

Board Matters

March 31, 2022

Katherine Hanley Award for Public Service

Cynthia Bailey, Deputy County Attorney, congratulated Tom Fleetwood, Director, Housing and Community Development, for being the recipient of the Katherine-Hanley Award for Public Service. This award honors individuals for their extraordinary contributions to Fairfax County. Leadership Fairfax will present this award at the annual Board of Supervisors event on May 26, 2022. Chairman McKenna extended congratulations to Director Fleetwood and requested that all Commissioners receive an invitation to be a part of the celebration.

Fairfax County Housing Symposium – March 17, 2022

Chairman McKenna provided highlights for the 2022 Fairfax County Housing Symposium that wrapped up on March 17, 2022. The Housing Symposium is a partnership between the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) and the George Mason University School of Business, with a goal of advancing affordable housing within Fairfax County. Chairman McKenna noted that this amazing program, which has been in existence for three years, should make everyone proud.

Chairman McKenna acknowledged that just three years ago, there were 30 people in attendance as compared to this year with 300 individuals who were registered. This speaks to the caliber of the Symposium and how this event has grown over-time. This year brought a broad range of perspectives, as well as geographic diversity from around the region, and people attending. Chairman McKenna informed the Commissioners that the decision to conduct the 2022 Symposium virtually, was not an easy choice, however, this year's attendance confirms that there is a commitment to be involved.

Chairman McKenna mentioned that there were impressive speakers, such as Adrienne Todman, Deputy Secretary, with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Susan F. Dewey, Executive Director of Virginia Housing, Catherine Buell, Director of Equity Funds with Amazon, and many more remarkable speakers. Five members of the Board of Supervisors were also in attendance.

Chairman McKenna commended and thanked Commissioner Maribojoc and the partnership with the George Mason School of Business, as well as the staff who led the event. Chairman McKenna extended a thank you to the following staff:

- **Linda Hoffman**, for her tremendous hard work, preparation for the meetings and ensuring the speakers were well-prepared when they came to the table.
- **Ben Boxer**, for being the MC Extraordinaire, ensuring that the day kept moving forward, for all the work involved with advertisement of the event; thereby driving up the attendance, as well as the creation of new logos.
- **Vin Rogers**, who was a part of the original idea and pushed this event forward.

Chairman McKenna's final remarks included the hope that everyone takes great pride in this massive work accomplished, as it has paid off. She also thanked HCD Director, Tom Fleetwood for his partnership and getting the right people and keeping everyone focused on what the FCRHA can do for the community. Tom Fleetwood, HCD Director, in return, thanked Chairman McKenna for her leadership, Commissioner Maribojoc, and Vin, Linda and Ben for a job well done!

FCRHA Special Meeting to be held on April 28, 2022

Tom Fleetwood, HCD Director announced that there will be a Special FCRHA meeting to be held on April 28, 2022. The planned meeting will cover, but will be not limited to, the following items:

- **The North Hill Project:** The Developer is requesting assistance with a portion of the financing, involving a small supplemental bond issue for the project. This will benefit the project as it will result in some repayment of the housing blueprint loans and will be moving forward in April 2022.
- **Braddock District Project:** The Developer of the former training site, which is under construction, is requesting assistance for the senior units at the property. It is anticipated that the assistance is needed because the developer, for a variety of reasons, is unable to utilize Virginia Housing financing and bond issuance. Similarly, utilizing FCRHA bonds will assist them with closing, which will take place sometime in August 2022.
- **Little River Glen:** Discuss the financing of the rehabilitation of the 12 Units of Senior Affordable Housing at Little River Glen and the construction of 60 New Units of Senior Affordable Housing at Little River Glen I In Fairfax, Virginia Braddock District.

Tom Fleetwood, HCD Director thanked the Commissioners for their patience with getting this work completed.