

Board Matters

April 15, 2021

FCRHA Partnership with Board of Supervisors

Chair McKenna thanked the Commissioners for their active participation in the last FCRHA Committee Meetings and reminded them of the joint meeting of the FCRHA and the Board of Supervisors in May. Chair McKenna stated she will send a letter on behalf of the FCRHA to all Board members thanking them for the partnership that the FCRHA has with them and reaffirming the work and recommendations that came from the Affordable Housing Resources Panel and the Affordable Housing Preservation Panel. Chair McKenna stated that their work had made a difference in the FCRHA's understanding of the housing environment as well as in the way the Board has looked upon it. Commissioner Bell stated that he was glad to hear that the joint meeting would be occurring and thanked Chair McKenna for her efforts in establishing the meeting. Department of Housing and Community Development Director, Tom Fleetwood, stated that more information regarding the meeting would be provided to the Commissioners as it becomes available.

Retreat Planning

In reference to a planned retreat for FCRHA Commissioners, Chair McKenna stated that Commissioners should let the FCRHA Clerk know of their availability for the retreat on a Saturday in June or July.

Affordable Housing and the Budget

Commissioner Bell stated that having the FCRHA ask the Board to support affordable housing in the Fiscal Year 2022 County Budget and supporting the FCRHA's housing partners in this regard was appropriate, and he thanked Chair McKenna for sending a letter on behalf of the FCRHA to the Board.

One Fairfax to be Discussed at FCRHA Retreat

Commissioner Feng requested that the topic of metrics in regard to racial and social equity be discussed at the upcoming FCRHA's Commissioners' retreat.

Rescue Plan Update

In response to Commissioner Solomon's request for information on federal money coming from the Rescue Plan, Mr. Fleetwood stated that information was coming to staff in pieces. Staff did not know yet what the implications will be in terms of the Housing Choice Voucher Program, but Mr. Fleetwood reported that nearly \$8 million is coming to Fairfax County through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Mr. Fleetwood stated that when staff gets a more complete picture, they will provide the information to the Commissioners.

Two New Division Directors Welcomed

Mr. Fleetwood welcomed Ryan Sherriff as HCD's new Director, Real Estate Finance and Grants Management, and Mark Buenavista, new Director, Design, Development and Construction.