

**BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
MEETING
May 12, 2008
Richmond, Virginia**

Members Present

Ms. Betty Ann Davis
Mr. Anthony Clatterbuck
Mr. Richard Evans
Mr. Thomas Fleury
Mr. Brian Mullins
Ms. Nancy O'Brien
Mr. Michael Reilly
Mr. Tip Strickland
Mr. Ed Whitmore

Members Absent

Ms. Susan Dewey
Mr. Eric Mays
Ms. Ellen Robertson
Ms. Carol Saulnier
Ms. Rebecca Villalpando

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2008 and the April 28, 2008 meetings of the Board. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

Committee Report:
Joint Committee Meeting

Ms. Nancy O'Brien, Chairman of the Housing Committee, summarized the joint meeting of the Housing Committee and the Community Development Committee that was held prior to the full Board meeting. The joint meeting was held to consider the final draft of Virginia's five year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2009 Action Plan to be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A motion was made by Committee to adopt the Consolidated Plan as presented. The Committee motion was unanimously passed. A motion was made to adopt the Action Plan as presented. The Committee motion was unanimously passed.

Proposed Private Activity Bond Allocation Guidelines for the remainder of calendar year 2008 were reviewed by the joint committee. A motion was made by Committee to adopt the

Guidelines presented. The Committee motion was unanimously passed.

A motion was made by the joint committee requesting Department staff to develop draft Private Activity Bond Allocation Guidelines for calendar year 2009 and beyond. The committee motion was unanimously approved.

Statewide Fire Prevention Code

Current Virginia law allows the State Fire Marshal's Office to charge a fee to recover the actual cost of administering and enforcing the Statewide Fire Prevention Code (SFPC) in jurisdictions for which it serves as the enforcement authority. The 2008 General Assembly passed legislation to eliminate the authority to charge a fee for the inspection of any school. A motion was made to amend the SFPC to comply with this new statute by removing references to schools in the SFPC section authorizing state annual inspection permit fees. The motion was seconded and unanimously passed.

VHDA Report

Mr. Judson McKeller, General Counsel for Virginia Department Housing Authority, presented an overview of Virginia's mortgage foreclosure problem. Mr. McKeller reported on regional mortgage clinics, focus group meetings and low-income housing tax credits.

Virginia Fire Services Board Report

Mr. Brian Mullins reported that the next meeting of the Virginia Fire Service Board will be held in June with the Fallen Firefighters Memorial. Mr. Mullins provided an update on programs, funding and recent budget cuts. Mr. Mullins also discussed possible concerns with scheduling for Code training to be provided for the 2006 Codes. Mr. Emory Rodgers, Deputy Director of the Building and Fire Code Regulations, discussed the training scheduling and sessions.

Report of the Director

Mr. Bill Shelton, Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, discussed the ongoing work with the Governor's Mortgage Foreclosure Task Force, upcoming Virginia editions of the ICC Code books, the Virginia Housing Commission and budget reductions. Mr. Shelton also reported on the upcoming General Assembly special session a transportation issues.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Board Matters

None

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Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, July 21, 2008.

Adjournment

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