

INFORMATION ITEM –

Discussion Summary of FCRHA/RAC – October 17, 2007

Resident Advisory Council & Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority
Joint Discussion
Notes of October 17, 2007, Joint Discussion Group

Vice Chairperson Whiteside and Commissioner Egan started the Discussion at 7:03 PM.

PRESENT: Cynthia Thompson, Vivian Barrett, Patricia Ryan, Renee Barnett, Jennifer Wait, Paulette Whiteside, and Calvin Nokes

ABSENT: Sandie Simpson, Suequita Williams, Charlen Kyle, Gulshan Khan, and Sara Hollis

FCRHA Commissioners Present: Conrad Egan, Albert McAloon, Lee Rau, and Elisabeth Lardner

STAFF: Paula Sampson, Mary Stevens, Carol Erhard, Chris White, James Speight, John Payne, Tom Fleetwood, Vincent Rogers, and Jodi Cienki

Minutes:

Minutes from the September 26, 2007 meeting were not voted on as a quorum of the RAC council was not in attendance until 7:50. The Minutes with changes made to the attendance section will be voted upon at the November 7, 2007 RAC meeting.

The Joint committee began their discussion as follows:

Annual Plan Appreciation – The FCHRA Commissioners thanked the RAC members for their continued support and efforts on the Annual Plan process.

Universal Design Policy – Staff as well as the FCRHA Commissioners updated the Resident Advisory Council on the concept of Universal Design, the FCRHA's new policy and its effect on FCHRA properties as well as developers utilizing county funds to develop affordable housing. A discussion followed.

County Plan to End Homelessness – The Commissioners stated that they would provide the Resident Council copies of the plan to End Homelessness when it is available. The three elements of the plan were explained and a discussion followed.

Family Self-Sufficiency Program – The Resident Council discussed with staff and the FCRHA Commissioners the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Status of Affordable Housing Preservation Initiative – The FCRHA Commissioners provided the Resident Council with an update on where they are with the Preservation Initiative. They stated that they would make sure that the Resident Council obtained a copy of the Preservation report from the Advisory Committee.

Energy Conservation/Recycling on FCRHA Properties – There was a discussion on different things that could be done to help with energy conservation. The Resident Council talked about how not all the properties had recycling containers and that they would like staff to look into it. It was also mentioned that

some of those that did have recyclable containers that it was not always collected. The FCRHA noted an interest in an overall energy conservation effort at the properties.

Suggestions on Effectiveness of the RAC– There was a discussion on how important the Resident Councils input is to the Annual Plan process. The resident Council would like to be informed if there are FCRHA meetings that would be good for them to attend to show their support.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. Staff reminded the council that the next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2007 at Little River Glen.