



Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative Update

Fort Worth Housing Solutions, the City of Fort Worth and our partners in the Stop Six Choice Neighborhoods Initiative met virtually July 13-15 with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development staff to review the community-driven plan that will guide revitalization of a long-overlooked neighborhood in Southeast Fort Worth.

HUD awarded Fort Worth a [\\$35 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant](#) in April. Over the next year, FWHS will work with partners and HUD to refine the overall [Transformation Plan](#) and to define critical community improvements that can be integrated into the plan's mixed-used developments.

As of June 30 all residents of Cavile Place, the red-brick public housing community off East Rosedale Street, have relocated to other homes of choice across the region.

This week [McCormack Baron Salazar \(MBS\)](#), a nationally recognized developer of economically integrated neighborhoods, will begin reviewing responses to a request for qualifications seeking firms to abate and demolish the red brick Cavile buildings that were first occupied in late 1953. Abatement and demolition is scheduled to begin in October with substantial completion by April 2021.

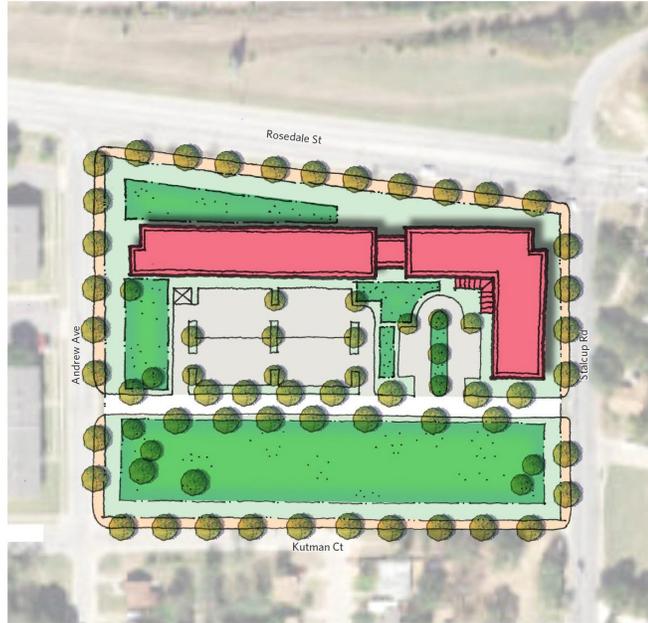
Cowan Place Senior Living Community Progress

Fort Worth Housing Solutions, through MBS, has retained

Arlington-based dlb Consultants to provide construction support consulting services for the first phase of **Cowan Place**, a senior living community that will kick off residential development for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative.

The Arlington-based firm, led by founder Demetria Bivens, will create, direct, implement and manage the Section 3 and Minority- and Women-Owned Business Enterprise program for the community of one- and two-bedroom units tailored for seniors.

Cowan Place will be built south of East Rosedale Street between Andrew Avenue and Stalcup Road. Its name honors early Stop Six settlers Alonzo and Sarah Cowan, who donated land for the community's first church. Construction is expected to begin in March 2021.



FWHS and the City of Fort Worth, as recipients of HUD funds, are required to provide employment, contracting and other economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to low- and very-low income persons. dlb Consultants will identify potential contractors and subcontractors for development and help those businesses and individuals become pre-qualified for the work.

Bivens may be reached at demetria@consultantsdlb.com or cell 214-597-2022. Learn more [here](#).

FWHS Leaders Promoted



Sonya A. Barnette



Lachelle Goodrich

FWHS has named two senior team members to provide executive leadership for the Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative.

Sonya A. Barnette has been promoted to **Senior Vice President and Deputy Director for Public Housing, Housing Operations and Client Services**. She also will manage the Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant.

Barnette joined Fort Worth Housing Solutions in 1993 and previously served as Vice President of Housing Operations and Client Services. She has provided leadership for public housing, Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) site conversions, relocations, and

multiple grant-funded programs, including Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Continuum of Care, Directions Home, Health Community Collaborative, Single Room Occupancy (SRO), Family Self-Sufficiency/Homeownership Program and Resident Services.

During her tenure, Barnette has helped transform public housing through the RAD program, which added 1,625 affordable units to Fort Worth Housing Solutions' portfolio. She also helped establish one of HUD's first Family Investment Centers, a Neighborhood Network center and HUD's first Texas EnVision Center at Fort Worth's Martin Luther King Community Center on Truman Drive.

Lachelle Goodrich has been promoted to **Stop Six Choice Neighborhood Initiative Director**. Goodrich joined FWHS in 2002, left to teach middle school history for three years, and returned to the agency in 2012. She has served in several FWHS roles focused on connecting Cavile Place residents with community resources and has assisted them in finding new homes.

In her new role, Goodrich will ensure that former Cavile residents are supported throughout implementation of the Stop Six initiative and those who wish to return to their neighborhood are able to do so.

Goodrich holds a master's degree in professional counseling and is a Licensed Professional Counselor with private practice serving children and families throughout Texas.

Learn more [here](#).

Butler Place Transition

FWHS continues to help residents of the Butler Place public housing community find new homes as the agency moves forward with plans to repurpose the 42-acre site.

As of this week, about 80 or 19 percent of Butler's 412 units remain occupied. FWHS staff members are working closely with clients to help them identify homes within the Fort Worth-Dallas area with a goal of relocating all residents by year's end.

Butler opened in September 1940 and expanded in the early 1960s. The 42-acre site is envisioned for a future catalytic development, a transaction that will generate new revenue to increase affordable housing options in our community.



Montera Davis grew up in Butler Place and has had her own apartment there for four years. She is packing this week for a move to a two-bedroom unit in the Post Oak East apartments in Fort Worth.

Enhancing Fort Worth's Affordable Housing Stock



Architect's rendering of The Holston, a multi-family community designed to meet workforce needs in the AllianceTexas development in far North Fort Worth.

FWHS is committed to changing the face of affordable housing by providing mixed-income rental and home ownership opportunities that are the foundation for improved lives. To achieve that mission, the agency continues to partner with developers to increase the number of affordable housing units in the city while providing HUD housing assistance vouchers to qualified individuals and families.

Four properties currently under construction will add another 981 mixed-income units are now under construction, while another 654 units in three properties are in the planning pipeline. Properties under construction are:

- The Standard at River District, 293 units in west Fort Worth near the Trinity River
- Patriot Point, 220 units near the Fort Worth VA Clinic on Southeast Loop 820
- Stallion Ridge, 204 units in south Fort Worth
- The Holston, 504-unit Class A community at AllianceTexas in north Fort Worth, named for former FWHS President Barbara Holston

FWHS President Lemons Joins PHADA Board



PHADA, the national [Public Housing Authorities Directors Association](#), has appointed Fort Worth Housing Solutions President Mary-Margaret Lemons to its Board of Trustees. The association includes 1,900 member housing agencies representing more than 1.9 million low-income housing units throughout the United States.

During her FWHS tenure, Lemons has expanded the agency's portfolio of mixed-income, residential communities, increased the number of affordable housing units available to qualified residents and bolstered revenue streams to support additional housing assistance.

Lemons also has rallied and organized partners leading to a \$35 million HUD Choice Neighborhoods Implementation grant that will seed revitalization of the Stop Six community in Southeast Fort Worth.

COVID-19 Operations Update

Fort Worth Housing Solutions offices continue to be closed to the public to minimize the risk of spreading COVID-19, but our team members are available by phone or virtually to assist residents, landlords and partners.

Re-certifications are being done via U.S. mail or electronically. Landlord and resident training sessions are available online.



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