

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

April 18, 2013

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Vice-Chair Panettieri presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Kocsis, Gomez,
Geier-Smith, Panettieri

Absentees:

Liff, McEneaney, 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 7:35 p.m. by Vice-Chair Panettieri

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith to approve the minutes from December 20, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from February 21, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Vice-Chair Panettieri shared information from the Fair Housing Task Force meeting regarding corporate leasing by housing nonprofits in Fairfax County. Several nonprofits expressed concern about some developers no longer offering corporate leases for their clients, who are often disabled or transitioning out of chronic homelessness. There was a discussion regarding the challenges and benefits of this type of lease especially as the rental market becomes more competitive.

Director's Report

Director Liberman informed the Commission that the Board Budget Mark-up is scheduled for April 23, 2013. The formal adoption of the FY 2014 budget is April 30, 2013.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report.

Staff Report

- The EPA added a business size bed bug tip card to their outreach material. The tip cards, which provide general information as well as tips for travelers, were distributed to Commissioners.
- Staff provided a summary of two cases mediated by staff. One case involved a dispute about a smoke free lease addendum. The second case involved a tenant who advertised a room for rent in the dwelling they rented from the landlord. Mediation and case details were provided.

Commission Matters

- No Commission concerns were presented.
- The calendar was reviewed and updates made.

Unfinished Business

- Discussion and review of the Bylaws were deferred to the May meeting.
- Memo to Board of Supervisors was deferred to the May meeting.
- Letters to Commissioners were deferred to the May meeting.

New Business

- The annual election regarding the following slate of candidates was presented:
 - Tenant Vice-Chair Commissioner Panettieri
 - Landlord Vice-Chair Commissioner Kocsis
 - Secretary Commissioner Geier-Smith
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to accept the slate of candidates as presented. The slate was unanimously elected by the Commission. The term of each office began immediately and will continue until the next annual election.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.