

What was Trudy's record as Chairman of the Annapolis Housing Authority?

Trudy was appointed by Mayor Moyer in 2002 to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA). This is an unpaid, volunteer position with a term of five years. Each year the other Commissioners voted Trudy as Chairman. The Board sets general policy and guidance, while the Executive Director runs HACA on a day-to-day basis. Trudy completed her term at HACA in June 2007.

Among the things Trudy accomplished during her tenure at HACA, were the following:

- Developed a long range plan for the redevelopment and professional property management of all HACA properties and selected qualified developers to begin the process of creating redevelopment plans.
- Developed and implemented a first-ever comprehensive Safety Plan for HACA properties, which included: a City-HACA plan for policing of HACA properties; hiring of a full-time Director of Safety; developing a secondary police force for HACA properties; increasing banning lists; increasing evictions for criminal activities; improving screening for residents for criminal offenses; installing new lighting; changing locks on all the units.
- Established admission preferences for working families to increase the income mix of HACA communities. This policy has doubled the percent of working families selected for admission since January, 2007.
- On-site property managers were located at all communities; previously all property management was centralized at HACA headquarters.
- Established utility allowances that required residents to pay for their excess utility usage, bringing fiscal stability to HACA and more energy conservation by residents.
- Achieved a balanced budget for HACA; previously HACA routinely ran at a deficit and had to use its reserve funds to cover its costs.
- Hired an accomplished Executive Director, Eric Brown, who built a stronger and more capable staff and brought renewed stability to HACA operations.
- Fully utilized all Section 8 Vouchers, this has not been true for many years, if ever.
- Adopted a plan for the revitalization of the Clay Street area, which was unanimously approved by a citizen/resident advisory committee.
- Completed an \$8 million capital improvement program; this was made possible by participating in an innovative State financing program.
- Reopened and improved all of the community centers at HACA communities

and established an array of on-going programs at the centers.

- Improved or created new playgrounds in each HACA community.
- Repaired and reopened the HACA pool, which had been abandoned.
- Repaired and reopened all of the basketball courts and developed a new multi-purpose athletic field for baseball leagues and other sports. Organized a HACA baseball team to play in the City-wide league.
- Increased citizen and volunteer participation through various advisory committees.