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**Arlington County Tenant-Landlord Commission Meeting
Meeting Notes – December 13, 2017**

Commissioners present: Michael Campbell (Act. Chair) Kellen Macbeth, Kirit Mookerjee, Ahmed Bismah
Absent: Kendon Krause, Zachary Butler, Kristen Kregg, Charlyn Stanberry

Public Comment: Mr. Alexandr Belinskyi brought attention to three areas of the Relocation Guidelines 1. Acquisition only projects 2. Special Exception development it was suggested that this definition be made consistent throughout the document and not be interchanged with “site plan” definition. 3. Clarity about whether relocation payment increases would be 25% or indexed to the URA payments schedule. He also commented that the website link to the Relocation Working Group documents should have the most recent draft and also the names of members of the working group.

Approval of meeting minutes – one correction was identified by Commissioner Macbeth. 2nd page second paragraph “of”. He moved to accept the notes and was seconded by Commissioner Campbell.

Current Business

Comments received from Kellen Macbeth with regard to Mr. Belinskyi’s questions about the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan were discussed. Staff, Jennifer Daniels added clarification – this is an old reference in the Consolidated Plan which no longer exists in the current document. The Citizen Participation Plan accompanies the Consolidated Plan and outlines how citizens would be involved and respond to actions proposed. Amendment of the Citizen Participation Plan will remove reference to Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan in the future. It was explained that the County is in compliance with HUD funding requirements for all projects. It was suggested that the definitions indicate that the Anti-displacement Relocation Act is the same as Arlington’s Relocation Guidelines.

Relocation Guidelines Discussion -The Commission thoroughly reviewed all survey responses and had discussions about the comments, whether they should be considered and whether they provided material changes that could affect or be incorporated into proposed revisions to the Guidelines. There was discussion regarding whether there should be varying approval from staff or from the Board dependent on the type of plan. Also, is there any need to consider cases of “variance” to the Relocation Guidelines and how best to handle these situations. Variance – is an exception to the guidelines. “Variances can only be approved by the County Board”. Commissioner Macbeth recommended that the word “exception” be used, instead of “variance”.

Sec 2.3 Comments and suggested changes were made to proposed language as it relates to sequence of approval process as suggested by Commissioner Krause.

There was agreement that relocation payments should be indexed against established URA or Cost of living index which will allow the payments to increase automatically.

Following much discussion, a motion to approve recommendations presented, once staff incorporates changes as discussed, was moved by Commissioner Macbeth and seconded by Commissioner Campbell. The decision was approved unanimously.

There was no further business. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.