

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

July 15, 2010

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

Attendees:

Commissioners Denton, Geier-Smith, Gomez, Liff,  
McEneamey, Kiffney, Kocsis and Vogl

Absentees:.

McRae, Thomas

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 7:35p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Denton to approve the minutes from the June 17, 2010, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff encouraged Commissioners to notify staff of meeting attendance promptly so she can be updated and meeting plans finalized.
- Chair Liff commented on the adopted plan for future land use of the Tysons area by the Board of Supervisors which is to be transformed into a 24-hour urban center. The plan is expected to create homes to up to 100,000 residents and 200,000 jobs by 2050.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman shared information about the County's budget development plans for the upcoming 2012 fiscal year.

**Committee Report**

- The Channel 16 Committee did not have a report.

## **Staff Report**

Liaison Johnson provided information about the Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act at a Foreclosure Prevention Training class on July 13, 2010. Housing counselors throughout the state attended the class. Attendees were encouraged to refer inquiring tenants to the information available on the Consumer Affairs' web site for tenants facing foreclosure.

- Staff presented an invitation from County Executive Anthony Griffin for interested Commissioners to participate in the development of a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at the McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, 4890 Alliance Drive in Fairfax, Va. A flyer and details about this initiative were distributed.
- The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, September 16, 2010.
- Commissioner Kiffney inquired about the break down of complaints received regarding landlords covered by the VRLTA versus non-VRLTA landlords. Staff explained the coding. The largest percentages of complaints involve non-VRLTA landlords.

## **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. Chair Liff will not be available for the October 21, 2010 meeting.
- The Commission is interested in presentations at upcoming meetings on the following topics:
  - Foreclosure impact and laws impacting tenants and landlords.
  - Impact of the transformation of Tysons Corner on the tenant population.
  - ADA requirements for the tenant-landlord community.
  - Tenant-landlord topics such as evictions, maintenance, procedures for repairs, etc.
  - Staff will coordinate presentations and information sharing for upcoming meetings.

## **Old Business**

- There was no old business.

## **New Business**

- A draft lease checklist was forwarded to Assistant County Attorney Cynthia Bailey for review and comments. The document was prepared by staff and Commissioners Kocsis and Kiffney. After approval by Attorney Bailey, it will be presented to the Commission for review and discussion so it can be added to educational outreach material.
- Staff provided a summary of key tenant-landlord amendments and laws passed by the Virginia General Assembly that were effective July 1, 2010. The summary was reviewed and discussed. A copy of the summary will be provided to Commissioners.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Geier-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kiffney to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.