

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

February 18, 2016

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

Attendees: Commissioners Fielding, Geier-Smith
Kocsis, Panettieri, Congleton, Gomez, Park

Absentees: None

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

Guests: Andrea Khoury, Consumer Specialist
Consumer Affairs Branch
Rebecca Makely, Chief
Accounting and Finance

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Congleton.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from December 17, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Congleton welcomed Commissioners back for 2016.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman provided an update regarding the ongoing discussions and presentations relating to the 2016 Lines of Business (LOBs). Consumer Affairs' presentation is scheduled for March 8th.
- Mail Services staff worked on the President's day holiday in order to get the 2016 real estate assessment notices to County taxpayers mailed.
- Rebecca Makely, Chief of Accounting and Finance provided a summary of the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Plan and Multi-Year FY 2017-FY 2018 Budget proposed by County Executive Edward L. Long Jr. to the Board of Supervisors. The proposed budget, which was presented on February 16th, includes an increase in the FY 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate, adjustments and increases in county employees' pay, and increases for schools. Public hearings and meetings will be held for public input. The Board will make revisions to the proposed budget and adopt the FY 2017 Budget in April.

Staff Report

- Commissioners Fielding, Geier-Smith & Kocsis were congratulated on their reappointments to a three year term to the Commission by the Board of Supervisors.
- Workshops about Tenant Rights and Responsibilities continue to be offered at the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter. Information and brochures prepared by the Commission are distributed.
- Branch Chief Susan Jones invited Commissioners to participate in activities and workshops during National Consumer Protection Week, March 7 – 11. A schedule of events is available on the [Consumer Affairs](#)' website.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no updates.
- No concerns or interests were presented by the Commissioners.

Unfinished Business

- Flyers for the 2016 Northern Virginia Housing Expo on Saturday, March 19th at Freedom High School in Woodbridge, Virginia were distributed. Commissioner Fielding will join Consumer Affairs and the Department of Housing at the expo.

New Business

- Election of candidates.
- Pursuant to Article IV of the Bylaws, an election of the following slate of candidates was conducted:
Commissioner Kocsis - Landlord Vice-Chair
Commissioner Panettieri – Tenant Vice-Chair
Commissioner Geier-Smith – Secretary

Chairman Congleton presented the slate of candidates for vote by the Commission. The slate was unanimously elected by the Commission. The term of each office will continue until the next annual election.

- Consumer Specialist Andrea Khoury provided an overview of the consumer education program offered to Fairfax County high school students. Her interactive presentation included the exchange of information regarding consumer transactions and consumer protection laws

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Fielding to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.