

Board Matters

September 12, 2024

Welcome Commissioner Susan Vachal

Chairman Stanton introduced and welcomed Commissioner Vachal to the FCRHA. She stated, on behalf of her colleagues, that they look forward to working with Commissioner Vachal. Vice Chair Lardner also extended a welcome to Commissioner Vachal.

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), on behalf of staff, welcomed Commissioner Vachal to the Authority, and thanked her for her willingness to serve.

Updates on the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC)

Commissioner Cushing informed his colleagues that on September 10, 2024, CCFAC held its initial meeting of the planning cycle. A schedule for the meetings for those involved with the Working Advisory Group is expected to be released in the coming days. In response, Chairman Stanton thanked Commissioner Cushing for his service on CCFAC.

Discussion Regarding the FCRHA's September 12, 2024 Public Hearing

FCRHA Commissioners participated in a follow up discussion with Director Fleetwood and Ryan Wolf, Senior County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney pertaining to the public hearing held. During the discussion, Commissioner Zurawski requested that a residency preference be included and that the public hearing comments be reflected. In addition, Commissioner McCoy requested that staff provide the FCRHA with a fulsome overview of everything involved with the public hearing.

FCRHA Vice-Chair Thanks Her Colleagues

Vice Chair Lardner thanked her colleagues for reelecting her as Vice Chair of the FCRHA.

PRO Housing Award

Director Fleetwood noted that the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments was awarded funding by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the PRO Housing Notice of Funding Availability. Fairfax County participated in the application as part as a regional consortium. The funding received will aid the FRCHA in advancing its fair housing goals. More information to follow.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program Update

Director Fleetwood stated that staff is in negotiations with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services regarding the Memorandum of Agreement to move forward with permanent supportive housing vouchers. Staff continue to make progress. Director Fleetwood indicated that updates would continue to be provided.

One University Update

Director Fleetwood announced that the One University property, in the Braddock District, has been completed and is actively leasing up. He noted that the property is spectacular and looks terrific. Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that many of the residents who formerly resided at Robinson Square have elected to return and are moving into the new property. Director Fleetwood expressed his excitement to be able to welcome those residents back home to One University.

ESA/Former Hotel Property

Director Fleetwood stated that the purchase of the Extended Stay America property in the Sully District, successfully closed. Staff are working with its County partners in terms of opening it as a family shelter. Director Fleetwood will keep the Commissioners updated on the next steps, the role of the FCRHA, if any, and how the transfer of the property to the Board of Supervisors will be handled.

Autumn Willow

Director Fleetwood stated that Autumn Willow, a new senior affordable housing project in the Springfield District, has begun accepting applications. The property is anticipated to open this fall with a grand opening ceremony to be held in the coming months.

Board of Supervisors Board Matter

Supervisor Storck and the Board of Supervisors passed a Board Matter on September 10, 2024, that spoke to the release of discriminatory language that remains in some Fairfax County covenants. Staff are currently working with legal counsel to determine how this impacts FCRHA properties. It is anticipated that staff will bring a request to action to the FCRHA in October.

Redevelopment and Housing Assistance Corporation (RHAC) Meeting

Immediately following the FCRHA meeting on September 12, 2024, there will be a meeting of the RHAC, a corporation of the FCRHA and an important vehicle of its work. Mr. Wolf, and Lucinda Metcalf, HCD will assist in facilitating the RHAC meeting.

HCD Staff Outreach

Director Fleetwood noted, in preparation for the October 17, 2024 FCRHA meeting, staff

will be working with the Chairman and discussing additional ways staff can provide outreach to the FCRHA Commissioners. There is the potential to reevaluate the reinstatement of FCRHA committees to assist with answering questions and advance discussion.

HCD Staff Announcements

Director Fleetwood congratulated Linda Hoffman on her promotion to the Director of Policy and Communications.

Director Fleetwood welcomed Callie Seltzer as the new Director of Real Estate Finance who joins us from HR & A Associates.