

Board Matters

October 17, 2024

FCRHA Scholarship Program

Commissioner McCoy thanked the awardees and their families who were able to attend tonight's presentation. He also congratulated the students on working towards their education and self-betterment. Commissioner McCoy also thanked the Scholarship Selection Committee and staff for their efforts to ensure that the evaluation and review of the applications was completed efficiently. He stated that he looks forward to serving on the Committee again next year.

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), on behalf of staff, thanked Commissioner McCoy for his service on the Scholarship Selection Committee.

Chairman Stanton also thanked Commissioner McCoy, staff, and all who were involved for their contributions to the scholarship program. She noted that it is important work, and it brings home the reason for the FCRHA. Chairman Stanton expressed her gratitude for being able to meet some of the awardees and hear real-life stories of how the services provided by the FCRHA have benefited them.

Working Advisory Group

Commissioner Cushing informed his colleagues that the Working Advisory Group's next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2024.

Pender Building Energy Project

Director Fleetwood updated the Commissioners on the energy improvements at the FCRHAs Pender Drive headquarters. The FCRHA earned a Virginia Energy Efficiency Council 2024 Leadership Award, which was presented on October 3, 2024. The project combined energy improvements with solar panel installations. The FCRHA authorized \$500,000 in support of the project, and in the first year of the work being completed, there was a 41% reduction in energy consumption.

Affordable Housing Awards

Director Fleetwood noted that the FCRHA has recently received several national awards, recognizing its leadership, innovation, and equitable strategies in affordable housing. Those awards include the:

- National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Award of Merit for the Residences at North Hill;
- Nan McKay and Associates Housing Award for One University; and

- Land Economics Society, George Washington Chapter “Outstanding Project with more than 250 units” for One University.

Director Fleetwood congratulated the FCRHA on these accomplishments and thanked staff from both HCD and the Office of the County Attorney for their hard work on these projects.

One University

Director Fleetwood announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the One University project is scheduled for November 18, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. More information will be out shortly.

Director Fleetwood noted that the FCRHA will hold its December meeting in its new meeting space at One University.

Residences at Government Center II

Director Fleetwood stated that work has commenced on the utility relocations at the Residences at Government Center II. A ground-breaking will be scheduled in the coming months. More information to follow.

Community Engagement

Director Fleetwood stated that staff are conducting community engagement in the Mason District relative to the future East County project. The first meeting with residents was held on September 26, 2024, and the next meeting is coming up on October 24, 2024. Director Fleetwood mentioned there was a great turnout and excellent feedback provided by the residents.

Egan Awards

Director Fleetwood noted that earlier this month the Commissioners received an email regarding the Conrad Egan Awards. He thanked the Commissioners who have already reached out to him regarding nominations, which are being accepted through October 31, 2024. He also asked for any Commissioners who would like to nominate a member of staff and had not reached out to him to please do so. Director Fleetwood stated that he and Marta Cruz are available to assist with nominations or answer any questions. The awards will be presented on December 12, 2024, prior to the start of the FCRHA meeting.

FCRHA Stipend Payments

Director Fleetwood reminded the Commissioners that following tonight’s meeting staff will facilitate the transition of their stipend payments to direct deposit. He noted that Marta Cruz, Jason Chia, and Brittany Choi are available to assist with the process and forms.