

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

January 19, 2012

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

Attendees:

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

Absentees:

Kiffney, 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 7:33p.m. by Vice-Chair Kocsis.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2011, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Vice-Chair Kocsis did not have any comments.

Director's Report

- Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin will retire in April. A search is underway which includes a survey for public comment.
- The County Executive will present his proposed budget to the Board of Supervisors in February. Budget Public Hearings are scheduled for April, with budget adoption on May 1.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report. The program regarding bed bugs will continue.

Staff Report

- The *Energy Saving Tips for Renters* document is on the Tenant-Landlord page of the Consumer Affairs Web site.
- Liaison Johnson met with tenants at Bailey's Crossroads elementary school on Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Based on the identification of repairs and maintenance issues, complaints were filed with Consumer Affairs and the Department of Code Compliance. Coordinated efforts are under way to address these issues.
- Investigator Thompson will meet with the RPJ Housing Corporation on Friday, January 27, 2012, to share landlord information. RPJ is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that provides affordable housing for individuals and families in Northern Virginia.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions to the calendar.
- Commissioner Panettieri notified Supervisor Smyth of her desire to be reappointed. Her appointment expires on 1/31/2012.

New Business

- Director Liberman suggested a presentation regarding Massage Therapists and establishments. Arrangements will be made for a presentation by the Regulation and Licensing Branch of DCCC for the February meeting.
- No other guests were suggested.
- Comments were shared about the Fairfax County lobbying policy. The Virginia General Assembly session started on January 11, 2012.

Old Business

- Information submitted by Mr. Fernandes was reviewed and discussed along with comments from Chair Liff and a matrix regarding Virginia codes and resources. It was the consensus of the Commission that existing laws address the suggestions proposed by Mr. Fernandes for legislation. Staff will respond to Chairman Bulova's office on behalf of the Commission.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Vogl to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.