CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY FUNDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
October 14, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Jim Scott (Providence) Community Center
3001 Vaden Dr, Fairfax, VA 22031
Classrooms 1 & 2

Meeting Summary

CCFAC Members Present:
1. Marlene Blum (Chair)
2. Michele Menapace (Vice Chair)
3. Amanda Caughran
4. Stephen Cerny
5. Rev. Andre Christian
6. Catherine Cole
7. Michael Cushing
8. Andrew Magill
9. Jane Plum

CCFAC Members Absent: Ayeshia Quainoo, Marcia McDevitt

Inter-agency county staff present: Sherryn Craig (HCD), Ivana Escobar (HCD), Matthew Graham (HCD), Jenny Hsu (HCD), Laura Lazo (HCD), Sara Miner (NCS), Sharon Shields (HCD), Michelle Smith (HCD), Karin Ventura (DPMM) and Marla Zometsky (NCS).

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Chair Blum at 7:03 pm.

Public Hearing on Housing & Community Development Needs

1. Michael Mahrer, Senior Director of Advancement, English Empowerment Center (EEC)
(*formerly Literacy Council of Northern Virginia*)

- Understanding English is a key human service need.
- CCFAC should continue to include Literacy/Educational Development/Attainment as one of its categories for the Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP).
- EEC's participants need support, time, and empathy.

2. Gerald V. Poje, Ph.D, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF)

- The County's current goal to build 10,000 units by 2034 does not meet the true need of 46,000 new homes.
- Greater public engagement is needed. Staff should explore ways to build better citizen engagement.
- Fairfax has made great progress through donations of county land to build additional affordable homes, but better land transfer partnerships with the Fairfax County Public Schools and the Park Authority should be pursued.

- Future plans can better serve Fairfax by leveraging a much stronger role from the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- A written statement, submitted in advance of the hearing, provides greater details on policy recommendations.

3. Diana Kim, Resident

- Affordable housing is no longer affordable.
- Greater assistance is needed to help the working poor and middle class.

Public Hearing ended at 7:24 pm.

Housing Affordability Data Analysis Presentation

Mel Jones, a consultant from the Virginia Center for Housing Research, delivered a presentation entitled "Housing Affordability Data Analysis." The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of key trends and data on housing affordability spanning the past decade in Fairfax County. Key topics covered included:

- Changes in housing costs over time.
- The prevalence of cost-burdened households.
- Comparisons of HAMFI (HUD's Area Median Family Income) across household income categories.
- Analysis of the affordable housing gap.
- A snapshot of housing affordability changes from 2013 to 2023.

During the discussion following the presentation, A. Magill highlighted the unique challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in accessing affordable housing. Magill emphasized the compounded difficulties for this demographic, noting that individuals with disabilities often face barriers to obtaining employment and have limited resources available to them. Due to these factors, Magill suggested that households including individuals with disabilities may be underrepresented in housing affordability analyses. Magill further recommended prioritizing efforts to reduce waiting lists for housing specifically targeted toward this vulnerable group, given the additional challenges they face.

Further conversation addressed the focus of affordable housing supply on households earning 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Some participants expressed concern that this approach may leave out critical populations, such as people of color and individuals working in restaurant or service jobs, whose incomes often fall below this threshold. There was consensus that many individuals in these groups cannot afford to live in areas such as Fairfax County, exacerbating inequities in housing access.

Five-Year Consolidated Plan Breakout Group

During the breakout session focused on the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, attendees participated in an in-depth exploration of housing-related issues, causes, and potential solutions. To encourage a more collaborative and focused discussion, the participants were divided into two smaller groups. Each group engaged in facilitated dialogue, led by designated

facilitators, who posed targeted questions designed to uncover deeper insights and generate actionable ideas.

The questions presented to the groups revolved around key housing challenges facing the community, including affordability, accessibility, displacement, homelessness, and the availability of resources. Participants were encouraged to share their perspectives on the root causes of these issues, drawing from personal experiences, professional expertise, and observed trends in the community.

The discussions also emphasized brainstorming feasible solutions to address these challenges. The groups examined strategies that could be implemented within the framework of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, such as expanding affordable housing opportunities, increasing support for vulnerable populations, and establishing more robust partnerships with local organizations

Facilitators documented key points from each group's discussions, including recurring themes, challenges identified, innovative ideas, and opportunities for collaboration. Feedback from the breakout groups will play a crucial role in shaping the objectives and priorities outlined in the final Consolidated Plan.

Approval of September 9, 2025, CCFAC Meeting Summary
September 9, 2025 CCFAC Meeting Summary was approved as submitted.

Vote on Proposed Amendment to Bylaws - Executive Committee and Ad Hoc Committees
The proposed change to Section IV, "Executive Committee and Ad Hoc Committees," modifies the requirement for committee membership from six members to three members: the Chair, Vice Chair, and Immediate Past Chair.

The motion was approved.

Information from Appointing Organizations
Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS) reminded attendees the CCFP RFP Pre-Proposal Conference is coming up this week, October 16, 2025. The Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) has low representation from Regions 2 and 3. Recruitment is needed in these regions. Application deadline is rolling.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at **9:03 p.m.**

Next CCFAC Meeting: December 9, 2025
Meeting at 7:30 PM, Government Center

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