

Tenant Landlord Commission Meeting September 11, 2024

Meeting notes

Commissioners present:	David Timm, Kirit Mookerjee, Andrew Ferreira, Griffin Koupal, John Reynolds,
Commissioners absent:	Emily Camardo, Kristin Clegg, Sara Lanford
STAFF:	Rolda Nedd, Hector Mercado

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 by Chair, Timm.

Meeting minutes approval – July meeting minutes were approved; motion by Commission Ferreria and seconded by Commission Koupal.

Public Comment: None

SUMMARY of PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

1. Nonconforming multifamily and townhouse zoning Ordinance Amendment presented by Emily Garrett and Jennifer Smith, Planning Department.

The study and proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments would allow for greater flexibility for property owners to make improvements to multifamily apartments in Arlington. Proposes by-right action which provides relief from having to obtain Board of Zoning Appeals permission. Equity impacts of the amendment could include the potential for property improvements that lead to rent increases and tenant displacement, which may already occur with non-structural renovation projects. There were few questions, one was the cost savings to tax payers regarding the time saved and permit cost. There is no data to support this. In general, there was no objection to the proposal and presentation was received as an information item, similar to action taken by the Housing Commission. Staff outlined the timeline for Board hearing in October and stated that the October report would be made available.

2. Legislative Priorities 2025

A list of legislative priorities shared from the Housing Commission was shared and discussion, led by Chair, Timm. He requested that Commissioners review the list and be prepared to identify their 2 top priorities at the October meeting. Commissioner Ferreria pointed out that #2, 3 not likely to proceed due to action already taken. #8 and 16 required further follow up and clarification. Chair Timm will follow up with the Chair of the HC and staff will do the same. Chair, Timm suggested that a joint letter from Tenant Landlord Commission and Housing Commission may have more weight and indicated that he would follow up.

3. Resolution Assessment Subcommittee update, Commissioner Ferreria

Commissioner Ferreria provided a summary of the draft recommendations being prepared to capture the findings of the work of the subcommittee. In general the recommendations propose investigating the formation of a centralized database to share inspection data across County departments. The memo would be finalized and circulated among members with the intention of a vote at the October TLC meeting.

Other reports/announcements. Staff was asked to follow up with Crystal House about public comment from last month.

MOTIONS, ACTIONS, VOTES

July meeting minutes were approved. No other votes taken. Staff will send reminder email to Commissioners about selecting priorities and also the TLC letter from 2023.

Meeting adjournment: Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Motioned by Commissioner Ferreria and seconded by Commission Griffin.