

Board Matters

May 20, 2021

Daughter of Commissioner Dunn Welcomed

Chair McKenna and her colleagues warmly welcomed to the world Ms. Blair Kennedy Dunn, the new-born daughter of Commissioner Dunn.

Retreat to be Held July 17, 2021

Chair McKenna announced that Saturday, July 17 is the date for the FCRHA Retreat at Frying Pan Park. The tentative time is from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Lardner Welcomed Back

Commissioner Solomon welcomed new Mount Vernon District Commissioner Elisabeth Lardner back to the FCRHA. Commissioner Lardner is a former Chair of the FCRHA. Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Tom Fleetwood, on behalf of staff, also welcomed Commissioner Lardner back.

Fairfax County Awarded 169 Emergency Housing Vouchers

Mr. Fleetwood reported that the FCRHA will receive at least 169 Emergency Housing Vouchers as part of the American Rescue Plan, with more that might become available later from an excess pool. The vouchers are to provide rental subsidies to individuals and families who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless, or are in need of escaping an abusive or dangerous situation such as domestic or sexual violence or other situations that put their lives or safety in peril. Mr. Fleetwood stated that having access to these vouchers is a reflection of staff's outstanding work and he particular commended HCD Rental Assistance Division Director Peggy Gregory, and HCD Deputy Director, Operations, Amy Ginger, for their work in having the FCRHA's voucher program lease up. Mr. Fleetwood stated that HCD was targeting having all 169 vouchers leased up by November 1, 2021, and that it would be an "all hands on deck" type effort to achieve this.

One Fairfax Policy Acknowledgements Due by June 30.

Mr. Fleetwood reminded the Commissioners that the acknowledgements regarding the One Fairfax Policy were due by June 30, 2021.

Fiscal Year 2021 and 2022 Budgets Include Additional Half-Penny for Affordable Housing

Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that the final Fairfax County Budget adopted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors included a recommendation for an additional half-penny for affordable housing for FY 2021 and an additional half-penny for FY 2022, meaning for each year an additional \$13.5 million for affordable housing development and preservation.

Board of Supervisors and FCRHA Working Well Together

Chair McKenna thanked all for their work in preparing for the meeting and stated that she enjoyed being with the Board of Supervisors at the May 11, 2021 Joint Board of Supervisors-FCRHA Meeting and appreciated the Commissioners' participation in that meeting. Chair McKenna stated that the FCRHA is very fortunate to have the Board be in sync with the mission of the FCRHA.