

## Board Matters

January 19, 2023

### January 19, 2023 Citizen Time Presentation

Commissioner Kennedy expressed to the Commissioners that he was very pleased with the presentation from Rick Galliher during Citizens Time, at today's FCRHA meeting. Commissioner Kennedy noted that he and Mr. Galliher had spoken at a previous meeting regarding waste management, at which time, he encouraged Mr. Galliher to attend an FCRHA meeting and share the information with the Commissioners. Commissioner Kennedy also noted that he is looking forward to having conversations with staff regarding this topic.

Commissioner McCoy echoed Commissioner Kennedy's comments and noted that the presentation was very helpful and informative. Commissioner McCoy expressed interest in having a more robust conversation regarding recycling and waste at the FCRHA's properties. Chairman McKenna agreed and is also looking forward to talking with staff regarding this topic.

### January 2023 Affordable Housing Preservation Amendment Work Session

Commissioner Kennedy informed the Commissioners that he recently attended the Affordable Housing Preservation Amendment work session. Commissioner Kennedy stated that there were approximately 50 people present, as well as Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) staff - Meghan Van Dam, Director of Affordable Housing and Development (AHD), and Bree Fuller, Associate Director, AHD; three different language interpreters; and Kerrie Wilson from Cornerstones.

Commissioner Kennedy was amazed and impressed with the quality of responses from HCD and thanked staff for their hard work and how they handled very sophisticated and complex matters as it relates to affordable housing and preservation. Chairman McKenna noted that what we do is incredibly and increasingly complex and anything that we can do to keep the public engaged and educated is great.

### January 19, 2023 FCRHA Information Item regarding the FCRHA Working Advisory Group (WAG)

Vice Chair Stanton thanked staff for their work on the Information Item listed on today's Agenda: **titled:** *Fiscal Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Funding Allocations Recommended by the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC) and Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) Working Advisory Group (WAG).*

Vice Chair Stanton acknowledged that although the Excel spreadsheet summary is challenging for staff to generate and may be difficult to read, the work is valuable, interesting, and important. Vice Chair Stanton recognized Commissioner Kennedy for his former membership on the CCFAC and WAG Committees, as he has truly left a legacy.

Commissioner Solomon also acknowledged that, while attending a holiday meeting, a resident who served on the Committee was very complimentary of Commissioner Kennedy, for his previous work, as well as Vice Chair Stanton and staff for their work performed this year.

Chairman McKenna also thanked staff for their hard work on this project, and recognized the challenges staff face in developing information that provides insight as to how federal funding is dispersed.

### **FCRHA Special Meeting will be scheduled for February 23, 2023**

Chairman McKenna thanked the Commissioners for approving the All-Virtual Meeting Policy at today's FCRHA meeting, as she announced the need to hold a Special Meeting on February 23, 2023, which may be held virtually. Chairman McKenna noted more details regarding the meeting will be forthcoming.

### **Annual Filing of Statement of Economic Interests**

Chairman McKenna gave a gentle reminder to the Commissioners regarding the Statement of Economic Interests documents deadline for filing on or by February 1, 2023. Chairman McKenna noted that the forms were sent out by HCD's Director, Tom Fleetwood a few weeks ago, and she cannot overstate the importance of all Commissioners completing the forms, in their entirety, as well as on-time submission. Chairman McKenna also provided information on how Commissioners can request assistance with the forms.

### **Fairfax County Celebrates the Opening of The Arden**

Chairman McKenna noted the beautiful ribbon cutting ceremony held celebrating the opening of The Arden and the excitement within the community. Chairman McKenna noted that The Arden supports a range of income levels, as well as provides specific units dedicated to support individuals with developmental disabilities. The Arden is another testament to how partnerships and working together can provide affordable housing.

Chairman McKenna thanked staff for their efforts and encouraged others to attend these types of events in the future.

HCD Director, Tom Fleetwood, underlined that The Arden is a terrific project and would encourage everyone to give it a tour to see the fruits of their labor. Mr. Fleetwood noted that the FCRHA placed a \$7 million loan into the project, using local funds, as well as the Moving to Work (MTW) authority to award project-based vouchers to serve a mix of incomes on the site. Mr. Fleetwood noted that this is one of many groundbreaking, ribbon cutting ceremonies to come. North Hill is next and everyone will receive notification and the opportunity to attend this event.

### **FCRHA Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report**

Chairman McKenna was pleased to announce and thanked staff for completing the FCRHA Annual Report for the most recent Fiscal Year. Commissioners will receive an email soon with a link to access the Annual Report on-line. Chairman McKenna noted that there is not a plan for mass printing of the document; however, a limited number can be printed at the request of any Commissioner. Chairman McKenna informed the

Commissioners that she will present the Annual Report to the BOS Housing Committee on February 14, 2023 and expects that this will become an annual presentation to the BOS highlighting the work of the FCRHA and HCD.

**March 15, 2023 FCRHA Housing Symposium**

Chairman McKenna asked the Commissioners to save the date of March 15, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the 2023 FCRHA Housing Symposium. More specific details to come soon.

**Annual Memorandum – State and Federal Lobbying by County Agencies Boards, Authorities and Commissioners – 2023 General Assembly, 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.**

HCD Director, Fleetwood, announced that the General Assembly is now underway. Mr. Fleetwood noted that year's session is short as it convened on January 11, 2023 and adjourns February 25, 2023. Mr. Fleetwood noted as in previous years, the County Executive sent Fairfax County's annual memorandum on lobbying by Boards, Authorities and Commissioners. Fairfax County staff will monitor the bills and provide relevant information to the Commissioners to keep them updated. Mr. Fleetwood noted if there are any questions, to please reach out to staff or legal counsel.