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Citizens Advisory Commission on Housing
Annual Work Plan - 2023

Purpose:

The Citizens Advisory Commission on Housing (Housing Commission) serves as the chief advisor to the County Board on housing issues in Arlington County. The Commission serves a variety of functions related to expanding the County Board's knowledge of County housing conditions, trends, and needs, and the development of policy recommendations. The Housing Commission submits this annual work plan to inform the County Board and the public of its goals and proposed activities in 2023.

Key Objectives

In December 2022, the Housing Commission met, and each Commissioner discussed their individual goal(s) for the year. From the discussion, this work plan was reviewed and approved by the Housing Commission on January 12, 2023. The Housing Commission will work to accomplish the following key objectives in 2023:

- A. Oversight of Affordable Housing Properties and Reviewing Programs and Policies to Support Affordable Housing Residents: The Housing Commission approved the Joint Subcommittee on the Status of Aging Properties' report in September 2022 which outlined a number of recommendations to improve the lives of residents living in CAF properties. Additionally, in April 2022 the county released its own Long-term Strategies for Improved Oversight and Tenant Support at Aging CAF Properties plan. The Housing Commission will work on the following activities to include, but not be limited to:
- Follow-up with staff and the County Board on the implementation status of the Joint Housing Commission-Tenant Landlord Commission Subcommittee on the Status of Aging Properties report recommendations.
 - Follow-up with staff on the implementation status of the Long-term Strategies for Improved Oversight and Tenant Support at Aging CAF Properties plan.
 - Promote tenant empowerment.
 - Examine strategies to advance economic mobility and promote pathways out of subsidized housing for low-income residents.
 - Continue collaborating with the Tenant-Landlord Commission and other advocates to identify best practices and policy solutions to improve the lives of low-income residents at market rate and committed affordable properties.

B. Maintaining and Strengthening role as chief advisor to County Board on housing issues:

The Housing Commission intends to continue efforts to reaffirm its role as the chief advisor to the County Board on housing policy and related matters this year. Efforts to support this objective will include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborating with staff to develop an equity framework for the commission and enhance the data presented to the commission to clearly show the impact on and consultation with historically disadvantaged communities.
- Making presentations, when appropriate, at County Board meetings and other such meetings as appropriate. The Housing Commission will also make best efforts to make presentations to other Commissions and stakeholders regarding recommendations from the Commission.
- Regular Representation at County Board Meetings: The Housing Commission requests that staff publish a list of the Housing Commissioners scheduled to attend each County Board meeting on the Housing Commission website.
- Working with County Staff, County Board, residents, and other stakeholders to increase influence on individual project and policy decisions related to housing.
- Working with the County Board and County Staff to maintain a full Commission that best reflects Arlington's diversity community with respect to backgrounds and perspectives.
- Working with stakeholders within the community to identify diverse ideas and perspectives and ensuring that they are considered when the Housing Commission makes recommendations to the County Board.

C. Policy: The Housing Commission will work with the County Board and County Staff to identify policy areas where the Housing Commission can provide its knowledge and experience to provide a positive impact upon the policy process. Areas of policy focus will likely include, but are not limited to:

- the Missing Middle Study (MMS) zoning amendments;
- Plan Langston Boulevard;
- the redevelopment of Barcroft Apartments and efforts to reduce displacement of existing residents;
- a comprehensive review of the county's affordable homeownership efforts and recommendations to improve equitable access to homeownership;
- a comprehensive review of the Housing Grant Program and recommendations to enhance its support for low-income residents;
- the examination of recommendations and implementation strategies for Arlington to enhance fair housing efforts resulting from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' regional Housing Equity Plan;
- continued review and monitoring of the county's eviction prevention efforts;

- the reexamining of the affordable housing ordinance;
- the reexamining of the Transfer of Development Rights policy;
- the examination of strategies to convert commercial property into residential property;
- the examination of expanding broadband access to affordable housing properties;
- a review of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process for funds from the Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF);
- the examination of efforts to streamline and reduce the bureaucratic burden on the development/redevelopment of affordable housing properties; and
- reinstating annual field trips.

D. Collaboration: The Housing Commission intends to continue its collaboration with a variety of stakeholders in 2023, all with the goal of better integrating adjacent concerns and issues into housing discussions and better informing the Commission’s recommendations to the County Board. The Housing Commission will develop, and in certain cases, strengthen collaboration with related stakeholders, including but not limited to:

- Other Commissions, especially the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC), the Tenant-Landlord Commission (TLC), the Human Rights Commission (HRC), and the Planning Commission (PC).
- Affordable housing advisory bodies in nearby jurisdictions, including in Alexandria and Fairfax County. The Housing Commission will make best efforts to formally coordinate with the Alexandria Housing Affordability Advisory Committee regarding affordable housing in National Landing in 2023.
- Members of the public school community in Arlington.

Anticipated Schedule:*

The following is a tentative schedule for 2023 Housing Commission meetings:

Topic(s)	Housing Commission Meeting Date
• Review and Approve 2023 Work Plan	January 2023
• Discussion of 2022 Housing Commission Annual Report	February 2023
• Review and Approve 2022 Annual Report to County Board	February 2023
• Discussion of FY 2024 Budget	March 2023
• FY 2024 Budget Recommendations	March 2023
• Affordable Housing Financing Overview	April 2023
• Review Housing Commission Charter	April 2023
• 2024 General Assembly Legislative Priorities	July 2023
• Virginia Housing and LIHTC Application Updates	TBD

• Housing Services AHIF Services Grant Review	TBD
• Review/Approve 2023 Annual Report to County Board	TBD

* The agenda for each Housing Commission meeting is subject to change and may also include public comment, relocation plan consideration, staff/Chair/Commissioner reports, and any other pressing business.

Housing Commissioner Representation at County Board Meetings:*

County Board Meeting	Primary HC Member	Back-up HC Member
February 18, 2023	Anika Montgomery	Karen Serfis
March 18, 2023	Eric Berkey	Anika Montgomery
April 22, 2023	Haley Norris	Anika Montgomery
May 13, 2023	Michael Hemminger	
June 10, 2023	Kellen MacBeth	Michael Hemminger
July 15, 2023	Laura Saul Edwards	Michael Hemminger
September 23, 2023	Kellen MacBeth	
October 14, 2023	Anika Montgomery	Nikki Blake
November 11, 2023	Kellen MacBeth	Haley Norris
December 16, 2023	Nikki Blake	

* The designated Housing Commissioner should attend the County Board meeting, either in person or virtually (as appropriate), if the Housing Commission has a matter for presentation before the County Board. The Commissioner may need to attend a carry-over meeting instead of the regular Saturday meeting as circumstances dictate.