

Mr. William Moyer, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners
100 North King Street
Hendersonville, NC 28792-5097

July 17, 2006

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Re: Asheville Regional Housing Consortium
Dear Chairman Moyer,

On June 30, 2006. I completed my third year as the Henderson County volunteer representative to the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium. According to the Consortium's By-Laws, members are elected for 3 year terms. Therefore I have decided not to ask for a nomination for an additional term, i.e. I am declining further consideration. I feel that this is an appropriate time to examine the expectations for the volunteer representative and to look for someone who is much more active in the field of affordable housing. Incidentally, Nippy Page is doing well as the other County Rep.

It was about four years ago that you, Frank Byrd and I met informally to discuss how to bring more focus to the issue of affordable housing. Subsequent to that, the Alliance for Human Services, in which Frank and I were members, adopted this as a priority issue. A steering committee was formed with representatives from Habitat for Humanity, the Housing Assistance Corporation, Interfaith Assistance Ministeries, and other organizations to determine how best to proceed. As a result, commitments were made by these organizations to form the Henderson County Affordable Housing Coalition. More importantly, the County has included a chapter on Affordable Housing in its Comprehensive Plan. It seems there is reasonable recognition of the issue but it still needs a big push to get it on the front burner.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the role of County volunteer to the ARHC and thank the Commissioners for allowing me the opportunity to serve. During my three year term I have been able to attend all the scheduled meetings. I would appreciate it if the County would reimburse me for travel expense for the following meetings during the year 7/1/2005 -6/30/2006:

Meeting date	Round Trip Mileage
September 29, 2005	68
November 17, 2005 Kellogg Center	24
January 25, 2006	68
March 15, 2006	68
June 21, 2006	68
Total Miles	296

Cordially Yours,



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