

Board Matters

September 14, 2023

Welcome Commissioner LaToya Isaac

Commissioner Isaac introduced herself and thanked the Commissioners for welcoming her to her first FCRHA meeting.

Remembering Commissioner Kenneth Feng

In remembrance of Commissioner Kenneth Feng, Commissioner Solomon shared that from the onset of Commissioner Feng being appointed to the FCRHA, he strived to be well-versed in all areas and was actively involved at meetings to ensure there was a comprehensive discussion on key matters.

Commissioner Kennedy recalled a recent conversation he had with Commissioner Feng which characterized Commissioner Feng's devotion to helping others, and left Commissioner Kennedy with an unforgettable memory of his colleague.

Commissioner Lardner and Vice Chair McKenna also shared memories of Commissioner Feng's commitment to having a strong understanding of matters presented to the FCRHA.

Chair Stanton recalled that at her first FCRHA meeting, Commissioner Feng, who was also fairly new to the Commission, shared with her a list of commonly used acronyms he had compiled as a reference tool which she still has and uses.

Farewell from Vice Chair McKenna

Vice Chair McKenna shared that she will be moving to West Virginia. She is looking forward to the opportunity to contribute to West Virginia all that she learned over the years from her colleagues and their commitment to fulfilling the FCRHA's mission as well as from staff. Vice Chair McKenna imparted to her colleagues that it is their responsibility to help the Board of Supervisors drive the mission of the FCRHA. She asked that the Commissioners remember the importance of showing up to meetings and casting a vote, and making things happen that will change the lives of families for generations.

The Grand Opening of Oakwood Meadow

Commissioner Cushing thanked his colleagues and staff who were involved with bringing the Oakwood Meadow project to fruition. He commented on how impressive the newly opened Oakwood Meadow facility is and that it will be a place anyone would be proud to call home. Commissioner Cushing highlighted that a lot of attention was given to the quality of the individual units and common areas as well as offering residents the ability to socialize on site.

NOFA

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), announced the recent release of the \$31.9 million Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for affordable housing development and preservation. He noted staff anticipates that additional funds will be added in the near future. Director Fleetwood congratulated Anna Shapiro, Deputy Director, Real Estate, Finance & Development, HCD, and her staff for putting the NOFA together and for reshaping and modernizing the solicitation issued on behalf of the FCRHA. He added that the NOFA is a product everyone can be proud of and a product that is going to work better for the FCRHA's development community and the people with whom it does business.

Waiting List

Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that waiting lists for four FCRHA properties with project-based vouchers recently opened. Some of the newer properties, such as North Hill and the Arden are included. He thanked Amy Ginger, Deputy Director, Operations, HCD, and her team for being responsive and not only getting the waiting lists open, but also securing the project-based vouchers for these properties.

New Commissioner for the Dranesville District

Director Fleetwood stated that an FCRHA Commissioner for the Dranesville District will likely be on board for the October FCRHA meeting.

Election for Vice Chair of the FCRHA

Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners to anticipate having an election for Vice Chair of the FCRHA at the October FCRHA meeting.