

## **Board Matters**

June 17, 2021

### **Appreciation for Resumption of In-Person Meetings**

Vice Chair Kelly expressed her appreciation that in-person meetings by the FCRHA had resumed, and Chair McKenna echoed the sentiment. Chair McKenna acknowledged that the past 15 months had been very trying for staff due to the COVID-19 pandemic and expressed her thanks to staff.

### **Autumn Willow Awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits**

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Tom Fleetwood announced that the Autumn Willow project, a 150-unit senior housing project in the Springfield District, was awarded Low-Income Housing Tax Credits. Mr. Fleetwood thanked Commissioner Feng for his support throughout the process, as well as Deputy Director, Real Estate, Finance and Development Teresa Lepe and her entire team for their efforts.

### **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Waiting List Opened**

Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that the RAD waiting list for formerly Public Housing properties was recently opened for one week, and that staff received approximately 6,000 applications. Mr. Fleetwood stated that the data is being verified for a final number, and that about 2,500 households will be randomly selected and placed on the waiting list. Mr. Fleetwood thanked the staff under Deputy Director, Operations Amy Ginger and Director, Rental Services Peggy Gregory for their work that included having tents set up outside the Pender Drive building to assist families who could not access the application via the computer. Commissioner Kennedy expressed his appreciation for staff's work, and Mr. Fleetwood stated that he would keep the Commissioners posted when staff have a final number.

### **Resident Engagement Efforts**

Mr. Fleetwood reported that staff, as part of its Moving to Work (MTW) efforts, was in the process of improving resident engagement to ensure that residents and participants are at the table with the FCRHA when policy changes are made that affect their housing. In July staff will send out a survey to all FCRHA residents and participants to facilitate that engagement. Staff will use this opportunity to recruit for a new resident advisory group, which is a federal requirement to ensure resident participation in MTW planning. Mr. Fleetwood stated that staff will come back to the FCRHA with the results of that survey, results that will be used to inform future efforts under MTW.

### **One University Building Vacant**

Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that the One University building was vacant and residents from Robinson Square had been relocated in preparation for the One University redevelopment project. Mr. Fleetwood commended Director, Homeownership and Relocation Services, Carol Erhard for an outstanding job in addressing relocation needs, and commended HCD's operations staff as well.