

**MINUTES OF THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON HOUSING HELD ON 15  
MARCH, 2006 AT 14H00, M201, 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR, MARKS BUILDING**

**Chairperson: Ms Z Kota**

**1. OPENING AND WELCOME**

1.1 The Chairperson welcomed all present and apologized for the time slot scheduled for the meeting, and she emphasized on the original time slot of committee meetings.

**2. ATTENDANCE**

**2.1 PRESENT**

**African National Congress**

Ms S Chikunga  
Ms B N Dambuza  
Mr D C Mabena  
Mr Z S Mkhize  
Ms N J Ngele  
Ms M M Ramakaba-Lesia  
Mr G D Schneemann

**Democratic Alliance**

Mr A C Steyn  
Mr Masango

**Inkatha Freedom Party**

Mr B W Dhlamini

**United Democratic Movement**

Ms S N Sigcau

**Minority Front**

Mr R Bhoola

**2.2 APOLOGIES**

Mr L J Modisenyane (ANC)  
Mr T S Dodovu (ANC)  
Mr M T Likotsi (PAC)

**2.3 ABSENT**

Ms F Batyi (ID)  
Mr B E Pule (UCDM)

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

3.1 Mr Steyn asked that the committee adopts the minutes of the meeting that was held on 16 November 2005.

The Chairperson explained that these minutes were adopted in his absence, and she proposed that the committee accepts these minutes as adopted in the meeting of the 09<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Ms Dambuza seconded the proposal.

- 3.2 The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2006 were read and the following amendments were effected:

On page 2, paragraph 4.1, line 4 should read: "She said that the draft programme is not in line with the State of the Nation Address and the Budget Speech of the Finance Minister" and to include the following in line 4: "Members raised a concern over the Strategic Workshop that is planned for May, as being too far and they would rather propose that it be held before the end of March 2006.

On page 2, paragraph 5.2, line 2, to omit "Mr Masango" and replace by "Mr Modisenyane".

- 3.3 Ms Dambuza (ANC) proposed that the minutes with the above amendments, be adopted. Mr Mabena (ANC) seconded the proposal and the minutes were adopted as a correct record of the last meeting.
- 3.4 The Chairperson submitted a report on the North West visit as was prepared by Mr Mabena. She proposed that this report be adopted in the next meeting.

#### **4. ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 The Chairperson explained the purpose of the meeting of the 22 March 2006, as outlined in the draft programme.
- 4.2 She asked Members to assist in the costing of the committee programme after its adoption.
- 4.3 The Chairperson suggested that the public hearings planned in May should be advertised and that housing institutions and ordinary members of the public should be invited to attend.
- 4.4 She announced the visit to the UN Habitat parliamentary session, Canada in June. She also gave clarity on the purpose of this visit.
- 4.5 Mr Dlamini proposed that five committee members attend to this session. Ms Dambuza (ANC) seconded the proposal.
- 4.6 She warned members about another visit to Cuba in October 2006. She requested opposition Members to submit their delegation lists for the visit, as the ruling party has already done so.
- 4.7 The Chairperson proposed that a conference on Women on Housing be held in August to celebrate women.
- 4.8 Mr Dlamini (IFP) proposed that the committee invites youth in June for a project called "Build houses with young people", to celebrate the youth month.
- 4.9 The Chairperson proposed that the committee programme be adopted and that additional items would be included during the year.

4.10 The committee agreed to the committee programme.

## **5. COMMITTEE STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

5.1 The Chairperson proposed that the workshop be moved forward and that it be held on the 23 – 24 March 2006 at Club Mykonos in Langebaan, or any available place. She further requested that Members discuss the dates of the workshop in their respective caucuses in order to avail themselves for the workshop.

5.2 The following are some of the aspects that would be discussed in the workshop:

- Consideration of last year's strategic plan and identification of shortfalls.
- The way forward for the committee, taking into account the State of the Nations' Address and Budget Speech by the Finance Minister.
- Referral from the Annual Portfolio Committee Report 2005/6 – item on fire conference

## **6. OUTSTANDING COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

6.1 The Chairperson explained the reasons for the withdrawal of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Amendment (PIE) Bill and suggested that this Bill be dealt with later in the year.

6.2 Mr Steyn (DA) raised a concern about the budget of the committee, as reflected in the Annual Portfolio Committee Report, which has not been dealt with.

He further suggested that resolutions, with respect to the fire conference that was held last year, be dealt with by inviting those organizations which took part in the conference. These organizations should report back to the committee on their activities.

6.3 The committee agreed that the Committee Secretary would make the necessary corrections on the committee budget.

6.4 The Chairperson proposed the adoption of the Annual Portfolio Committee Report, with the corrections effected.

## **7. COMMITTEE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The next management meeting will be held on 22 March 2006 at 10h00.

## **8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next committee meeting will be held on 22 March 2006 at 11:00 – 13:00.

## **9. CLOSURE**

The meeting adjourned at 14:25

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**Date**