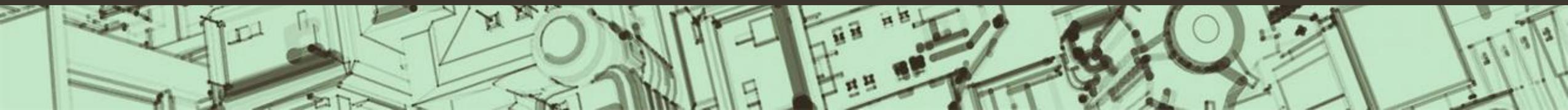


Virginia First Cities Annual Meeting

Virginia Air and Space Center – Hampton, Virginia

May 4, 2018



VFC Business Meeting

Call to Order

Chris Snead, Chairperson

Approval of Minutes

All

Membership Update

Kelly Harris-Braxton, Executive Director

Treasurer's Report

Kelly Harris-Braxton

Financials

Adoption of FY 2019 Budget

Election of Officers

Chris Snead

VFC Business Meeting

VFC Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members – FY 2019

Christine Snead (Hampton)

Chair

Mamie Johnson (Norfolk)

Vice Chair

Steve Owen (Staunton)

Treasurer

Eden Freeman (Winchester)

Secretary

Andreas Addison (Richmond)

At-Large Member

Leon Towarnicki (Martinsville)

At-Large Member

Turner Perrow (Lynchburg)

At-Large Member

Executive Director's Report

- VFC - A Year of Progress
- Membership
- Opportunities/Focus on Housing
- Providing Value: Community Wealth Building / Best Practices Session for Success
- Announcement of Economic Stimulus/Tax Reform Committee

Executive Director's Report

- VFC: A Year of Progress
- Excellent Staff (Bateman, Regimbal, Crawford) continue to find value and provide first rate service
- Good Progress at the legislature, however, all items are budget based
- **Marketing: Legislative updates** sent to our members and all members of City Council and **Annual Report** will be available after the budget is complete
- We will be providing **Value Reports** to each member to show how VFC is working for them
- Our **Community Wealth Building** work is recognized as a potential model for Medicaid Reform and is being documented by a national organization

Executive Director's Report

Membership

- VFC welcomes two new members this year
 - Welcome Williamsburg and Petersburg!
 - VFC is actively looking for new members
 - VFC has targeted several other cities this year and will be meeting with them this summer.
 - If you have contacts with cities that you think could benefit, share with us.

Executive Director's Report

Opportunities/Focus on Housing

- Housing and Community Development has always been a VFC priority
- VFC Focus on Community Wealth Building includes housing affordability, rehabilitation development
- Some members emphasize a desire to address the rehabilitation of public housing
- Some members are interested in affordable housing for citizens
- Others want tools to rehabilitate existing housing that is not subsidized
- Today is an opportunity to hear strategies, and plans to address these concerns and find a role for VFC as we move forward

Executive Director's Report – Providing Value

Community Wealth Building and Best Practices for Success Session

- CWB State TANF Grant funded at \$7.5 Million last year
- Governor's Introduced Budget included \$7.5 Million for each year of the biennium
- Governor's Introduced Budget affects current grantees
- Current grantees can request up to 25% percent more this year with justification in budget
- VFC also requested funding for a 2nd Round for those who did not apply last year
- Senate - \$2 million, House - \$3 million
- State Social Services will not disburse funds or 2nd round applications until State Budget Adopted
- Funds likely available by October
- PLEASE make plans and PREPARE YOUR APPLICATIONS NOW
- VFC and Richmond Office of Community Wealth Building will co-host a Best Practices Session and Tour in June

Executive Director's Report

Economic Stimulus/Tax Reform Committee

- Announcement of New VFC Committee
- Addresses a need expressed by members
- Membership includes VFC Board Members and Selected City Experts
- Purpose: explore strategies and new Economic Development Models that will benefit our members
- Assess the Economic Development Programs in the State
- Research the Efficacy of Amplifying Existing Programs
- Look at Best Practices in the Country
- Staffed by Jim Regimbal

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- **Portsmouth**
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