

TENNESSEE STATEWIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION MEETING

March 10, 2009

Minutes

Members Present

Don Alexander	Crossville Housing Authority
Sharon Bosworth	TN Mortgage Bankers Association
Terry Cunningham	Kingsport Housing & Redevelopment
Cathie Dodd	Woodbine Community Organization
Colleen Dudley	Habitat for Humanity of Tennessee
Ted Fellman	THDA
Eric Haralson	FAHE
Don Harris	Rural Development
Mike Hedges	Double H Investments
Marla Jackson	TN Manufactured Housing Association
Paul Johnson	The Housing Fund
Don Klein	Greater Nashville Association of Realtors
Jessica LeVeon Farr	Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta
Chris McCarthy	Nashville Area Habitat for Humanity
Retha Patton	Eastern Eight CDC
Jack Raleigh	Smyrna Housing Authority
Lorrie Shearon	THDA
Patricia M. Smith	THDA
Diane White	Southeast Tennessee Development District

Other guests in attendance were Phyllis Vaughn of Vaughn Development, Paul Compton of AL Council on Affordable & Rural Housing, and several THDA staff members.

Retha Patton opened the meeting by welcoming everyone.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 10, 2008, meeting were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER UPDATES

Education & Training: Don Harris reported on upcoming trainings and events, including both the SAHMA and HUD conferences. He passed out information on LEAP (Lead Elimination Action Program) and Home Depot's Awards of Excellence Program.

Governor's Housing Summit: Patricia Smith asked members to mark their calendars for October 19-20 2009, and 2010 for the next two Governor's Housing Summit events. Ideas for next year's Summit were discussed, including inviting

Governor candidates for a panel. The committee suggested including a workshop with regard to the stimulus laws recently passed. Patricia thanked the committee for their thoughts and insight.

Legislative Committee: Mike Hedges gave the status of state bills that were of importance to the Coalition. He stated the Day on the Hill was not well attended by the Coalition and the committee agreed to participate more with TAHRA and the Legislative Conference.

Statewide Housing Coalition Going Forward:

Retha Patton went over the survey results with the Coalition and asked for members' input on certain items. Members decided to change the meeting schedule to the first Wednesday in June, September, and December. Members also decided to retire the Procurement Committee. Retha Patton passed around a signup sheet for each Committee and asked that all members join at least one committee. Members of each Committee are described below:

Membership/Organization: Marla Jackson, Chair, Cathie Dodd, Eric Haralson, Jessica LaVeen Farr, Lorrie Shearon, Ted Fellman, Ralph Perrey, and Don Alexander

Education/Training: Colleen Dudley, Jessica LaVeen Farr, Don Harris, Ralph Perrey, Sharon Bosworth, Ann Berry, and Mickey Myers

Legislative/Policy: Steve Baldwin, Chris McCarthy, Don Alexander, Mike Hedges, Diane White, Emily Trenholm, and Peggy Krebs

Funding Sources Development: Eric Haralson, Latrisha Jemison, Curtis Thomas, Carla Jarrell, and Ken McKnight

Governor's Housing Summit: Paul Johnson, Don Klein, Terry Cunningham, Jack Raleigh, Lorrie Shearon, and Carla Jarrell

PRESENTATIONS

Mike Clinard brought the group up to date on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (the HERA version), Neighborhood Stabilization 2 (from ARRA) and the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program, all new HUD programs created by Congress in recovery legislation.

Ted Fellman presented an update on provisions in the recovery legislation concerning the low income housing tax credit and told the group about a public meeting THDA was hosting the next day about the Qualified Allocation Plan for the housing credit program.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at 11:00 - 1:00 (central time) at the offices of Fleetwood Homes Inc.

Handouts

- Survey Results – Retha Patton
- Home Depot Awards of Excellence-Don Harris
- LEAD- Don Harris
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act-What it Means for THDA-Lorrie Shearon