Board Matters

September 24, 2020

Redevelopment and Housing Assistance Corporation Meeting

Commissioner McAloon requested that Chairman Schwaninger and Commissioner Kennedy remain on the Webex platform for the FCRHA Redevelopment and Housing Assistance Corporation Annual Meeting that was to immediately follow the adjournment of the FCRHA Meeting. That meeting was subsequently rescheduled due to insufficient public notice of the meeting.

Information on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Program

Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Tom Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that HCD had explored the HUD Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Demonstration Program, based on Commissioner Solomon's inquiry at the July 30, 2020 FCRHA Annual Meeting. Mr. Fleetwood stated that HUD strongly recommended regional collaboration in submitting proposals under this program, but revealed that none of the neighboring jurisdictions HCD contacted (northern Virginia jurisdictions) were able to partner. While the FCRHA could submit an application on its own, Mr. Fleetwood stated that staff was not confident the FCRHA could meet HUD's minimum resident participation requirements over six years and was not confident that a stand-alone application from a single housing authority could be competitive against regional applications from across the country. Mr. Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that staff is recommending and planning on not applying for the Demonstration under the current HUD Notice. Mr. Fleetwood did note that, as a Moving to Work agency, the FCRHA is not prohibited from implementing its own Housing Choice Voucher mobility program.