

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
March 26, 2007
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Carlos Sol
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Doug Thomas
Mr. Ken Thompson
Mr. Edwin Whitmore

Members Absent

Mr. Eric Mays

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 January 22, 2007 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of the Housing Committee

Ms. Nancy O'Brien, Chairman of the Housing Committee, provided an overview of the morning meeting of the Committee. Ms. O'Brien reported on key issues and proposed changes in the draft Action Plan. Ms. O'Brien reported that the Board will consider adoption of the Action Plan during its April meeting.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee

Mr. Fleury, Chairman of the Codes and Standard Committee, provided an overview of the morning meeting of the Committee. Mr. Fleury reported on Committee discussions on proposed regulations and several amendments made to the proposed provisions presented in the Board notebooks. A motion was made to adopt the following proposed regulations, as amended by the Committee:

- Uniform Statewide Building Code
- Statewide Fire Prevention Code
- Virginia Certification Standards
- Amusement Device Regulations
- Manufactured Home Safety Regulations
- Industrialized Building Safety Regulations

The proposed regulations will be prepared for publication on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website and the Virginia Register.

VHDA Report

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority, reported on an upcoming public forum for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program's 2007 Qualified Allocation Plan to be held April 25, 2007. Ms. Dewey also reported on the purchase of two facilities for VHDA, one in Henrico County and one in Wytheville.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Mullins reported on the February meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Board held in Virginia Beach. Mr. Mullins reported on ATL funding, carbon monoxide monitors, burned building repair, the dry fire hydrant program and 2006 fire statistics. Mr. Mullins also reported on the on-line bookstore and gap funding for municipalities. Mr. Mitchell reported on the work session to update the fire prevention control document.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, introduced Ms. Paula Eubank, Associate Director of the Technical Assistant Services Office of the Division of Building and Fire Regulation, Mr. Bill Ernst of the Department's Policy Office presented an overview of the bills, the budget and other actions of the 2007 General Assembly session. Mr. Shelton provided an update on the Enterprise Zone Grant Program Regulations and reported on ARC announcements, CDBG applications and upcoming meetings of the Virginia Housing Commission. Mr. Basil Gooden, Principal Deputy Director of the Department, presented on update on the 2007 Virginia Housing Conference.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mr. Fleury spoke about the benefit of Board members attending ICC hearings and meetings to gain an understanding of the model code development process.

Board Matters	Mr. Ed Whitmore reported on upcoming Community Development Committee meetings.
Future Meetings	The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 in the Board Room of the Department of Housing and Community Development Building (Jackson Center) in Richmond, Virginia.
Adjournment	Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned.