

**Joint Meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the
Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)**

May 11, 2021

BOS Members present:

- Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, presiding
- Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn, Hunter Mill District
- Supervisor John W. Foust, Dranesville District
- Supervisor Penelope A. Gross, Mason District
- Supervisor Patrick S. Herrity, Springfield District
- Supervisor Rodney L. Lusk, Lee District
- Supervisor Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District
- Supervisor Kathy L. Smith, Sully District
- Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw, Braddock District

FCRHA Members present:

- Commissioner Melissa McKenna, Chair, Dranesville District
- Commissioner Lenore Kelly, Vice-Chair, Sully District
- Commissioner Matthew Bell, Mount Vernon District
- Commissioner Staci Alexander, Mason District
- Commissioner Broderick Dunn, Braddock District
- Commissioner Kenneth Feng, Springfield District
- Commissioner Rod Solomon, Providence District
- Commissioner Nicholas McCoy, Lee District
- Commissioner Richard Kennedy, Hunter Mill District
- Commissioner Kristen Robinson, Commissioner-at-Large

- Commissioner Eric Maribojoc, Commissioner-at-Large

Others present:

- Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
- Elizabeth Teare, County Attorney

This joint meeting was conducted wholly electronically using Fairfax County's videoconferencing system because the COVID-19 pandemic made it unsafe to physically assemble a quorum in one location or to have the public present. The meeting was accessible to the public through live broadcast on Channel 16, live video stream, and live audio. Chairman McKay presided over the meeting at the Government Center.

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman McKay warmly welcomed the FCRHA and staff to the meeting.

Presentation by the FCRHA

Commissioner Dunn gave a brief PowerPoint slide presentation on Using Public Land as a Housing Resource.

Vice-Chair Kelly gave a brief PowerPoint slide presentation on Investment of Financial Resources.

Chair McKenna gave PowerPoint slide presentations on the following:

- FCRHA and the BOS: Partners in Community Development
- Policy Innovations
- Enhancing Operations of Federal Programs
- Putting the Choice back in the Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Going Beyond the Subsidy
- Synergy Between Development and Housing Operations
- Looking to the Future

Chairman McKay noted that the flexibility the BOS granted in the Zoning Ordinance (ZO) for accessory living units is a key ingredient in helping preserve and create additional affordable housing. It is a way to do that without real County investments by letting the private sector and the flexibility of the ZO provide affordable housing opportunities in the County. There is a need to innovate, not only looking at financial investments but also looking at flexibility and policy

enhancements and other creative ways at the County level. This included using County-owned properties for affordable housing and leveraging the extra half-penny over the next two years dedicated to construction and preservation. Working with a strong non-profit community, there will be many successes.

Commissioner Nicholas McCoy, Lee District, joined the meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Building and preserving affordable housing
- Challenges faced by mobile homeowners
- Solar power and other sustainability efforts on housing developments
- The BOS' "No Net Loss" of affordable housing
- Weatherization and energy efficiency improvements on FCRHA properties
- Helping low-income and people of color build equity in home ownership
- Community Land Trusts and other mechanisms providing ways to becoming a homeowner
- Exploring paths for expanding FCRHA's role as a lender in affordable home ownership
- How FCRHA provides services to residents with a hoarding disability
- How FCRHA deals with various issues residents bring to living in County-provided housing
- Understanding and developing housing needs for a cross-section of age groups

Chairman McKay thanked the FCRHA for the work that they are doing.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting materials:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/Assets/meeting-materials/2021/May11-Joint-Board-RHA-Agenda.pdf>

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/boardofsupervisors/sites/boardofsupervisors/files/Assets/meeting-materials/2021/May11-Joint-Board-RHA-Presentation.pdf>