

MINUTES OF THE ALL-VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
REAL ESTATE & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
RICHMOND REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY
AT 600 EAST BROAD STREET
5TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
IN RICHMOND, VIRGINIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Board of Commissioners in Attendance

Eddie Jackson, Jr., Chair
Kyle Elliott
Harold Parker, Jr.
Marika McCray

RRHA Staff

Steven Nesmith, Chief Executive Officer
Mike Kelly, Chief Operating Officer
Sherrill Hampton, SVP of Real Estate and Community Development.
Tonise Webb, Associate Counsel
Patrick Baisi, Associate Counsel
Colene Orsini, VP of Procurement
Andre Blakley, President of TRG
Glenn Hudson, TRG
Kimberley Cole, Chief of Staff
Angela Fountain, VP of Communications
Thaniel Howard, Support Specialist

Call To Order

Chair, Eddie Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and a quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes

Motion (Parker/Elliott) to allow the approval of the 01/14/2025 minutes.

Vote (Aye): Jackson, McCray, Elliott, Parker.

Motion Carries unanimously.

Citizens Comment Period

Two citizens have signed up to speak, Dream Boyd and Thaniel Howard. Ms. Boyd had no comments. Mr. Thaniel Howard, Senior Office Support Specialist at Fairfield, spoke about

wanting to make sure residents were getting opportunities for possible homeownership as during his rent calculations he discovered there are residents that are able to attain this.

Chair Updates

A huge announcement is set to be made at the full board meeting next week concerning the national home ownership program.

Real Estate Department Updates

Big 6 Update

Creighton Court – The importance of resident engagement was discussed and in fact this has begun with the naming process being underway for the new Creighton and several streets and alleys being named from resident input. A report with this process will be submitted at the March or April board meeting.

Gilpin Court – Negotiations are near finalization for the MDA which will be brought back to the board for review and consideration. Certain timelines need to be achieved as it relates to the CNI grant and things are moving forward.

400 E. Grace Street – A final draft agreement has been entered into and will be presented to the board. The Physical Needs Assessment for the building was completed. How this will benefit RRHA was discussed.

CEO Nesmith spoke about the role COO Mike Kelly will be playing in the procurement department in conjunction with Colene Orsini and her staff as it relates to MBE and Section 3 for the entire agency as well as JOC contracts. This is a goal to hopefully kind of “muscle up” minority participation reporting and participation.

Mosby Court South Presentation

Mr. Andre Blakely spoke about the updated site plan and where things stand with amenities and unit count. He spoke about the architecture fitting into the character of what’s there presently in the community. The commercial space was discussed and what possibilities there will be such

as health services, dental services, etc. Mr. Blakely spoke about the planned Innovation Center and all the opportunities that will offer to the residents. The CUP application has been submitted. Mr. Blakely spoke about the relocation process and relocation costs that would be given. The timeline was also discussed with the proposed construction to begin approximately May 2026 with an 18-month construction period. Prospective funding was discussed for this project and the opportunities available.

Senior Sites Modernization Update

CEO, Nesmith indicated the update will be presented to the full board at next week's meeting.

Adjournment

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.