

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

October 17, 2013

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Panettieri, Gomez,  
Geier-Smith, Kocsis, Congleton

Absentees:

McRae, McEneaney

Staff Attending:

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

Guests:

Marianne R. Gardner, Director  
Planning Division  
Leonard Wolfenstein, Director  
Department of Transportation  
Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz, Affordable Dwelling  
Unit Project Administrator  
Housing & Community Development

The meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m. by Chair Gomez.

**Minutes**

- iii A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from September 19, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- iii Chair Gomez introduced the guests from the Fairfax County Planning Division, Department of Transportation, and Department of Housing and Community Development to the Commission.

### **Director's Report**

- ||| Director Liberman informed that the County Attorney reviewed the Bylaws approved by the Commission and made some minor changes. After the review is complete, he will bring the document before the Commission for review and approval.

### **Committee Report**

- ||| Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report.

### **Staff Report**

- ||| Commissioners were reminded of the upcoming seminar offered by the Virginia Fair Housing Office about hoarding and fair housing laws on October 23, 2013.
- ||| Team Leader, Michelle Thompson, from the Consumer Affairs Branch will conduct four outreach events this month. An overview of the services offered to the tenant-landlord community by Consumer Affairs and the Tenant-Landlord Commission will be provided.
- ||| The Hoarding Task Force is tentatively scheduled to meet on January 16, 2014, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway. A formal invitation will be extended to the Commission.
- ||| Commissioner Congleton will provide information about hoarding trends in Fairfax County at the November meeting.
- ||| Margaret Squires, Fair Housing Coordinator with the Human Rights Commission, will discuss emotional support animals and fair housing laws at the January 16, 2014, meeting.
- ||| A summary of two closed cases mediated by staff was presented. One case involved a noise complaint and the other a security deposit dispute in which the landlord failed to provide documentation to verify the actual costs deducted from the security deposit.

### **Commission Matters**

- ||| The calendar was reviewed. No changes or additions at this time.
- ||| The December year end meeting will start at 6:30p.m.

### **Unfinished Business**

- ||| None

## **New Business**

- Guests from the Planning Division, Department of Transportation, and Housing and Community Development provided information and answered questions about the Metrorail Silver Line, housing in Tysons and the Columbia Pike streetcar line.
- Marianne R. Gardner, Director of the Planning Division discussed the report recently presented to the Board of Supervisors that summarizes the implementation of the comprehensive plan for Tysons.
- Charlene Fuhrman-Schulz, Affordable Dwelling Unit Project Administrator from Housing and Community Development, discussed affordable and workforce housing in Tysons that will provide housing choices so a variety of income levels can live in Tysons.
- Leonard Wolfenstein; from the Department of Transportation, provided an overview of the Silver Line and revitalization plan for Bailey's Crossroads, which includes the Columbia Pike streetcar line.

## **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.