

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

October 16, 2014

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Geier-Smith, Kocsis, Congleton
Panettieri, Gomez, Park

Absentees:

Schwarz

Staff Attending:

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Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Vee Johnson, Consumer Specialist
Consumer Affairs Branch

Guest:

Michelle L. Thompson, Consumer Specialist
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chair Congleton.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Panettieri to approve the minutes from September 18, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Congleton did not have a report.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman discussed the FY 2016 budget process. He will keep the Commission updated.

Staff Report

- A summary was provided of two cases. One case involved a tenant's request for a review of a lease termination based on the federal housing income tax credit program. The other case involved a tenant's request for compensation and lease termination following vandalism of the tenant's car while parked in the landlord's gated garage. A mutual agreement was reached through mediation on both cases.

Commission Matters

- There were no Commissioner's interests or concerns.
- The Tenant-Landlord Commission calendar was discussed. Commissioners will review and finalize meeting dates for 2015 at the December meeting.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Michelle Thompson, Consumer Specialist with the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services, provided an overview of bills that went into effective on July 1, 2014, regarding condominium and home owner associations and fair housing laws. Questions were answered and information shared regarding Commissioner's concerns.
- Based on the template provided by Chair Congleton, staff shared a draft outline for the 2014 annual report. Suggestions were offered by Commissioners. This information will be incorporated and a draft presented at the December meeting.
- Pursuant to Article IV of the ByLaws, a slate of candidates for Vice-Chairs and Secretary will be nominated from the floor at the December meeting.
- The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. on December 18, 2014.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.