

Leeway Overlee (LO) Civic Association (CA)
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
Mon., December 5, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at Westover Library

LO CA President Kim Klingler welcomed attendees and presented the agenda. The main topic of the evening was “Short-Term Rentals and Upcoming County Board Issues.” The featured speaker was County Board member Katie Cristol.

As reported in the December 2016 *Leeway Overlee Leader*, Ms. Cristol was elected in November 2015 to a four year term on the Arlington County Board, where she works on issues of land use and zoning, budget and spending, transportation, public safety, parks and recreation, and civic engagement. She represents Arlington on the Virginia Railway Express Operations Board, the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and the Legislative Committee of the Virginia Municipal League.

The County Board has decided it is time to consider how 21st century short-term rentals, such as those popularized by Airbnb, should be regulated in Arlington. At its October 15 meeting, the County Board approved a County staff recommendation to advertise draft regulations relating to Airbnb and other short-term housing rentals. Staff has proposed regulations that would permit these rentals while imposing some restrictions.

During the meeting, Ms. Cristol discussed these and other issues. A show of hands was taken to express views on the minimum part of the year (six or nine months) during which a unit needed to be owner-occupied in order to qualify as an owner-occupied unit for which short-term rentals would be allowed, with some support for both options.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Note: The County Board on December 10 approved, by a 4 to 1 vote, a requirement that a unit be owner-occupied for at least half the year, with each set of visitors limited to 30 days or fewer. This was reported in the [Washington Post](#); more detailed information on short-term residential rentals is available on the County website: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/zoning-studies/short-term-residential-rentals/>.