

Resident Advisory Council
Minutes of April 15, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Paulette Whiteside, Cynthia Thompson, Vivian Barrett, Audrey King, Vasantha Rayman, Patricia Ryan, and Ellen Keaton-Gholizadeh

ABSENT: Kathryn Stricker, Gulshan Khan, Renee Barnett, Tammy Short and, Polly Ann Oliver

Minutes:

Patricia made a motion to approve the February 18, 2009 minutes, Cynthia seconded the motion. The minutes passed unanimously.

Staff and the Council discussed and reviewed the FCRHA items going to the board on March 5, 2009.

Staff and the Council discussed Fairfax County's Homelessness Initiative and how many it has served. According to numbers received from staff for FY 2008 - 2009 the goal was to serve 160 families and individuals and the total actual served was 113.

Staff and the Council discussed the issue of residents receiving utility bills for more than one billing cycle at a time. According to staff residents are referred to Department of Family Services, CSP where they advocate to non-profits to assist the clients in paying the bills. Staff also discussed with the Council that this was not a normal occurrence. Residents should be referred to Adele Williams at 703-246-5225 if this continues to happen and/or if they need assistance with utility bills.

The Council requested that staff look into Council members being allowed to sit in on hearings. This was discussed but due to confidentiality issues this is not allowed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00. The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 2 at 3700 Pender Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.