

Board Matters

July 18, 2024

Groundbreaking for Somos at McLean Metro (Providence District)

Chairman Stanton stated that the groundbreaking ceremony for Somos at McLean Metro was held on July 17, 2024. She expressed how exciting it is for there to be two affordable housing developments in the Tyson's area.

Financing Closed for Little River Glen (Braddock District)

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) recognized the incredible efforts of staff who worked to get the financing closed on the Little River Glen (LRG) project. LRG is a campus of senior housing located in the Braddock District. The project, uniquely being developed by the FCRHA, includes the renovation of the original 120 units and the Fairfax County Senior Center, and the construction of 60 new senior units.

Director Fleetwood indicated that staff overcame some very serious challenges with the deal up to the last minute before closing. He thanked Chairman Stanton for her patience while assisting staff with navigating the deal, as well as Cynthia Bailey, Ryan Wolf, and Alan Weiss from the Office of the County Attorney for their assistance. Director Fleetwood also acknowledged the staff of "miracle workers" at HCD: Anna Shapiro, Debashish Chakravarty, and the many others who worked tirelessly to get to a closing. He stated that he is very proud and grateful to all involved.

Chairman Stanton also thanked staff for their amazing work through such a stressful transaction.

One University (Braddock District)

Director Fleetwood announced that the One University project, located in the Braddock District is very close to opening. More information to follow regarding the ribbon-cutting ceremony. It is anticipated that the FCRHA will be able to use its new meeting space beginning in December.

Memorandum of Agreement for State-Funded Permanent Supportive Housing

Director Fleetwood provided the Commissioners with a brief update on the FCRHA's expanded partnership with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS). Staff have encountered a few delays with finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with DBHDS for the implementation of a permanent supportive housing program. However, it is anticipated that the program will be operating sometime in the fall. Updates will be provided at future FCRHA meetings through Board Matters.

FCRHA Scholarship Selection Committee Deliberations

Commissioner McCoy informed his colleagues that the Scholarship Selection Committee met in July to discuss some great applicants of which ten finalists were selected. The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced soon. Commissioner McCoy stated that it is very rewarding to “interact” with the residents directly by reading their essays and learning what affordable housing means to them. He thanked Linda Hoffman and Jason Chia for their assistance during the selection process and encouraged other Commissioners to volunteer to serve on the Committee next year.

HCD Key Staff Listing

Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that the HCD Key Staff listing has been updated for their use and is stored in the Resource Center on Board Books.

Welcome Lachina Dovodova, Assistant County Attorney

Cynthia Bailey, Deputy County Attorney, announced that as a reflection of all the work the FCRHA and HCD are doing regarding affordable housing, a new attorney has been added to the FCRHA’s team of legal counsel. Ms. Bailey introduced Lachina Dovodova, Assistant County Attorney. Ms. Dovodova has seventeen years of experience in private practice doing a variety of litigation and commercial transactional work. Ms. Bailey stated that she is excited for Ms. Dovodova to join the team.