

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

June 30, 2020, Special Meeting

On June 30, 2020, the Commissioners of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) met electronically via an audio conferencing line because it was not safe to physically assemble a quorum due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER

FCRHA Chair Robert Schwaninger called the Special Meeting of the FCRHA to order at 4:30 p.m. Attendance for all, or part of the meeting, was as follows:

PRESENT

Robert Schwaninger, Chairman
C. Melissa McKenna, Vice Chair
Matthew Bell
Kenneth Feng
Lenore Kelly
Richard Kennedy
Albert J. McAloon
Ezra Rosser

ABSENT

Christopher Craig
Rod Solomon
Sharisse Yerby

The remote locations from which each Commissioner testified are:

Robert Schwaninger, Chairman – Annandale, Virginia
C. Melissa McKenna, Vice Chair – Herndon, Virginia
Matthew Bell – Amherst, Ohio
Kenneth Feng – Herndon, Virginia
Lenore Kelly – Fairfax, Virginia
Richard Kennedy – Reston, Virginia
Albert J. McAloon – Lee District
Ezra Rosser – Buena Vista, Colorado

Also present at the meeting via telephone were the following staff of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD): Thomas Fleetwood, Director; Teresa Lepe, Deputy Director, Real Estate, Finance and Development; Vincent Rogers, Director, Policy and Compliance (P&C); Stephen Knippler, Senior Program Manager, P&C; Jason Chia, Information Technology Manager, Financial Management and Information Systems and Services (FM-ISS); Mike Trent, Network Analyst, FM-ISS. Also participating via telephone was FCRHA Counsel: Cynthia A. Bailey, Deputy County Attorney; and Alan Weiss and Susan Timoner, Assistant County Attorneys. Public access was achieved because the call-in information for the audio conferencing line was properly noticed.

FCRHA Chairman Schwaninger passed the virtual gavel to Vice Chair McKenna.

MOTION

After a complete roll call of the Commission, Chairman Schwaninger made a motion that each Commissioner's voice may be adequately heard by each other Commissioner of the FCRHA.

Commissioner McAloon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Chairman Schwaninger made a motion that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for the FCRHA to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of the FCRHA and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. Chairman Schwaninger further moved that the FCRHA may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated audio conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1-877-402-9757 and entering access code 1789207.

Commissioner Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Chairman Schwaninger made a motion that all of the matters addressed on the June 30, 2020 agenda must address the Emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the FCRHA's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

Commissioner McAloon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair McKenna returned the virtual gavel to Chairman Schwaninger.

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Interim Agreement with The Michaels Development Company I, LP for the Development of the Autumn Willow Property

This public hearing was held telephonically under the Emergency Continuity in Governance Ordinance for Fairfax County Boards, Authorities, and Commissions adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during the pandemic crisis.

The FCRHA Chair opened the Public Hearing at 4:36 p.m. Nick Bracco, with The Michaels Development Company I, LP, stated that he was present. With no one signed up in advance and no one who had accessed the meeting wishing to speak, the Chair closed the Public Hearing at 4:37 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner McKenna moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner Bell. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

(Seal)

Robert Schwaninger, Chairman

Thomas Fleetwood, Assistant Secretary