

**Summary Minutes of the  
HRPDC Regional Housing Assessment Working Group Meeting  
January 31, 2023**

The Regional Housing Assessment Working Group meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Robert A Crum, Jr., Executive Director of HRPDC/HRTPO, at Heron’s Landing located at 2133 S. Military Highway in Chesapeake, Virginia.

**Working Group Members in Attendance:**

Brian Solis	Chesapeake
Donnie Tuck	Hampton
Randy Keaton	Isle of Wight County
Scott Stevens	James City County
Cleon Long	Newport News
Andria McClellan	Norfolk
Mimi Terry	Portsmouth
Brian Thrower	Southampton County
Horace Wade for Melissa Rollins	Surry County
Abbitt Woodall for Neil Morgan	York County
Bobby Dyer	Virginia Beach

**HRPDC Staff:**

Robert A. Crum, Jr.  
Shernita L. Bethea  
Deidre Garrett  
John Harbin

**Others in Attendance:**

Nancy Perry, Virginia Supportive Housing  
Duane Miller, Virginia Supportive Housing

**Overview and Purpose of Working Group**

Ms. Shernita Bethea, Housing Administrator of HRPDC, briefed the Working Group on information presented at the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and summarized the need for a regional housing assessment.

**Discussion on Assessment Focus**

Members of the Working Group expressed their perspectives on housing issues across the region, made recommendations on key elements the assessment should address, and identified other stakeholders who should be included in the process. The Working Group determined that creating clear messaging was an essential first step and engaging with Transit and Transportation stakeholders. The Working Group agreed to continue meeting at the direction of HRPDC staff and to engage with the Regional Transit Advisory Panel as a next step.

## **Presentation from Virginia Supportive Housing on regional Single Residency Occupancy (SRO) facility Heron's Landing**

Nancy Perry and Duane Miller, Virginia Supportive Housing, provided a tour of Heron's Landing, including the historical background of the project's development that included regional collaboration of five localities: Portsmouth, Suffolk, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake. The Working Group was able to view two vacant units, including an assessable unit, and ended the tour with a testimonial from a current resident.