

Board Matters

September 15, 2022

North Hill Project located on Richmond Highway, Mount Vernon District

Commissioner Lardner congratulated everyone who worked on the North Hill project located off Richmond Highway in the Mount Vernon District. Through a public-private partnership, North Hill has transformed into a beautifully striking mixed-income, affordable and market rate-housing community.

Tom Fleetwood, Director, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) informed the Commissioners that there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the Fall to celebrate the extraordinary work involved with this project.

Working Advisory Group (WAG)

Vice Chair Stanton, who currently serves as the Chair of the WAG, announced that the group is seeking new members. Vice Chair Stanton stated the WAG is a Committee to the Consolidated Community Funding Advisory Committee (CCFAC). Participation is highly recommended as members gain an immense amount of knowledge and insight as to how federal funding is dispersed.

Chairman McKenna acknowledged that participation on the WAG is a great opportunity to understand how federal funding directly touches the lives of families.

Endorsement of Commissioner Kennedy on the Affordable Housing Advisory Council (AHAC)

Chairman McKenna announced that Commissioner Kennedy will be endorsed by the FCRHA to be reappointed to the AHAC, subject to Board of Supervisors approval. Chairman McKenna thanked Commissioner Kennedy for his service and knowledge that he brings to the AHAC group.

Update on the Remote Participation and Attendance Policies with the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA)

Chairman McKenna informed the Commissioners that in order to ensure there is an adequate amount of time for discussion, the Remote Participation and Attendance Policy will be discussed at the next meeting. Chairman McKenna advised that revisions to the FCRHA's by-laws may be necessary to effectuate any changes to the FCRHA's attendance policies.

Welcome Anna Shapiro, Deputy Director, Real Estate, Finance & Development

Director Fleetwood announced Anna Shapiro, as Deputy Director of the Real Estate, Finance & Development, and welcomed her to the team.

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to award HCD with new Federal and State Rental Resources

Director Fleetwood informed the Commissioners that he will be submitting a memorandum to the Board of Supervisors acknowledging that HCD is the recipient of new federal and state resources, effective October 1, 2022.

The memorandum will highlight new Federal and State resources:

- 30 federal Mainstream Vouchers to assist non-elderly adults with a disability.
- 20 State Rental Assistance Program (SRAP) vouchers, to assist individuals with a disability; and
- 39 Housing Choice Vouchers will be received as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022.

The Housing Choice Vouchers were awarded through the "fair share" formula as outlined by HUD. Director Fleetwood noted that this is truly a reflection of the great work by staff, particularly staff in the voucher program.

Director Fleetwood also noted that HCD will be submitting a "registration of interest" to receive additional Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers. HCD currently has 133 VASH vouchers. Also, HCD will be submitting a "registration of interest" to participate in the Stability Voucher Program, a new effort recently announced by HUD to help communities end homelessness.

HUD Secretary, Marcia Fudge, to visit Fairfax County

Director Fleetwood announced to the Commissioners that HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge will be visiting Fairfax County on Friday, September 23, 2022, to personally announce the additional "fair share" vouchers and to highlight HCD's housing work on a national stage. This is a major honor for the FCRHA and for HCD, who have made this possible.

During this visit, HUD Secretary Fudge will be meeting with program participants so that they may share their stories and how they benefit from the Housing Choice Voucher program.

Director Fleetwood thanked Deputy Director, Amy Ginger, for her leadership over Operations, and the Rental Assistance Division for their hard work to make the rental assistance programs a success.

Chairman McKenna wrapped things up by acknowledging that she knows the hard work that staff does, how much effort goes into everything, and that she appreciates the passion that is brought to the table. Chairman McKenna noted to keep doing great work and we look forward to being on the national stage and showcasing what we do.