

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

November 15, 2012

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

Attendees:

Commissioners, Liff, Gomez, Panettieri,
Geier-Smith, McEneamey, Kocsis, Vogl, McRae

Absentees:

Kiffney

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:

April Ludtke, Portfolio Manager
National Realty Partners

David Reidenbach, Towing Analyst
Cable and Consumer Services

John Fee, Chair

Trespass Towing Advisory Board

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff facilitated the introduction of guests, April Ludtke, National Realty Partners, David Reidenbach, Towing Analyst, and John Fee, Trespass Towing Advisory Board.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith reported that taping of the renter's insurance public service announcements was completed on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, by Channel 16.

Staff Report

- Staff did not have a report.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.
- Chair Liff encouraged Commissioners with expiring terms to seek reappointment.
- The December meeting will start at 6:30p.m.
- In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, the slate of candidates for Tenant Vice-Chair, Landlord Vice-Chair, and Secretary will be nominated at the December meeting.
- At the call of the Chair, the Commission will not meet on January 17, 2013.

Unfinished Business

- Staff will review the Consumer Focus program on November 16, 2012, and a copy will be provided to Commissioner Geier-Smith for her input so the program can be finalized. The target on-air date is December of 2012.
- The Public Service Announcement edits requested by the Commission have been incorporated.

New Business

- April Ludtke, Portfolio Manager with National Realty Partners, a community association management company, discussed the limited relationship between associations and tenants based on the fact that the owner/landlord is bound by condominium instruments and governing documents. The owner/landlord is ultimately responsible for the tenants' compliance with rules and regulations of the condominium association. There was discussion and an exchange of information regarding situations in which associations interact directly with tenants.
- Dave Reidenbach reviewed the draft changes to Chapter 10 Consumer Protection and Chapter 82 Towing.
- The Commission voted unanimously to approve the proposed code changes as presented by Mr. Reidenbach.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59p.m.

Information Items

- **Monthly Statistics of Tenant-Landlord Complaints for September 2012**

- **Housing**

Board of Supervisors proclaims Dec. 14 Jeans Day in support of people who are homeless.
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2012/dec/05/human-jean-therapy-helps-homeless/>

Growing demand for affordable housing especially for immigrants; Fairfax County mentioned.
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2012/dec/05/social-programs-adapt-fulfill-immigrant-needs/>

- **Tysons**

On Nov. 20, 2012, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Approved Arbor Row Development in Tysons. Cityline Partners plan to build almost 2.6 million square feet of new mixed use development in Tysons.

Board of Supervisors discusses option for ramp connecting extended Boone Boulevard to Dulles Toll Road.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/the-state-of-nova/post/fairfax-board-takes-big-step-in-removing-planned-road-through-tysons-corners-last-green-space/2012/11/27/1d3c51b0-3815-11e2-b01f-5f55b193f58f_blog.html

http://www.sungazette.net/mclean-greatfalls-vienna-oakton/news/supervisors-proposed-boone-boulevard-ramp-not-a-good-option/article_57ddf158-37ec-11e2-8986-001a4bcf887a.html

Board of Supervisors defers decision on creating special Tysons district tax.

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/dc-politics/fairfax-supervisors-delay-decision-on-raising-real-estate-taxes-on-tysons-corner/2012/12/04/83520690-3e80-11e2-bca3-aadc9b7e29c5_story.html

<http://www.wusa9.com/news/virginia/article/232226/188/Fairfax-County-Board-Of-Supervisors-Defers-Decision-On-Tysons-Tax>

- **Bed Bugs**

[CDC Issues Health Advisory About Misuse of Pesticides for Bed Bug Control](#)

- **Foreclosures**

Housing foreclosure information is available at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/economic/indicat/2012/08.pdf>