

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

September 20, 2012

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

Attendees:

Commissioners, Liff, Gomez  
Geier-Smith, McRae, McEneaney, Kocsis

Absentees:

Vogl, Panettieri, Kiffney

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

Guests:

Phoung Le, Public Utilities Analyst  
Public Utilities Branch  
Department of Cable and Consumer Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff offered general comments about the rental market.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

**Committee Report**

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report

## **Staff Report**

- The Tenant-Landlord outreach at Coffeewood Correction Center was well received. Information was shared with individuals who will be returning to Fairfax and neighboring jurisdictions after incarceration.
- The Fair Housing Task Force met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Liaison Johnson and Commissioner Panettieri attended. Staff from the Human Rights Commission and Equal Rights Commission have been invited to attend the January 17, 2013, Commission meeting to provide an overview of fair housing testing in the county.

## **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.

## **Unfinished Business**

- The studio taping for the *Consumer Focus* program regarding repair and maintenance issues in rental dwellings is set for Friday, September 28th at 1:00 p.m.
- The renter's insurance public service announcement (PSA) offered by Channel 16 was distributed to the Commission. A furnished apartment is needed to tape the PSAs. Commissioner Geier-Smith offered a furnished apartment for the taping. Staff will coordinate a date and time with Channel 16.

## **New Business**

- Ms. Phoung Le of the Public Utilities Branch of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services shared information about ratio utility billing and energy efficiency strategies in residential rental dwellings. The Virginia code and State Corporation Commission regulations were reviewed along with a discussion regarding billing, calculations, and benefits of submetering.
- April Ludtke, Portfolio Manager with National Realty Partners, a community association management company, will share information with the Commission about renters in condominiums on November 15, 2012.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner McRae to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.