

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

October 20, 2011

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Liff, Kocsis,  
McEneaney, Panettieri, Gomez

Absentees:

Kiffney, Vogl, Denton, Geier-Smith, 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 7:36 p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

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

**Reports**

- Chair Liff did not have any comments.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman reported that all budget submissions have been completed. No significant budget cuts are expected at this time. However, a budget deficit is projected for FY 2013.

**Committee Report**

- There was no report. However, Chair Liff would like to develop another program for Channel 16. Commissioner Panettieri suggested an information program for landlords with an emphasis on first time landlords. Ideas were discussed among the Commissioners. Program suggestions and ideas will be explored further at the November meeting.

## **Staff Report**

- Liaison Johnson will present tenant-landlord information as part of a panel presentation for the Culmore Community Partners on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, from 1:15 p.m.-3:15p.m. at the Woodrow Wilson Library in Falls Church, Virginia. Culmore partners is a network of nonprofits, faith-based groups, residents, government agencies and businesses.
- Liaison Johnson presented a copy of the bedbug disclosure form New York City landlords are required to provide to new tenants. This requirement, which became effective under the New York City Housing Maintenance Code (Section 27-2018.1) on August 30, 2010, informs tenants of any infestation history for the previous year. Commissioners discussed the need for such a disclosure for the tenant-landlord community in Fairfax County. It was requested that staff research current disclosure laws for tenants in Virginia for continued discussion at the November meeting.

## **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions to the calendar.
- Commissioner McEneaney requested a summary regarding the county's budget. Director Liberman will arrange for the viewing of *Juggling in a Struggling Economy: The FY 2012 Budget Process*.

## **New Business**

- Chair Liff asked Commissioners for suggestions for future meeting guests. No suggestions were offered at this time.

## **Old Business**

- The Tenant Energy Saver tip sheet was reviewed by the Commission. Updates and edits will be made by staff and forwarded to Director Liberman, Chair Liff, and Commissioners Kocsis for review.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.