

CCDC Board of Directors Meeting 1/27/20

Redevelopment Updates

1. **Levy Ave** – the CRHA Redevelopment Committee and Virginia Supportive Housing both came to the conclusion recently, independently of the other, that a development project on CRHA’s Levy Avenue site which could potentially include a Crossings II, additional residential units, a UVa Health Clinic, a Financial Opportunity Center, etc. needs more time to plan and should not be rushed for a March 2020 Low Income Housing Tax Credit application deadline. So VSH has withdrawn its request for FY20 Charlottesville Affordable Housing Funds and discussions will get underway soon with key stakeholders (including PHAR) about the highest and best use of our Levy Avenue parcel. We will be sure to keep the Board posted as those discussions unfold, and we are happy to have more time to collaboratively develop a good concept for the site.
2. **HUD Demo-Dispo & Mixed Finance Development Process** – We are in frequent contact with HUD officials about the final regulatory hurdles for our first two redevelopment projects and have been particularly grateful for the assistance and support of Nick Birck, a HUD planner who coincidentally lives in Charlottesville and is now attending our Redevelopment Committee meetings on an occasional basis. His insights and advice have been invaluable, and we are optimistic about securing the final HUD approvals over the coming couple of months.
3. **South First Street Phase Two** – After securing City Council approval on Jan. 6 for their Special Use Permit and Critical Slopes Waiver applications, our brilliant SFS citizen planners are back at work after a well-deserved holiday break, meeting each Sunday afternoon again to iron out more details for Phase Two of the South First St. redevelopment project. Encouragingly, at our last Sunday meeting we had quite a few new faces show up, which indicates the SFS community is excited and engaged about the positive changes the residents are making in their neighborhood.
4. **Construction Update** – We are pleased to have General Contractor Cornelius Griggs with us this evening, and in a moment, I will invite him forward to provide a brief construction update to the Board.
5. **Section 3 Updates** – We are excited to introduce our new Section 3 Coordinator to the Board and to the public this evening – Ms. Joy Johnson! She will speak after Mr. Griggs and provide some updates on the roll-out of our Section 3 program.
6. **Relocation Updates** – We are also excited to introduce our new Assistant Relocation Coordinator, Ms. Kristen Singh. She will recap some relocation updates for the Board in a moment (see also Attachment 3).