

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

June 20, 2013

Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Conference Room 9
Vice-Chair Panettieri presiding

Attendees:

Commissioners Panettieri, Gomez,
Geier-Smith

Absentees:

Kocsis, McRae, McEneaney

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 7:36p.m. by Vice-Chair Panettieri

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Geier-Smith to approve the minutes from May 16, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Vice-Chair Panettieri did not have a report.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman reported that on June 18, 2013, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase in the number of certificates available for taxicabs. The Consumer Protection Commission will determine the allocation of the certificates with final approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report.

Staff Report

- ||| Staff will conduct an outreach event on June 27, 2013, at Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter.
- ||| A summary of two closed cases mediated by staff was provided. One case involved a tenant who alleged that the landlord was going to give a unit that the tenant had been approved for to another tenant. The second involved a security deposit dispute. CA staff successfully mediated both complaints.

Commission Matters

- ||| Commissioner Geier-Smith initiated a discussion about issuing fines to tenants for lease violations relating to improper disposal of trash. There was discussion regarding provisions in the Virginia Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, as well as practices of HOA and other organizations. Commissioner Geier-Smith will continue to share information with the Commission regarding this issue.
- ||| The calendar was reviewed. No updates or changes at this time.

Unfinished Business

- ||| The Bylaws were reviewed. No edits or comments were suggested. Formal action will be taken regarding the Bylaws when a Chair is elected.

New Business

- ||| The election of the Chair was deferred due to the absence of a majority of members present. The election will be held at the next meeting in which there is a majority attendance. The Vice-Chairs will continue to chair until the election is conducted.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m.