Board of Real Property Assessments and Appeals Minutes of the Public Meeting held on Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Chairperson Towanda Paul-Bryant called to order the Board's fourth public meeting for 2010 on September 15, 2010 at 11:08 a.m. in Room 220 at 441 4th Street NW. The quorum consisted of Paul-Bryant, Patrick Blake, Patrick Chauvin, Robert Cooper, Cliftine Jones, Charles Mayo, Frank Sanders, James Walker, Sean Warfield and Trent Williams.

Ms. Paul-Bryant stated that at today's public meeting, the last meeting for the year, the Board would vote on Tax Year 2010 Annual Report. In her report to the Board, Ms. Paul-Bryant recommended some grammatical edits to the draft report.

Before the Board voted on the Annual Report, Ms. Paul-Bryant asked the Administrative Officer, Renee McPhatter, to provide a report. Ms. McPhatter stated that as of September 14, 2010, the Board has received 4,057 appeals (Commercial – 1,160; Residential – 2,769; Classification – 14; Homestead – 54; Possessory Interest – 9; and TY 2010 2nd Half – 51) for Tax Year 2011.

Ms. Paul-Bryant then moved to the next agenda item – voting on Tax Year 2010 Annual Report. She opened the floor for discussion on this item.

Regarding the statistics for Tax Year 2005, Ms. Jones asked if that particular year was under the triennial assessment system. Under this system, properties in the District of Columbia were divided into three triennial groups for assessment purposes. Each trigroup represented approximately a third of the total value of taxable real property in the District and one tri-group was reassessed each year. Ms. Paul-Bryant stated no but she would verify. *NOTE:* Beginning in FY 2002, the District made its transition back to annual assessment systems. Under this system, all properties in the District of Columbia were reassessed every year.

After no further discussion, Mr. Cooper made motion to adopt the annual report, and Mr. Walker and Mr. Chauvin seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection.

Ms. Paul-Bryant asked if the Board members had any comments. Mr. Mayo asked if members could have access to the public parking space. He noted that this would assist the operations of the Board by allowing the members to come to the office several times a day without paying for each entry in the garage. Ms. Paul-Bryant stated that she will ask the Administrative Officer to research the matter. Mr. Sanders also asked if the members could have complete building access with their identification cards. Again, Ms. Paul-Bryant stated that will ask the Administrative Officer to review the matter.

With no further comments, Ms. Paul-Bryant adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.