BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEETING April 23, 2007 Richmond, Virginia

Members Present
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Dennis Mitchell
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Doug Thomas
Mr. Ken Thompson

Members Absent
Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Eric Mays
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Mr. Carlos Sol

Mr. Edwin Whitmore

Call to Order

Mr. Brian Mullins, Vice 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 March 26, 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 the Consolidated Plan Action Plan for FY 2008 recommended by the Committee. A motion was made for the Board to adopt the FY 2008 Consolidated Plan Action Plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Urban Policy

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development and Ms. Shea Hollifield, Deputy Director of the Division of Housing, made a presentation on Virginia's Urban Policy and the issues considered in the development of the policy.

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VHDA Report

Ms. O'Brien reported on the recent VHDA Board of Commissioners retreat and the development of a business plan. Ms. O'Brien also reported on the federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and an upcoming meeting on this program.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report Mr. Mullins reported on the recent meeting of the Virginia Fire Services Board and the new Carbon Monoxide Alarm Grant Program. Mr. Mullins provided a VFPRS and Aid to Localities (ATL) update. Mr. Mullins also reported on the Robert Browning Award and the upcoming Mid-Atlantic Fire Commissioners meeting. Mr. Dennis Mitchell reported the recent loss of a Virginia fire fighter.

Report of the Director

Mr. Shelton, reported on the recent "Veto Session" of the 2007 General Assembly. Mr. Shelton also provided an update on the Enterprise Zone Grant Program Regulation and on broadband issues. Mr. Shelton reported on upcoming meetings of and issues under consideration by the Virginia Housing Commission. Mr. Shelton spoke of funding available for several Board members to attend the ICC conference in Reno, Nevada later this year.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Matters

None

Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday, June 25, 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.