

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

December 18, 2008

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

Attendees:

Commissioners: Kocsis, Gomez, Geier-Smith,
Liff

Absentees:

McRae, Kiffuey, Aho

Staff Attending:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable Communications and Consumer
Protection
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs
Vee Johnson, Staff Liaison
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 6:54p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

The November 20, 2008, minutes were approved.

Reports

- Chair Liff thanked the Commissioners for arranging their schedules in order to attend the meeting at an earlier start time.
- **Committee reports**

There were no committee reports.

Staff Reports

- Director Liberman presented the agency's Lines of Business to the Board of Supervisors on December 1, 2008. He discussed proposed budget reductions and the fact that revenue projections continue to decrease for FY 2010.
- The next foreclosure information meeting, which provides information for tenants, is January 8, 2009. Liaison Johnson provided flyers for Commissioners to distribute within their network.
- Liaison Johnson provided copies of the news release issued by Fannie Mae on 12/15/08, regarding a plan to help renters stay in their homes even if their landlord enters foreclosure. The policy will give tenants the option to sign a new lease with Fannie while the property is up for sale, or cash for keys to help tenants move to other housing.
- Liaison Johnson attended the "Ethics and Conflicts of Interest" Workshop for members of BAC's on December 15, 2008. A financial disclosure statement is not required for TLC Commissioners. A copy of the Fairfax County Code of Ethics, which was discussed at the workshop, was circulated to the Commissioners.
- There were no questions or comments regarding the statistical reports.

Commission Matters

- The attendance record was circulated and approved.
- There are currently three vacancies, one landlord, one citizen, and one tenant.

Old Business

1. Tenant-Landlord brochure

- Staff will forward the final edits requested by Commissioners Kocsis for his review. The final version will be available soon.

New Business

- Nomination of slate of candidates.

In accordance with Article IV of the Bylaws, Commissioner Kocsis made a motion that the current office holders be advanced as the slate of candidates. The motion was second by Commissioner Gomez and passed unanimously by the Commission. Following is the slate of candidates:

Chair:	Sally Liff
Tenant Vice-Chair:	MichaelAho
Landlord Vice-Chair:	Chris Kocsis
Secretary:	Karen Geier-Smith

The election for Chair, Vice-Chairs, and Secretary will be conducted at the meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2009.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:07p.m.