

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

March 18, 2010

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Conference Room 9-10  
Chair Liff presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, McEnearney,  
Liff, Kocsis, and Thomas

Absentees:

Kiffuey, McRae

Staff Attending:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:33p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2010, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff inquired about subleases and the impact of rental units in condominium complexes. Commissioners shared knowledge of this subject. Subleases are generally controlled by provisions in lease agreements, but are difficult to enforce because many times they exist under the landlord's radar.

## **Director's Reports**

- Director Liberman summarized County Executive Tony Griffin's Advertised Budget on Tuesday, February 23, 2010. Following are major proposals:
  - Eliminate 284 positions
  - Increase real estate tax rate to \$1.09.
  - Reinstate vehicle registration license fee to annual fee of \$33
  - Freeze on employee salaries for second year
  - Consolidation of the Department of Community and Recreation Services and the Department of Management for Human Services into a new Department of Neighborhood and Community Services.
  - Elimination of the Division Director position for the Print, Mail, and Administrative Services Division.
  - Elimination of one Customer Service Specialist position, one Print Shop Operator II position, and one Print Shop Operator I position in the Print Shop.
  - Elimination of one Administrative Assistant II position in Mail Services.
  - Elimination of one Consumer Specialist I position in Consumer Affairs Branch.
  - Transferring the Print Shop and one Administrative Assistant III position to the Department of Information Technology.
  - Rename the department to the Department of Cable and Consumer Services (DCCS)

The Board of Supervisors will conduct public hearings in early April. The formal adoption of the budget is April 27, 2010.

## **Committee reports**

- The Bed Bug Consumer Focus program has been preempted during the month of March for a program regarding credit during National Consumer Protection Week. This program will return in April.
- The Channel 16 Advisory Committee did not have a report.

## **Staff Reports**

- The outreach event at the Willston Multicultural Center, scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, was rescheduled for Wednesday, April 7, 2010, starting at 5:30p.m. Commissioners were invited to attend and participate in this event.
- The 2010 joint meeting of the Arlington, Fairfax, and City of Alexandria Tenant-Landlord Commissions will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010, in the Alexandria City Hall, room 2000. City Hall is located at 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA. The meeting starts at 7:00p.m. Commissioners will inform of their availability at the April meeting and advise of issues they would like to discuss so an agenda can be prepared.
- The Commissioners unanimously agreed to replace the scheduled May 20, 2010, meeting in favor of the joint meeting on May 5, 2010.
- There were no questions about the statistical reports.

### **Commission Matters**

- There are currently two vacancies, one tenant, and one citizen.
- The calendar was reviewed.

### **Old Business**

- Commissioner Kiffney is working on a short-form Lease. An update will be provided at the April meeting.

### **New Business**

- Carol C. Erhard, Director of the Rental Services Division of the Department of Housing and Community Development will be our guest at the April meeting. She will provide information about the Housing Choice Voucher program.
- The TLC letter in support of the 2010 Census was sent to Kenneth P. Disselkoen, Director, Department of Systems Management for Human Services for distribution to the members of the Complete Count Committee, and a copy was provided to each member of the Board of Supervisors.

### **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Thomas and second by Commissioner Gomez to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.