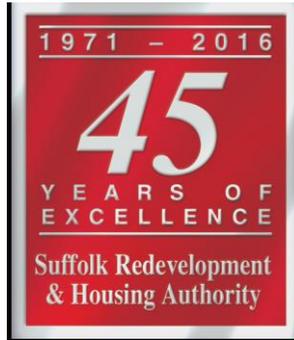


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SRHA CLARISSA MCADOO TO RETIRE IN 2016

Suffolk, Virginia – April 8, 2016 – Suffolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (SRHA) today announced that the organization’s Executive Director and CEO, Clarissa E. McAdoo, has decided to retire in August 2016, starting an orderly leadership transition over the next four months. McAdoo’s decision to retire will bring to a close a remarkable career of 20 years of continuous service to SRHA as Executive Director and Secretary to the SRHA Board of Commissioners.

“Clarissa E. McAdoo has been a very strong leader, only the fourth Executive Director and CEO in the organization’s great 45 year history and one who has managed the organization through challenging times and housing industry transitions,” said Branch P. Lawson, Chairman of the SRHA Board of Commissioners. “The Board is grateful for her innumerable contributions to SRHA and her distinguished tenure as Executive Director and CEO over the last 20 years.”

“We celebrate Clarissa’s many accomplishments at the helms of SRHA,” said Branch Lawson. In particular under her leadership, SRHA earned 61 national, regional and local awards including the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Commendation. The awards were bestowed to SRHA for outstanding administration and program innovations. One innovative program designed and initiated between SRHA and the Suffolk Police Department was the birth of Suffolk’s first National Night Out Celebration held at Cypress Manor Apartments. National Night Out has become a highly anticipated annual celebration Suffolk citizens have come enjoy.

Clarissa E. McAdoo’s vision to improve SRHA’s oldest public housing led her and her team to become one of thirteen grantees selected nationally to receive the Choice Neighborhood Planning Grant, a highly competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to assist with planning efforts to revitalize Cypress Manor Apartments and Parker Riddick Village.

“I am grateful to have spent nearly 20 years with this great housing organization, and deeply honored to have had the opportunity to lead passionately and with purpose. I am very proud of what my SRHA colleagues have accomplished together during two decades of successes and challenges,” said McAdoo.

The SRHA Board of Commissioners will conduct the process to choose McAdoo’s successor. Chairman Branch Lawson will lead the search committee that has been formed to complete the process. The Board will consider internal and external candidates for the job. A job announcement will be released in the coming month. Visit www.suffolkhra.org for more information.

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