

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
May 17, 2010
Glen Allen, Virginia**

Members Present

Mr. Anthony Clatterbuck
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Roger McLellon
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Ed Whitmore
Mr. Rick Witt

Members Absent

Ms. Susan Dewey
Ms. Lori Fountain
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Mr. Michael Reilly
Ms. Carol Staples

Call to Order

Mr. Tom Fleury, 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. Steve Calhoun of the Department's Policy Office. Mr. Calhoun reported that a quorum was present for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2010 meeting of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Report of the Community Development Committee

Mr. Whitmore, Chairman of the Community Development Committee reported on the morning meeting of the Committee. Mr. Whitmore reported that proposed amendments to the Virginia Enterprise Zone Grant Program Regulations were presented that would allow the regulation to comply with recently enacted legislation. The Committee recommended the amendments be adopted as presented. A motion was made to adopt the amendments and the motion passed by acclamation.

Report of the Joint Meeting of the Housing Committee and the Community Development Committee

Mr. Whitmore reported on the joint meeting of the Housing Committee and the Community Development Committee. Mr. Whitmore reported that staff presented a proposed annual Action Plan for the use of federal money for housing, community development and homelessness needs of Virginia. Mr. Whitmore reported that the joint committee recommended the approval of the proposed Action Plan presented. A motion was made to approve

the annual Action Plan and the motion passed by acclamation.

Report of the Codes and Standards Committee

Mr. Clatterbuck, Chairman of the Codes and Standards Committee reported on the May 10 meeting of the Committee and provided an overview of the issues considered. Mr. Clatterbuck reported that the Committee will meet again on June 7, 2010.

VHDA Report

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of Department of Housing and Community Development, reported on bond markets and the issuance of debt by VHDA. Mr. Shelton reported on the use of federal stimulus funds and other federal resources. Mr. Shelton also reported on the REACH programs.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Brian Mullins reported on the April 9, 2010 meeting of the VFSB. Mr. Mullins also reported on VFIRS, the Law Enforcement Training Academy at A. P. Hill, work with intelligence agencies, the upcoming fallen firefighters recognition, aid to localities, mobile burn units and day hydrants. Mr. Mullins reported the next meeting of the VFSB will be held on June 5, 2010.

Report of the Director

Mr. Shelton reported on the April reconvened session of the General Assembly. Mr. Shelton also provided an overview of the Governor's Housing Policy. Mr. Calhoun handed out a copy of the Governor's Executive Order No. 10 on the Housing Policy Framework of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Shelton reported on a strategic plan for economic development, the upcoming meeting of the Virginia Housing Commission, defective drywall issues, a CDBG award to Galax, Virginia and the upcoming Governor's Conference on Housing.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Matters

There was a discussion about allowable fees under the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) that may be charged by the State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO). The Chairman of the Virginia Fire Services Board requested by letter that the Board consider alternative ways to consider fee increases more frequently than the three-year SFPC regulatory cycle.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to maintain the current system of considering fees during the regulatory code update cycle. A motion to maintain the current system was made. The motion was seconded and agreed to, with Mr. Mullins voting

may. Additionally, the Board agreed that all fees within the each regulation should be considered during the regulatory cycle and fee adjustments would be made in view of new or amended regulatory requirements, public input and other economic factors. Mr. Fleury indicated that the Board is aware of financial demands upon the SFMO and that the Board will continue to work with the Department of Fire Programs to assure that fees will be considered as needs arise.

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Virginia Housing Center, Glen Allen. The Codes and Standards Committee will meet at the Virginia Housing Center on June 7, 2010 to continue consideration of building and fire code regulations. .

Adjournment

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