

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

June 21, 2012

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

Attendees:

Commissioners: Liff, Gomez, Geier-Smith, Panettieri,
Vogl

Absentees:

McRae, McEneaney, Kocsis, Kiffney

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable Communications and Consumer Protection
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff offered general comments about the housing market.

Director's Reports

- Director Liberman reported that the Trespass Towing Advisory Committee and staff are reviewing the county's trespass towing ordinance based on a Code of Virginia amendment that will go into effect on July 1, 2012. The amended Virginia code allows the towing of vehicles within 10 miles of the origin of the actual towing. Under current Fairfax County code, an operator must tow vehicles to a storage site located in Fairfax County. The Commission will be given the opportunity to review and comment on this revision.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith of the Channel 16 Committee confirmed the need for continued bed bug programming.

Staff Report

- The community workshop to explore the future of Seven Corners was well attended by 130 residents and business owners on Monday, May 21, 2012. There was a follow up meeting on Monday, June 18th to gather more ideas and suggestions. Based on this information, a planning task force will work with county staff on recommendations for potential changes to the county's Comprehensive Plan for this area. This process is expected to take from 18 to 24 months.
- Staff conducted an outreach event for Fairfax county employees on *Renting in Fairfax* on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. The next outreach event is Friday, July 13th at Coffeewood Correction Center.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Geier-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to have a meeting recess in August. The motion carried unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 20, 2012.
- There was a discussion regarding meeting requirements for the Commission. Article VII of the ByLaws was reviewed.
- Commissioner Vogl suggested that restrictions and requirements for homeowners seeking to rent space in a single family or owner occupied dwelling be reviewed as an option to create more affordable housing. Staff will review and provide the Commission with codes and laws that related to affordable housing options in the county.

New Business

- Investigator Tom Polhemus with the Financial Crimes Section of the Fairfax County Police will share information about rental scams and other fraudulent activities that impact Fairfax communities at the July meeting.
- Staff will coordinate and confirm a date with the National Realty Partners, a community association management company, to share information with the Commission about renters in condominiums. Commissioners offered suggestions regarding topics they would like information regarding.

- Staff will meet with Channel 16 on Friday, July 29, 2012, to discuss the production of a PSA regarding renter's insurance and updated Consumer Focus program regarding maintenance and repairs. Commissioners were encouraged to provide input to assist in the production of these programs.

Old Business

- There was no old business.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commission Vogl to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

