeholders had clearly identified their positions. Staff noted that this was the last planned meeting for the committee of this year and highlighted the draft memo that would be provided to the Board at its December meeting. Committee members were encouraged to review the draft memo and offered the opportunity to provide additional comments for inclusion in the memo on behalf of their represented organizations.

The Virginia Farm Bureau indicated they wish to acknowledge support of the current farm building exemption from the Uniform Statewide Building Code.

Future Considerations

- Stakeholders maintain interest in addressing key concerns outlined over the past few months related to public safety and consistent enforcement of regulations. However, they believe any legislative work to this end will likely not be until 2024 at the earliest.

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