

AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes of the Meeting September 10, 2009

**Members Present**

Michael Caison  
Jack Corrado  
Amy Susskind  
Laura Lantzy  
Michelle L'Heureux  
Carter Flemming  
Amy Rose  
Mildrilyn Davis (non-voting)

**Members Absent**

Bill Harris  
Bob Kauffman  
Marilyn Patterson

**Staff Present**

Helen McIlvaine, Housing  
Eric Keeler, Housing  
Shane Cochran, Housing

**Guests**

Douglas Owens (Deputy Director, ARHA)  
Jim Pritchett (Executive Director, AHDC)  
Katherine Medina (Executive Director, Rebuilding Together)

Michael Caison acting as chair called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Item 1 – Approval of the Minutes of the June 4, 2009 Meeting**

The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Item 2 – Consideration of Additional Funds Related to the Development of Beasley Square**

Staff presented their recommendation to provide up to \$100,000 in additional funds for Beasley Square, an affordable senior housing (rental) project. These funds were to cover added construction costs that were the result of extra structural work that was found during the renovation process.

Jack Corrado made the motion to approve the staff's recommendation. Michelle L'Heureux seconded the motion. All those present voted in favor of the motion with the exception of Laura Lantzy who was opposed.

**Item 3 – Consideration of an allocation of funds for Homeownership Assistance at Alexandria Crossing**

Shane Cochran described the Alexandria Crossing project and the background regarding the need for MIHP assistance. On a motion by Jack Corrado, seconded by, the Committee unanimously approved the reallocation of \$180,000 from the General Fund of the Housing Opportunities Fund to the MIHP program for the purpose of assisting nine first-time homebuyers at Alexandria Crossing, the workforce housing (sales) component of the ARHA/EYA Glebe Park Redevelopment project. At Jack's suggestion, staff will present this item to Council as a budget reallocation, or transfer from the HOF to MIHP.

**Item 4 – AHAC Annual Report**

On a motion by Carter Flemming, seconded by Laura Lantzy, the AHAC Annual Report was unanimously approved.

### **Item 5 – Discussion of the Housing Master Plan Process**

Mildrilyn Davis discussed the Housing Master Plan process and the various sessions planned.

### **Item 6 – Report from the Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA)**

Doug Owens of ARHA updated the Committee on the status of the Old Dominion – West Glebe redevelopment. The rehabilitation of 24 units will be completed in November. Site work for the new construction units is underway. He also noted that, due to a federal stimulus “exchange program,” the Quaker Hill exchange credits were priced higher than anticipated at \$0.84 instead of \$0.79 which helps the development’s overall budget. He also discussed the status of the planned redevelopment of the James Bland property. ARHA did receive an award of tax credits and they are currently trying to identify and secure an investor.

### **Item 7 – Report from the Alexandria Housing Development Corporation (AHDC)**

Mike Caison introduced the new Executive Director of AHDC – Jim Pritchett. He also noted that Jack Corrado had joined the AHDC Board. AHDC will be participating with Rebuilding Together in a Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funded by federal funds administered by the state to purchase foreclosed homes in Hume Springs, rehabilitate the property, and resell to first time homeowners at affordable prices.

### **Item 8 Oral Reports/Announcements/Information Items**

Mildrilyn Davis noted the written reports that were provided in the package. She also noted that Bob Kauffman had informed her that he would be stepping down as Chair, so an election would be held at the next meeting for a new Chair.

### **Item 9 Announcements and Upcoming Housing Meetings**

Mildrilyn Davis announced that the hearing on the CAPER would be September 24 at 7:00 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy S. Rose