

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

March 15, 2007

Fairfax County Government Center,
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room #9
Vice-Chairperson, C. Kocsis, presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners: Aho, Geier-Smith, Gomez,
McRae, Walde

Absentees:

Chelena, Liff, Rosier

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Acting Director Cable
Communications and Consumer Protection
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs
C. Wagner, Staff Liaison,
V Johnson, Consumer Specialist II

Guests:

Chris and Kevin Prescott from the Mount
Vernon District. Chris selected the TLC
meeting to attend as a requirement for
obtaining his Citizenship & Community merit
badge for Eagle Scout.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Vice-Chairperson Kocsis.

Minutes

The January 18, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

Reports

- **Chairperson's report** – Chairperson Liff provided a card for commissioners to sign for retiring Department Director, Gail Condrick.
- Vice-Chairperson Kocsis had no reports or matters for the commission.
- **Committee reports** - There were no Committee reports.

- **Staff reports** – Liaison Wagner announced that V Johnson will assume the staff liaison responsibilities moving forward.
- Liaison Wagner provided copies of the updated Tenant Landlord website, which display the names of the current members as requested at the January 18, 2007 meeting.
- Chief Jones distributed an enhanced monthly statistical report which provided a description of tenant-landlord complaints for the month of February. Commissioners expressed satisfaction with the expanded information, but requested clarification regarding the numbers. Chief Jones will research. This report will accompany the traditional monthly report. No further revisions were requested at this time by the commissioners.
- Liaison Wagner informed commissioners that four CA staff attended the seminar “*A Nuts and Bolts Overview and Updates of the VRLTA*”, presented by Robert J. Duffett, a local attorney, on March 6, 2007. This program was sponsored by the Northern Virginia Apartment Association.

Commission Matters

- Commissioners expressed appreciation to Liaison Wagner for his 13 year tenure and expertise as staff liaison.

Old Business

1. Tenant-Landlord program for Cable Channel 16

Acting Director Liberman reviewed options for tenant-landlord programming on Fairfax County Cable Channel 16. All programs must be developed within the County’s communication strategy. The following video related tools are available:

1. 15 minute documentary involving field shoots
2. 30 second PSA for quick hit message
3. Town Hall Meeting
4. Videoconferencing for county agencies
5. Studio based one hour talk show
6. Consumer Focus 30 minute program on consumer/tenant/landlord topics

Commissioners expressed an interest in a televised program. Liaison Wagner will send flyers to all commissioners about the upcoming YCYC program on Channel 16 on 3/22/07.

Commissioner Aho inquired about the demographics of the Channel 16 viewing audience. Acting Director Liberman stated that demographic information is not collected. However, Channel 16 is available in about 265,000 homes in the county.

2. Public Forum by TLC – Commissioner Aho renewed his interest in proceeding with the public forum proposed over 16 months ago. Commissioners discussed this possibility and will continue discussion at the April meeting. During this discussion, Commissioner Aho requested information regarding where tenants live in Fairfax County and Commissioner Walde inquired if there is a budget for the TLC. Staff will research and report at the April meeting.

New Business

TLC Officer Elections - In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, election of the following TLC commissioners nominated on January 18, 2007, was conducted:

Chairman – S. Liff
(two-year term)

Tenant Vice-Chairman – M. Aho
(one-year term)

Secretary – K. Geier-Smith
(one-year term)

Landlord Vice-Chairman – C. Kocsis
(one-year term)

Commissioner Gomez made a motion to accept the slate of nominees as presented. The motion was seconded. The slate was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners present.

New Business

The remaining agenda topics were deferred until the April meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.