

BOARD OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Housing and Community Development Committee
MEETING
10:05 A.M., May 13, 2019
Glen Allen, Virginia

Members Present

Sonny Abbasi
J.P. Carr
Susan Dewey
Mimi Elrod (arrived late)
Andrew Friedman
Richard Gregory
Abby Johnson
Earl Reynolds
Steve Semones

Members Absent

Helen Hardiman
Keith Johnson

Call to Order

Mr. Andrew Friedman, Vice-Chairman of the Housing and Community Development Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:05 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 March 18, 2019, 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 Consolidated Planning and Annual Action Plan process and the proposed appropriation of funding for the federal funds considered by the plan. Ms. Kestner presented the allocation breakdown for the Home Investments Partnership (HOME) program funds. Mr. Jay Grant, Deputy Director of Community Development within DHCD outlined the proposed appropriation of funding for the Community Development Block Grant (GDBG) program funds.

Ms. Susan Dewey, Executive Director of the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA), requested clarification regarding

the carry over funds within the CDBG allocation. Mr. Grant and Mr. Johnston clarified where the funds originated from and how they would be deployed.

A motion was made and properly seconded to adopt the Annual Action Plan as presented. The motion passed.

Enterprise Zone Changes Mr. Flanders provided a brief overview of the proposed Enterprise Zone changes and the regulatory process for adopting the statutory and technical changes.

Ms. Rebecca Rowe, Program Manager for the Enterprise Zone program explained that two changes had occurred with respect to Enterprise Zones. The first change noted was that the number of renewals that a zone could receive went up to a total of 25 years of eligibility. The second change that she noted was that solar energy projects now have a lower threshold for qualification for the Real Property Investment Grant (RPIG).

Mr. Carr requested clarification on the five-year extension. Ms. Rowe noted that this is a single extension of five years for any given zone. Ms. Rowe indicated that applications for new zones were not being accepted, therefore, the extensions would not be coinciding with an increased number of zones.

A motion was made and properly seconded to approve the changes to the Enterprise Zone regulations. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business There was no unfinished business to be discussed.

New Business Mr. Johnston noted that future meetings of the committee would include discussion of the Port Host Cities Program, the Communities of Opportunity Program, and the development of rent-to-own best practices.

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