

Tenant Landlord Commission Meeting May 8, 2024 (virtual)

Meeting notes

Commissioners present: David Timm, Kirit Mookerjee, Andrew Ferreira, Griffin Koupal, John Reynolds, Sarah Lanford, Kristin Clegg.

STAFF: Rolda Nedd, Hector Mercado

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Chair, Timm.

Meeting minutes approval –April Meeting minutes were approved. Motion to accept was moved by Commissioner Clegg and seconded by Commissioner Ferreria.

Public Comment: None

SUMMARY of PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

Item #1 Relocation Plan – Red Lion

Representatives for Red Lion – Nicolas Cummings from, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh P.C. and Tyler Orr, Orr Partners. Tyler Orr mentioned that seven individuals qualified for the Tenant Assistance Fund (TAF) and that six of them have made applications. Tenants are being relocated to other properties. It was mentioned by staff that procedurally, relocations should not commence before 120 day notices have been issued. Commissioner Clegg and Chair Timm commended the relocation process and the incentives provided. The motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Clegg, seconded by Commissioner Ferreira. There was unanimous approval (6-0).

Item # 2 Subcommittee updates

Assessment Resolution Subcommittee - Commissioner Ferreira reported that Eric Timar, Housing Compliance Officer presented information on the recertification process for housing subsidies which was fully discussed. Further discussion would take place with the Housing Voucher inspector from DHS at the June meeting. No other subcommittee reports.

Item #3 Draft Advisory Groups Handbook 2024

Chair Timm, led the discussion on proposed draft. A summary of changes was discussed:

- **New - Meeting bodies must adopt an electronic participation policy at least once annually by a recorded vote in a public meeting (County template provided). Comment: appears bureaucratic.**
- **Revised - Meeting bodies (except CB, SB, PC, HALRB and BZA) may hold all virtual meetings 2 times per calendar year or 50% of the meetings, whichever is greater. No consecutive all-virtual meetings. No change to individual participation requirements. Comment: Suggest consideration of 30% of persons in attendance for a quorum instead of 50%. TLC operates under 25% or 2 virtual meetings annually.**

- **New - The public must be able to hear and see all members. For purposes of a quorum, all members must participate with their cameras on during the entire meeting. If a member is not visible for any reason (turns camera off, leaves camera view, technical issue) or their audio communication fails due to a technical issue, the member will be marked absent during that portion of the meeting. Comments: not in agreement with this which seems invasive; how will this serve the public interest to record member as “absent’ for a few minutes?**
- **New – Caregiver defined as “Adult who provides care for a person with a disability as defined in 51.5-40.1. A caregiver shall be either related by blood, marriage, or adoption to or the legally appointed guardian of the person with a disability for whom he is caring.” Comment: Agree with definition ; it will encourage broad participation and remote attendance.**
- **New – Members that meet the definition of caregiver and need to meet remotely to care for a person with a disability will count toward the quorum as if the member was physically present. Comment: Agree**
- **#7 Subcommittees – The need to request permission from the Board liaison to form subcommittees seems burdensome for commissions and strong-handed for the Board. Is there concern for straining staff resources? This can be address by reviewing and arriving at a middle-ground position to prevent this. Formation of at least 2 subcommittees without Board permission is suggested.**
- **# 12 Communicating with the media- Chair Timm commented that the language use is strong and could be tamed by offering training to Commissioners about communicating with the media as a member of TLC versus making comments as a private citizen. Capacity to speak in a personal capacity should not be limited by the County.**
- **#11 Engagement with other Advisory groups- Chair Timm objected to need for staff liaison to be intermediary between two advisory Groups, would rather be able to communicate directly. Members asked about the existence of other Commissions and subcommittees that may cause concern for staff resources being strained and how and when requests are made.**
- **External communications – seems bureaucratic. Discussion about other Commissions and situations that have occurred that led to “prohibition from communicating or coordinating with other federal, state or local agencies....”**

Next steps: Chair Timm will compile comments on behalf of TLC and will include staff comments.

Deadline for comments is June 11.

MOTIONS, ACTIONS, VOTES

April Minutes approved.

Red Lion Relocation Plan- six members voted in favor of approving the plan (6-0).

Meeting adjournment: Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.