

## **Board Matters**

**July 20, 2023**

### **Welcome Commissioner Michael Cushing**

Vice Chair McKenna welcomed Commissioner Cushing to the FCRHA. Commissioner Cushing stated that he looks forward to working with and learning from his colleagues on the FCRHA and staff. He stated that it is wonderful to have the opportunity to work with a group advancing housing issues in Fairfax County. Commissioner Cushing noted that the County has a forward-leaning, comprehensive program which recognizes that housing opportunities are important to keep our communities strong, resilient, and growing.

### **Fairfax County Celebrates the Groundbreaking of Autumn Willow**

Commissioner Feng thanked staff for hosting the groundbreaking ceremony for Autumn Willow. He noted that the Autumn Willow project is in a great location, and despite the loss of trees, the development will be a nice addition to the surrounding area.

Vice Chair McKenna expressed that Autumn Willow is a brilliantly beautiful project. She thanked everyone who worked to prepare for the event and noted that it was a wonderful opportunity to see and envision what the project will add to that community.

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) thanked Vice Chair McKenna and Commissioner Feng for attending the groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate Autumn Willow, and their work thus far on the project. Director Fleetwood also thanked HCD staff, as well as the Office of the County Attorney for their work on the project as well.

### **Thank You to Commissioner Robinson**

Commissioner Kennedy thanked Commissioner Robinson for her efforts to attend the FCRHA July 20, 2023 Annual Meeting. He noted that without her attendance the FCRHA would not have been able to vote on the items prepared by staff.

Vice Chair McKenna also thanked Commissioner Robinson for her attendance at the meeting, as well as the other Commissioners in attendance. She noted the importance of timeliness and that without each of the Commissioners who were present the FCRHA would not have been able to conduct business.

### **Thank You to Vice Chair McKenna**

Chair Stanton thanked Vice Chair McKenna for her distinct and impactful leadership while serving as the Chair of the FCRHA. Director Fleetwood also thanked Vice Chair McKenna for her work, partnership, and willingness to assist with making critical decisions.

**FCRHA Reports to be Consolidated**

Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that staff will be combining the FCRHA Annual Report with the FCRHA Strategic Plan outcomes report to consolidate the FCRHA's public reporting efforts and prevent duplication.

**Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for Oakwood**

Director Fleetwood reminded Commissioners that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Oakwood project in the Franconia District will be on August 24, 2023.

**Reminder Regarding FCRHA Policy on Remote Meeting Participation**

Director Fleetwood reminded the Commissioners that in order to participate in a meeting remotely the FCRHA's established process does require a physical quorum.

**Welcome new HCD Staff, Allyson Pearce**

Director Fleetwood introduced and welcomed Allyson Pearce, Manager of Marketing and Outreach, who has joined HCD from the Health Department.

**Forthcoming Item Regarding the Creekside Apartments**

Director Fleetwood notified the Commissioners that HCD staff will be presenting an item to the FCRHA at the September 2023 meeting regarding the Creekside Apartments. The item will involve, among other specifics, a waiver of the FCRHA's right of first refusal (ROFR) in order to support a refinancing recapitalization. Director Fleetwood indicated that if staff is unable to secure an extension on the ROFR, which expires mid-September 2023, a special meeting of the FCRHA may be requested. More information to come.