

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM COMMITTEE

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lana Gordon at 3:30 P.M. on February 6, 2008 in Room 519-S of the Capitol.

All members were present except:

Valdenia Winn- excused
Broderick Henderson- excused
Don Myers- excused
Robert Olson- excused

Committee staff present:

Emalene Correll, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Ryan Hoffman, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Jason Long, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Matt Todd, Office of the Revisor of Statutes
Ann Deitcher, Committee Assistant

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Brad Snapp, Sedgwick County Housing Director
Carl Harris, Nat'l. Assoc. of Home Builders, KS Bldg. Industry and Wichita Area Builders Assoc.

The Chair introduced Brad Snapp who gave an update on the Kansas Local Government Statewide Housing Program. (Attachments 1 and 2).

Mr. Snapp explained that Sedgwick and Shawnee Counties co-issue this program which is funded with single family mortgage revenue bonds. This resource provides eligible low and moderate income Kansas families, who wish to buy their first home anywhere in the state, with down payment assistance and below market rate loans.

He told how in 1007 - 3, 162 Kansas families living in 67 counties used this program to buy their first home using nearly \$281, 000,000 in safe, fixed rate, low interest 30-year mortgages. The average home loan was \$88,790. Currently 337 cities in 104 counties participate in the program.

Questions and answers followed.

Next to testify was Carl Harris who offered an introduction to Green Building for Housing. (Attachment 3). He said that with the growing interest in green building among their members, homebuyers, legislators and the media say that the idea of sustainable home construction is no passing fad – it's the future of building.

Mr. Harris explained that green building means making intentional decisions that positively impact energy efficiency, resource conservation and indoor environmental quality throughout the design and construction process. He said how many have confused Green Building to mean energy efficiency, when energy efficiency is only part of a green building program, albeit a very important part.

Mr. Harris referred to the NAHB Green Home Building Guidelines. (A copy of this publication is available in the Chairman's office).

Questions and answers followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 7, 2008.

CONTINUATION SHEET

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