

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

June 19, 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  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison  
Consumer Affairs Branch

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

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioners Kocsis and Panettieri to approve the minutes from April 17, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Congleton continues to monitor the actions of the Residential Studio Committee regarding a proposed amendment for residential studio apartments. He will update the Commission as details become available.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman provided information about the proposed meals tax being considered by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. A report provided by the county's task force regarding the pros and cons of adopting a meals tax is being considered. If approved by voters, the Board of Supervisors would be able to impose a tax of up to 4 percent on qualifying food. There was discussion by the Commission.

### **Staff Report**

- A summary of a case involving a tenant's responsibility to pay for bed bug treatment based on a bed bug addendum was presented. There was discussion regarding the balance needed between tenants and landlords in treatment efforts.

### **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. Meeting dates were discussed.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez to conduct meetings in September, October and December. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kocsis. The motion carried unanimously

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- The presentation regarding Supportive Services for Veteran Families was cancelled due to a family emergency by the presenter. It will be rescheduled for an upcoming meeting.
- Director Liberman and Branch Chief Jones provided an overview of the information and resources available on the County and DCCS websites.
- The County is developing the legislative program for the 2015 Virginia General Assembly. The Tenant-Landlord Commission may submit a legislative proposal up to August 4, 2014. No initiative was proposed at this time.

### **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 8:42 p.m.