

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Housing and Community Development Committee
MEETING

11:29 A.M., June 26, 2020

Digital Meeting Only

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and public health emergency and the need to provide social distancing and prohibit large gatherings, the meeting was held electronically in accordance with the State of Emergency Declared by the Governor and the 2020 amendments to the 2019 Appropriations Act. The meeting was held via Adobe Connect.

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi
Susan Dewey
Andrew Friedman
Richard Gregory (left at 11:45)
Helen Hardiman
Abby Johnson
Keith Johnson
Brett Meringoff
Earl Reynolds
Steve Semones

Members Absent

Mimi Elrod
Patty Shields

Call to Order	Ms. Helen Hardiman, Vice-Chair of the Housing and Community Development Committee, called the meeting to order at 11:29 a.m.
Roll Call	The roll was called by Mr. Kyle Flanders of the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Policy Office. Mr. Flanders reported that a quorum was present.
Approval of Minutes	A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2020, meeting of the Committee; the motion passed.
Annual Action Plan	Mr. Erik Johnston, Director of DHCD, presented background information on the Annual Action Plan being considered by the Board. Ms. Pam Kestner, Deputy Director of Housing within DHCD, outlined the Annual Action Plan process and the proposed appropriation of funding for the federal funds considered by the plan. Recent changes related to COVID-19 and the Federal CARES Act were highlighted.

Virginia Housing Trust
Fund

Ms. Kestner presented staff recommendations that the grant to loan ratio for the Virginia Housing Trust Fund (HTF) be redistributed to a 60:40 ratio and that the amount of money reserved from funding for administrative purposes be increased from 2 percent to 4 percent.

A motion was made by Mr. Semones and properly seconded by Ms. Dewey to approve staff recommendations. The motion passed. (Yeas: Dewey, Friedman, Hardiman, A. Johnson, K. Johnson, Meringoff, Reynolds, Semones; Nays: None; Not-Voting: Abbasi,

Communities of
Opportunities Tax Credit

Ms. Kestner provided the Board with an overview of the Communities of Opportunities Tax Credit Program. It was noted that the guidelines for the program must be updated to account for a General Assembly action that added Northern Virginia to the list of regions which are eligible for the tax credit program.

A motion was made by Mr. Friedman and properly seconded by Mr. Meringoff to approve the new guidelines. The motion passed. (Yeas: Abbasi, Dewey, Friedman, Hardiman, A. Johnson K. Johnson, Meringoff, Reynolds, Semones; Nays: None).

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business

There was no new business to be discussed.

Adjournment

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