
**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL
ARLINGTON COUNTY TENANT LANDLORD COMMISSION**

March 8, 2023

The Tenant Landlord Commission convened at 7:08 on March 8, 2023.

PRESENT (Virtually)	Commissioner Almanza, Commissioner Basurto, Commissioner Camardo, Commissioner Clegg, Commissioner Mookerjee, Commissioner Royer, Commissioner Wimbush (V. Chair), Commissioner Whitaker.
ABSENT	Chair, Commissioner Timm (due to travel)
STAFF	Rolda Nedd, Hector Mercado, Jennifer Daniels, Joel Franklin

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Regional Fair Housing Plan: Hilary Chapman (Washington Metro Council of Government), Diane Glauber from the Lawyers Committee and Joel Franklin from Arlington Housing Division presented the Regional Fair Housing Plan. Commissioner Wimbush chaired the meeting and led the discussion with his questions. How does regional coordination on execution take place? What impact has COVID had on plan recommendations regarding teleworking, less travel, vacant commercial space, housing needs etc. Response: There is still need for help with housing affordability. Jurisdictions investigating use of commercial space for housing. Covid highlighted vulnerability of unhoused/unstable housing. What are unique challenges for seniors regarding housing barriers? Increase in number of seniors needing housing.

Commissioner Whitaker – nimbyism has no bounds. Senior housing also experiences objections. Demand for housing continues to be high. High construction costs affecting housing delivery. Need to focus on efficient approval process to help the cost and supply of housing.

Subcommittee Report/ Updates

Outreach and Publicity Subcommittee

Commissioner Whitaker shared an outline of the flyer/ informational handout that is being developed to inform tenants. List of resources that are beneficial to tenants to guide them to answers for questions – DHS, Code enforcement and TLC among other. FAQs, section for small landlords as well. Compile links in one place for easy navigation. Request comments/input from Commission members to finalize the flyer by April 3. Final document could be a pdf available for landlords to print out and include in lease packets.

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Subcommittee

Commissioner Camardo – summarized the last meeting where the subcommittee heard about the types of complaints received by the county- Housing Division and BU-GATA. More discussion on supports that residents need and what can be done to assist communication between tenants and landlords.

Commissioner Clegg advised that the focus of the subcommittee be clear on areas needing mediation. Should avoid any duplication with VRLTA.

Vice Chair, Wimbush reported on a resident meeting held at the Serrano. County Budget work session taking place next day and Commissioner Wimbush will represent the TLC at public comment.

MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES

February meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.