

Tenant Landlord Commission Meeting January 8, 2025

Meeting notes

Commissioners present: David Timm, Andrew Ferreira, John Reynolds, Sarah Lanford.

Commissioners online: Kirit Mookerjee, Kristin Clegg, Griffin Koupal, Nature Lewis

STAFF: Rolda Nedd, Hector Mercado

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

Public Comment: None

Summary of Presentations

1. Relocation guidelines review: Hector Mercado presented the Relocation Guidelines. Outlined all stages in the process. Discussion followed. There were comments about the tenant profiles and lack of enough information; need for the updated payment schedule to be made available. Comment that the current process appears to assume that the plan would be approved at the second meeting and therefore seems to be “a rubber stamp” process. Staff responded to each comment. Change to the relocation plan process took place a long time ago when lengthy plans were submitted, and it seemed reasonable to allow more time, hence a second meeting was added to allow for an adequate response. There was a question about emergency situations which may trigger relocation to address the issue and whether there should be a distinction between emergencies and relocation. Commissioner Clegg cautioned that changes may warrant an education process to get third parties to change from an established process, since Relocation Plans are not done by the housing providers
Action: It was decided that given the length of time since the last review, (8 years) a review should take place. This might allow for additional considerations such as recognition for going beyond minimum standards.

2. Subcommittee formation

Charter Review

Charter review to see areas of overlap with the Housing Commission, identify areas for coordination and opportunities for mediation/arbitration other than through public comment.

Action: One subcommittee to address all three areas- Charter review, Relocation Guidelines and Goldstar Program. Membership – Commissioner Reynolds, Lewis, Lanford, Ferreria, Kopaul

3. Other suggestions

- Consideration of a Landlord summit similar to the Tenant Summit.
- Update on Tenant-led organizations example Barcroft.
- VA Poverty Law Center and their legislative priorities.

-Board Liaison Coffey to discuss priorities

4. Staff Report

Year-end Report approved. Comments on year -end report to be sent by Friday January 10. Will send charter of CDCAC to members.

Announcement for representative to CDCAC. Staff would send CDCAC charter for volunteers.

Meeting minutes approved.

Meeting adjournment: Adjourned at 8:05 p.m. Motioned by Commissioner Lanford and seconded by Commission Reynolds.