

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

October 15, 2009

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 4-5
Commissioner Gomez presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners McRae, Geier-Smith, Kiffuey,
Gomez and Thomas

Absentees:

Liff, Kocsis

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Commissioner Gomez.

Minutes

The September 17, minutes were approved.

Reports

- Commissioner Gomez thanked the Commissioners for their attendance.

Committee reports

- The studio taping of the Consumer Focus program is completed. Commissioner Geier-Smith viewed the program on behalf of the Commission on Friday, October 9, 2009. Options for distributing the program were discussed. Liaison Johnson will request DVDs and inform the Commission once the program schedule is confirmed. Once on the air, the program can be seen via the Internet with Live Video Streaming or anytime with Video on Demand. The Commission will send a memo to the Board of Supervisors announcing the program.

Staff Reports

- Liaison Johnson has maintained contact with Toya Taylor, Program Manager of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness regarding the Commission's interest in participating in the Interagency Work Group. Ms. Taylor will inform when plans for the work group are finalized.
- Consumer Affairs has established an educational partnership with the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness and their colleagues to provide information and education to individuals seeking to reenter the rental market or who may have credit issues or other barriers to renting. This partnership seeks to provide the knowledge and skills prospective renters need in order to make a successful transition from homelessness to staying safely housed.
- Chief Jones informed that changes are being made to the statistical reports to make them easier to read and understand.

Commission Matters

- The attendance record was circulated and approved.
- There are currently three vacancies, one landlord, one tenant, and one citizen.
- Commissioner Geier-Smith has requested reappointment. Commissioner Kiffney confirmed that he will seek reappointment.
- The calendar was reviewed. No updates at this time.

Old Business

- The sample lease was reviewed and changes made. Staff will incorporate the information discussed and forward a copy to the Commissioners. The review of the sample lease will continue at the November meeting.
- No updates for the GIS map.

New Business

- A letter for Mr. Aho, thanking him for his years of service with the Commission was reviewed by the Commission and updates offered. Staff will update the letter and forward it to Chair Liff for her signature and mailing to Mr. Aho.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.