

Community Development Committee
Minutes
Thursday, July 19th, 2007

Members Present:

Ron Mislowsky, Chair
Doug Toan, Vice-Chair
Cheryl Connolly
Carolyn Griffin
Skeeter Knee
Tim Machado
Harry Smith

Others Present:

Sherry Richards
Martha Shickle
Jan Sloan
Carla Taylor
Beth Williams
Sheryl Wolford

Members Not Present:

Jeff Buettner
Sonny Shiley

Guests Present:

Charley Gaynor
Anne Lewis
Anthony Williams

<i>Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
Call to Order	Meeting came to order at 8:02 am.	
Citizen Input	No citizen input.	
Minutes Review	June 2007	The minutes for June 2007 were approved.
Work Group Reports	<p><u>Spot Blight Abatement</u> Skeeter Knee brought to the committee's attention the SBA ordinance changes that were in their packets. It was noted by Anthony Williams that the changes that were made to the ordinance were done simply to "mirror" the Code of Virginia. It was recommended by Charley Gaynor that on Section 6-132 (b) where "slum" is defined, that it read: "Slum" as defined by the state code means..... (This ordinance amendment will be presented to the P&D on August 1st, 2007.) The committee clarified for Skeeter that the committee would like for the SBA work group to continue to pursue vacant buildings, and only look at occupied buildings when necessary.</p> <p><u>Neighborhood Improvements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ South Kent Street Revitalization Charley Gaynor explained that staff is working diligently to develop a strategy for the City to utilize the efforts of private developers in our community. He expressed that he feel the S. Kent Street revitalization project will be a model for how the City should handle projects to come. These efforts are expected to increase safety awareness, property values and address the concept of neighborhood improvements. (A hand-out on revitalization was provided in the committee members packets.) 	<p>The SBA work group plans to report back to the committee at the August meeting with an updated SBA list.</p> <p>Staff will continue to work with all parties involved in the South Kent Street Revitalization project.</p>

