

**Arlington County Tenant-Landlord Commission
Annual Report for 2018**

Members: Ms. Kendon Krause was appointed Chairperson of the Tenant Landlord Commission - January 2017. Current members are Kirit Mookerjee, Zachary Butler, Michael Campbell, Kristen Clegg, Kellen MacBeth, (Matthew Whitfield and Christopher Bruno, newest members) and Bismah Ahmed. The Commission held 10 meetings during the year.

Relocation Plans/Projects: The Commission reviewed and approved the following relocation projects:

Relocation Plans FY 2018

Project Name	Month approved
Queens Court	February
Colonial Village West	July
The Carlin	September
Fisher House II	May

Properties brought to Commission’s attention – Shelton Apartment

Legislative Updates – No external recommendations. Requests to the County Board for funding for mediation for tenants and landlords; help to raise visibility of the TLC; expansion and improvement of data collection.

County Budget

The Commission Chair attended the County Manager’s invitation to a budget work session and also the Public Comment session on September 26 and provided comments.

Data Collection: Bu-Gata, a nonprofit organization contracted by the County to provide tenant outreach services gives regular updates on tenant concerns and provides a report of complaints with some tabulation by property ownership/management. The monthly calls report is provided by County staff.

Outreach and Public Comments:

The Commission responded to various tenants who appeared before the Commission with concerns about their rights and responsibilities. Colonial Village West Outreach there were discussions on ways in which the Commission could improve its visibility to the public. For example, Commission members participated in the 2018 Buckingham Community Festival. In May, commission members participated as a panel, at the Central Library’s hosting of a discussion on “Evicted” by Matthew Desmond.

Special topics/presentations: Eric Timar – TAF Policy; Housing for clients with criminal records lead by Commissioner MacBeth representatives from the Human Rights Office and OAR attended. Workshops: Co-hosted the first Community Eviction Forum and a follow up meeting with representatives from Legal Aid Justice Center.

Affiliate Report: Bu-Gata Tenant organization which has a contract with the County for tenant services provides regular updates on tenant issues, acts as mediator between tenants and landlords.

Policy Review: The Relocation Guidelines were revised by a working group and approved by the County Board in May.

Other: Zachary Butler served as the Commission's representative on the Community Development Citizens Advisory Committee (CDCAC).