

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

November 17, 2011

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Liff, Kocsis,  
McEneaney, Vogl, Gomez, Geier-Smith

Absentees:

Kiffney, Denton, McRae

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2011, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff informed the Commission of the resignation of Commissioner Denton. He recently became a homeowner and resides in Fairfax City. A letter from the Commission will be prepared thanking him for his service.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman had no matters to bring before the Commission.

**Committee Report**

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report. The program regarding bed bugs continues to provide needed information to the tenant-landlord community.
- The previously suggested program for landlords was discussed along with information for new tenants. No additional suggestions or ideas were presented.

### **Staff Report**

- Liaison Johnson will meet with tenants at Bailey's Crossroads elementary school on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, from 10 a.m.-12noon. There are questions about maintenance and repair issues at several apartment communities in the Culmore area.
- A summary of tenant notice and disclosure requirements in Virginia was presented. These laws and disclosures are designed to protect and inform tenants about potential dangers or conditions that may compromise the safety of the dwelling, wellness of tenants, or impact the performance of the lease agreement. These disclosures were discussed as a follow up to the bedbug disclosure form New York City landlords are required to provide to new tenants. After an exchange of information, the Commission decided to have no further discussion regarding this issue.

### **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions to the calendar.
- The December meeting will start at 6:30p.m. The annual year end review will follow the meeting.

### **New Business**

- Director Liberman provided an introduction to *Juggling in a Struggling Economy: The FY 2012 Budget Process*. After the viewing, Director Liberman provided more details regarding the FY 2012, budget process. Questions were answered and information exchanged.
- No guest suggestions for upcoming meetings were offered.

### **Old Business**

- The Tenant Energy Saver tip sheet was reviewed by the Commission. Commissioner Kocsis proposed additional edits. The Commission agreed. Staff will update the document.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogl and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45p.m.