

Board Matters

February 18, 2021

Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force Recommendations to be Presented to Board of Supervisors' Housing Committee

Chair McKenna informed the Commissioners that the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force held their last meeting on February 18, 2021, and voted on recommendations that will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors' Housing Committee for their April 6, 2021 meeting. Chair McKenna encouraged the Commissioners to view the web site for information and thanked Commissioner Maribojoc for his participation on and contributions to the Task Force. Chair McKenna also thanked Department of Housing and Community Development Director Tom Fleetwood; Teresa Lepe, Deputy Director, Real Estate Finance and Development; and Judith Cabelli, Director Affordable Housing Development, for their work with the Task Force.

March 10, 2021 Housing Symposium Reminder

Chair McKenna reminded the Commissioners of the March 10, 2021 Housing Symposium that will be co-hosted by the FCRHA and George Mason School of Business. Chair McKenna encouraged Commissioners to attend the Symposium for all or part of the day and stated that she looked forward to receiving their feedback about it.

Support for Fairfax County Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan

Chair McKenna informed the Commissioners that the draft Fairfax County Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – FY 2026 and the One-Year Action Plan for FY 2022 had been released for public comment and that the documents were available online. Chair McKenna stated that there will be a public hearing on the documents on March 23, 2021, with information regarding the hearing also on the web site. Chair McKenna stated that she will seek consensus at the March 18, 2021 FCRHA meeting that the FCRHA send a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors for the public hearing testimony. Commissioner Kennedy expressed support for going forward with this.

Recognition of the Needs of Residents of Manufactured Homes

Commissioner Bell expressed thanks for the work of the Affordable Housing Preservation Task Force, and stated that mobile homes were an issue in Mount Vernon District, with citizens having spoken out. Commissioner Bell stated that it is important to keep families of manufactured homes in mind. Chair McKenna stated that it was a Task Force recommendation to have a follow-on task force look into the situation of manufactured homes and how best to address those needs. Commissioner Maribojoc stated that the Task Force recognized the unique nature of manufactured homes as a means of housing within the county and is hopeful that residents, owners, and

stakeholders will come together soon to discuss the issue and recommend solutions. Chair McKenna stated that Karla Bruce, the County's Chief Equity Officer, helped the Task Force make sure that what was considered was viewed through an equity lens.

Memorandum of Understanding Entered into with Arlington Housing Corporation (AHC) for Two Properties in Mount Vernon District

Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that HCD staff had worked in concert with Virginia Housing and AHC on an acquisition of two properties in the Mount Vernon District for affordable housing preservation. Mr. Fleetwood advised the FCRHA that, on its behalf, he had entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with AHC and Virginia Housing to provide a framework under which the units would be preserved and transitioned from market rate units to committed affordable units. Mr. Fleetwood stated that he was providing this information as a preview of an FCRHA Item that will be coming forward to the Commissioners in March.

Emergency Rental Assistance Funds Delivered

Mr. Fleetwood stated that \$34 million of Emergency Rental Assistance funds had been delivered from the U.S. Treasury for emergency rental assistance. Mr. Fleetwood also informed the Commissioners that a landlord portal had been created where landlords can also get direct rental assistance in a manner similar to what had been provided by the State. Mr. Fleetwood pointed out that Fairfax County had decided to administer the emergency rental funds on its own rather than relying on the State in order to provide an enhanced form of service and responsiveness to the needs of the County's residents.