

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

May 20, 2013

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Kocsis, Gomez,  
McEneaney

Absentees:

Panettieri, McRae, Geier-Smith

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

Guest:

Craig Richey  
Richey Property Management

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Vice-Chair Kocsis

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner McEneaney to approve the minutes from April 18, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner McEneaney to approve the minutes from March 21, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Vice-Chair Kocsis lead the Commission in a moment of silent reflection for former Chair Sally Liff.
- Vice-Chair Kocsis introduced Craig Richey from Richey Property Management.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman attended the memorial service for Chair Liff. He offered condolences to her friends and family on behalf of the Commission.
- The FY 2014 budget was approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 30, 2013.

### **Committee Report**

- There was no committee report.

### **Staff Report**

- Staff provided a summary of two closed cases mediated by staff. One case involved a dispute that was resolved through court ordered mediation after the tenant filed a Tenant Assertion in the Fairfax County General District Court. The second case involved a tenant who disputed charges by the landlord for bed bug treatment. A copy of a Tenant Assertion form was provided and there was discussion regarding the challenges posed by bed bugs in the tenant-landlord community.

### **Commission Matters**

- No Commission concerns were presented.
- The calendar was reviewed and updates made.

### **Unfinished Business**

- The Bylaws were reviewed and edits made which will be reviewed by the county attorney. No formal action will be taken regarding the Bylaws until a Chair is elected.
- A memo informing the Board of Supervisors of the Consumer Focus program and PSAs currently airing on Channel 16 will be forwarded by staff on behalf of the Commission.
- Letters to former Commissioners Kiffney and Vogl will be sent to each thanking them for their service to the Commission.

### **New Business**

- The election of the Chair was deferred due to the absence of a majority of members present. The election will be held at the next meeting in which there is a majority attendance. The Vice-Chairs will continue to chair until an election is conducted. The Chair shall be elected from the public members of the Commission and the elected officer will complete the unexpired term of the officer succeeded.

### **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.