

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
March 27, 2006
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Ms. Ann Hunnicutt
Mr. Jack Loeb

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 comment at this meeting so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Report of the
Housing Committee

Ms. O'Brien, Chairman of the Housing Committee, provided an overview of the Committee meeting held prior to the full Board meeting. Ms. O'Brien reported that the Committee recommended approval of the draft Consolidated Plan Action Plan and for the Department to conduct a public hearing on the Action Plan. The Committee recommendation was unanimously approved by the Board.

Community Development Bank	Ms. Jane Henderson of Virginia Community Capital, Inc., provided a presentation on the new community development bank for Virginia. There was a brief question an answer session following the presentation.
New Markets Tax Credits	Ms. Shea Hollifield, Deputy Director of the Division of Community Development, provided a presentation on New Markets Tax Credits Technical Assistance. There was a brief question an answer session following the presentation.
VHDA Report	Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, reported on the Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credits Program application process. Ms. Dewey reported that applications for \$27.4 million in tax credits have been received but only \$13.4 million tax credits are available.
Virginia Fire Services Board Report	Mr. Brian Mullins reported on the recent meeting of the Virginia Fire Service Board. The Board voted to allow subjective gas burning systems and non-galvanized heavy steel in burned buildings for training. Mr. Mullins stated that the Codes Committee has met. Mr. Mullins reported that two Board members will attend the ICC Codes Committee meetings.
Report of the Director	Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, reported on the departure of Ms. Nikki Nicholau, Deputy Director of the Housing Division. Mr. Shelton spoke on federal budget issues and the recent Main Street Program 20 th year celebration. Mr. Shelton reviewed recent CDBG award announcements and a handout was provided. Mr. Shelton provided an overview of the 2006 General Assembly session and on-going budget debates. Mr. Basil Gooden, Principal Deputy Director, spoke about the 2006 Governor's Housing Conference to be held in Norfolk, Virginia.
Unfinished Business	None.
New Business	None
Board matters	Ms. Davis requested that Board members provide changes of their e-mail addresses to Department staff.

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Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 15, 2006 in Richmond.

Adjournment

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