

**MINUTES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY  
TENANT-LANDLORD COMMISSION**

January 21, 2010

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Conference Room 9-10  
Vice Chair Kocsis presiding

Attendees: Commissioners: Geier-Smith, Gomez, Kocsis, Kiffney,  
and Thomas

Absentees: McRae, McEneaney, Liff

Staff Attending: Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable Communications and Consumer Protection  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Affairs Branch

Guests: Susan Epstein, Supervisor  
Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Branch  
James Ciampini, Supervisor  
Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by Vice Chair Kocsis.

**Minutes**

The December 17, 2009, minutes were approved.

**Reports**

- The Vice Chair did not have a report.

**Director's Reports**

- Director Liberman informed that the sample lease was reviewed by County Attorney Cynthia Bailey. She will discuss her findings with the Commission at the meeting on February 18, 2010.

**Committee reports**

- The Channel 16 Advisory Committee did not have a report.

### **Staff reports**

- An index of bills relating to tenant-landlord matters before the 2010 General Assembly was distributed.
- Information was distributed about the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Carol Erhard, Director of the Rental Services Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development can provide staff to discuss the federal program requirements, rules and regulations, and the partnership between the housing authority, landlords and tenants. This information will be discussed at the February meeting.
- There were no questions about the statistical reports.

### **Commission Matters**

- The attendance record was circulated and approved.
- There are currently two vacancies, one tenant, and one citizen.
- The calendar for January 2010 was distributed and reviewed.

### **Old Business**

- The sample lease will be discussed at the February meeting.

### **New Business**

- Susan Epstein and James Ciampini, supervisors with the Property Maintenance Section of the Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement Branch, provided information about statewide housing and building codes and discussed how the property maintenance code is enforced. The goal of the property maintenance section is to maintain the health and safety of neighborhoods and protect all residents from unsafe living conditions. They answered questions and provided valuable information and resources.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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