

The Washington Area Housing Partnership's Affordable Housing Briefing Agenda for the City of Bowie

Location: City of Bowie Council Chambers
2614 Kenhill Drive
Bowie, MD 20715
Date: Monday March 27th, 2006
Time: 8:00 pm

- I. Welcome Remarks and Introduction** 5 minutes
City Manager, David Deutsch
- II. Overview** 5 minutes
David Robertson
Executive Director, Metropolitan
Washington Council of Governments
- A. Moderator's Opening** 10 minutes
Hon. Barbara Favola
Member, Arlington County Board
Chair, Washington Area Housing
Partnership
- B. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds** 10 minutes
Mildrilyn Stephens Davis, Housing
Director, City of Alexandria
Member, Washington Area Housing
Partnership

The Washington Area Housing Partnership (WAHP) is a regional public-private housing partnership that acts as a catalyst to preserve and expand the supply of affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families in the Washington region. During 2005, the Partnership developed a "Toolkit for Affordable Housing Development" containing successful policies and planning tools to preserve and promote the supply of affordable housing in the region. Ms. Favola will describe the Partnership, the Toolkit, and the Partnership's outreach efforts in the form of local workshops in the metropolitan Washington region. Ms. Favola will introduce the panelists and the "tool" they will be presenting.

Mildrilyn Stephens Davis became Director of the Alexandria Office of Housing in 1991, after joining the department as a Housing Analyst in 1982, and serving as its Program Administration Division Chief from 1983 to 1991. Prior to her employment with the City of Alexandria, she spent four years as a research analyst for the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in the Office of Policy Development and Research. Ms. Davis holds the degree of Master of Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has a bachelor's degree from Brown University, where she majored in urban studies and political science. Ms. Davis will present the City of Alexandria's CDBG program with an emphasis on ways to use CDBG funds for affordable housing as well as some of the challenges with using the program for certain types of housing activities. Ms. Davis will also explain the City of Alexandria's program and how it is organized and managed. She will also discuss using funds towards rental housing, workforce housing, affordable housing development and distributing funds to private or non-profit developers for developments.

C. Community Land Trusts

10 minutes

***Robert Boulter, President of
Faithworks
Board Member, Washington Area
Housing Partnership***

Robert Boulter is President and founder of Faithworks, Inc., a faith based community development organization, which offers predevelopment planning, organizational capacity building and development resources to local churches, pastors and other faith-based organizations to improve their low-income neighborhoods in the Washington D.C. area. Prior to founding Faithworks, Mr. Boulter served as Vice President of Jubilee Housing, Inc., President and Founder of Jubilee Enterprise of Greater Washington and the Enterprise Foundation's Rehab Work Group. Mr. Boulter has been working in the housing field since 1970 and has received numerous local and national awards for managing and guiding development in distressed communities. Mr. Boulter also frequently speaks and publishes about affordable housing and community development practices. Mr. Boulter will give a presentation on the Land Trust Model and how it functions. He will also explain the benefits of this model has for building equity, providing long term affordable housing options, and preserving moderately priced housing in communities. Mr. Boulter will also address the benefits and concerns of a local government and nonprofit partnership and give insight into how other governments have structured successful partnerships.

**D. Affordable Housing Trust Fund
Montgomery County's Housing
Initiative Fund**

10 minutes

***Elizabeth B. Davison, Director of
Housing and Community Affairs,
Montgomery County
Member, Washington Area Housing
Partnership***

Ms. Davison is the Director of Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Since 1996, she has been the Director of the Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Montgomery County, Maryland. She directs and manages community development, commercial revitalization, affordable housing programs and land use policy with a budget of over \$36 million per year. She was the Director of the Office of Planning Implementation for the County from 1991 through 1996, and also worked for Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission from 1974 through 1980, in the research divisions conducting demographic and commercial revitalization studies for both Montgomery and Prince George's County. Ms. Davison will describe Montgomery County's Housing Trust Fund, how it is operated, and what elements make the Trust Fund successful. Ms. Davison will speak about the program's strengths and weaknesses while highlighting specific concerns local governments should consider when creating a trust fund.

III. Question and Answer Session

20-30 minutes

Presenters will answer question asked by Councilmembers and will respond to comments made by the public during the public input portion of the Council worksession.

IV. Next Steps and Action Items

5-10 minutes