

HLURB. Housing and Land Use Regulatory Body.

1. Establishes and regulates housing standards.
2. Regulates private realtors.
3. Carries out land use planning in urban areas.
4. Issues land use permits.

GOVERNMENTAL SUPPORT AGENCIES.

There are five senior Government Departments which are members of HUDCC.

1. Department of Finance.
2. Department of the Budget.
3. Department of Public Works and Highways.
4. Department of Lands.
5. NEDA (National Economic Development Authority).

PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES.

The private sector has four seats on the board of HUDCC representing:

1. Builders
2. Lending institutions
3. Architects and town planners
4. The urban poor.

In addition to the foregoing 14 members of HUDCC, the following two agencies are of sufficient significance to warrant mention.

BLISS. Bagong Lipunan, (New Society), Sites and Services

1. Originally established to provide low-cost public housing in conjunction with livelihood projects but soon became extravagant, producing homes only affordable by the middle class. (See Photos 47-54.)
2. Its function was to buy land, design the buildings and contract out construction to the private sector. During its active existence it was the construction arm of SSS, GSIS and HDMF.
3. Most units constructed were of the multi-dwelling high-rise type.
4. Presidential Executive Order No. 90 has decreed that BLISS be privatized.