

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

August 20, 2015

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Commissioner Geier-Smith presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Fielding, Geier-Smith
Gomez, Park

Absentees:

Kocsis, Panettieri, Congleton

Staff Attending:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31p.m. by Commissioner Geier-Smith

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Fielding to approve the minutes from June 18, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Commissioner Geier-Smith introduced Eric Fielding. He was appointed by the Board of Supervisors in June as a public member. Mr. Fielding brings over 25 years of professional experience in strategic planning, team management, project management, auditing, and investigation to the Commission.

Director's Report

- There is a projected budget deficient for FY17. County priorities are currently being discussed based on the County's Lines of Business (LOBs). This review will help determine the effectiveness, and efficiency of county programs.
- The Bylaws will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on September 22, 2015.

Staff Report

- Staff summarized a case regarding a landlord who after refunding a tenant's security deposit, sent the tenant's account to a collection agency seeking payment for alleged damages by the tenant during the tenancy. According to the landlord, refunding the security deposit did not void the damages the landlord claimed the tenant owed. This case was discussed by the Commission.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. Commissioner Park is not available for the October meeting. No other updates at this time.
- The next scheduled meeting is October 15, 2015.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- A summary of key tenant-landlord laws were presented to the Commission. An electronic copy will be sent to the Commissioners.
- Anne Cahill, Manager of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Research for the county will share information with the Commission on October 15, 2015, regarding the 2014 Fairfax County Rental Housing Complex Analysis. She will provide details regarding the methodologies used to prepare this annual report.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Fielding to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.