

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

November 18, 2010

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Chair Liff presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, Liff, McRae
Gomez, Kocsis, McEearney, Vogl

Absentees:

Denton, Kiffney, Thomas

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

Guests:

Linda Hollis,
Department of Planning and Zoning
Walter Alcorn,
Chairman of the Tysons Corner committee of
the Fairfax Planning Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:27p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Vogl to approve the minutes from the October 21,2010, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff introduced the guests, Linda Hollis, from the Department of Planning and Zoning and Walter Alcorn, Chairman of the Tysons Corner committee of the Fairfax Planning Commission. Chair Liff also thanked them for their presentation to the Commission.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith suggested that the Commission begin considering topics for another Consumer Focus Program. Commissioner McEneamey suggested lease agreements. This topic will be fully discussed at an upcoming meeting.

Staff Report

- A link to Consumer Focus: Bed Bugs, is now available on the Community Health and Safety web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/chs/#>.
- Liaison Johnson participated in a panel discussion on living conditions in the Culmore area on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. This event was sponsored by the Culmore Partners Group. Information for the Tenant-Landlord community was distributed.
- Following a meeting at Supervisor McKay's office on Wednesday, October 27, 2010, regarding maintenance and repair issues at Lafayette Apartments, staff established dialogue between the residents, V.O.I.C.E., Eagle Management, and the Department of Code Compliance. Liaison Johnson met with residents and V.O.I.C.E on 11/17/2010. Educational information was distributed. Intervention will continue until maintenance and repair needs are resolved and communication links strengthened between residents and property management.
- A Virginia Freedom of Information Act workshop for BAC members is scheduled for Tuesday, November 30, 2010, from 7-9 p.m. in Conference Rooms 2 and 3 of the Fairfax County Government Center. Commissioners interested in attending were encouraged to email the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors no later than November 29, 2010.
- The number of net remaining foreclosed properties in the county increased in August over July but was down compared to last year. This information was compiled by the Fairfax County Department of Management and Budget based on data from the Department of Tax Administration.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. No changes or additions at this time.
- Chair Liff and Commissioners Vogl, Gomez, McEneamey, McRae and Denton appointments expire on 1/31/2011. They were encouraged to notify their Supervisor if they desire to be reappointed. A current resume may be required.

Old Business

- Discussion of the lease checklist will resume at the January 2011 meeting.

New Business

- Linda Hollis, with the Department of Planning and Zoning summarized the Comprehensive Plan amendments for a Tysons Comer urban center. This redevelopment is based on an urban design with open spaces and transit options. A new zoning district has been established and rezoning cases are currently being reviewed.
- Walter Alcorn, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner discussed projects that have been approved, proposed density levels and Transit Oriented development (TOD). The first major landscape change will be four metro stations which are expected to open by 2013. Other redevelopment changes will get underway after the Metro line is running. This livable urban center is to be completed by 2050.
- There were questions and answers regarding the impact of the planning and transformation of Tysons Comer on landowners and citizens. The challenges of maintaining a balance between commercial and sustainable affordable housing for individuals and families were discussed. Staff will keep Commissioners advised of future events scheduled for stakeholders.
- Nominations for a slate of candidates will be conducted at the December meeting for Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Secretary. All Commissioners were encouraged to consider serving as an officer of the Tenant-Landlord Commission.
- Jeffrey Blackford, Director of Code Compliance will be our guest on Thursday, January 20,2011.
- The Annual Year End Review meeting will take place in December after the regular meeting, which will start at 6:30p.m.
- Chair Liff requested that the Fire Marshall's office address the Commission about fire safety in residential rental properties. Staff will extend an invitation.
- Director Liberman will contact the Fairfax County Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment to extend an invitation for their staff to address the Commission.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner McRae to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55p.m.