

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
December 10, 2007
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Mr. Anthony Clatterbuck
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Eric Mays
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Tip Strickland
Ms. Carol Saulnier
Ms. Rebecca Villalpando

Members Absent

Ms. Susan Dewey
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

There were two persons present that requested to comment at this meeting. Mr. Frank Hertzog of Boise, Idaho spoke about his concern on continuing the amendment deleting elevator shaft smoke protection (Section 707.14.1). Mr. Hertzog stated that he believes this amendment represents a lower minimum standard for fire and life safety than that represented in the IBC 2006.

The next speaker was Mr. Barrett Hardman of Richmond Virginia, representing the Virginia Hospitality Association. Mr. Hardman reported on his concern with occupancy threshold provisions for restaurants and nightclubs.

There was no one else requesting to speak, so the public comment session was closed.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee

Mr. Tom Fleury, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee, reported on the morning meeting of the Committee. Mr. Fleury reviewed previous actions of the Codes and Standards Committee and the carry-over items considered during the morning meeting.

The Board agenda listed as an action item the adoption of final regulations. The Board agreed to consider final adoption at its January meeting. A motion was made to amend the agenda to consider only the actions of the Codes and Standards Committee and not the adoption of final regulations. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Mr. Fleury made a motion to adopt the basic policy decisions and actions of the Committee and to have regulations presented for final adoption at the Board's January meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

VHDA Report

Ms. Nancy O'Brien reported on the recent VHDA Board of Commissioner's meeting held at the new Housing Center at Innsbrook in Richmond, Virginia. Ms. O'Brien reported that the Board adopted standards for tax-exempt bonds and noted that the Board added criteria for small projects.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Brian Mullins reported on the recent Fire Services Board meeting held in Roanoke, Virginia. Mr. Mullins reported on CO monitoring, Aid to Localities and VFIRS (Virginia Fire Incidence Reporting System). Mr. Mullins and Mr. Dennis Mitchell reported on applications and allocations of mini grants. Mr. Mullins also reported that a new burned building facility was approved in Roanoke County.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development provided an update on the recent work and actions of the Virginia Housing Commission. Mr. Shelton reported on the Foreclosure Task Force created by Governor Kaine. Mr. Shelton also reported on budget issues, recent HOME funding awards, the upcoming 2008 General Assembly session and the relocation of the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Matters

Ms. Davis reported that this would be the last Board of Housing and Community Development meeting for Mr. Dennis Mitchell. Ms. Davis thanked Mr. Mitchell for his service as a member of the Board. Mr. Michael Reilly will serve on the Board of Housing and Community Development as the member of the Virginia Fire Services Board beginning in January 2008.

Mr. Richard Evans spoke about the successful 2007 Governor's Housing Conference held in Roanoke, Virginia, CO detectors and the federal mortgage foreclosure prevention efforts.

Ms. Rebecca Villalpando also complimented staff on the 2007 Governor's Housing Conference.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, January 28, 2008 in the Board Room of the Department of Housing and Community Development Building (Jackson Center) in Richmond, Virginia.

Adjournment

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