

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

May 19, 2011

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

Attendees: Commissioners Geier-Smith, Liff, Kiffney,  
Kocsis, McEneaney, Vogl, Denton, Gomez

Absentees: McRae

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

Guest: John McClain, AICP, Senior Fellow  
Center for Regional Analysis  
George Mason University

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Liff.

**Minutes**

- A motion was made by Commissioner Vogl and seconded by Commissioner Gomez to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2011, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Reports**

- Chair Liff introduced our guest John McClain, AICP, Senior Fellow with the Center for Regional Analysis with George Mason as well as facilitated the introduction of the Commissioners.

**Director's Report**

- Director Liberman confirmed the approval of the FY 2012 Budget which is effective July 1, 2011.
- Based on the new Budget, DCCS will be adding staff that handle the Government Center conference center from Facilities Management on July 1, 2011.

**Committee Report**

- The Channel 16 committee did not have a report.

## **Staff Report**

- Staff attended the HOST (Housing Opportunities Support Team) meeting on April 26, 2011. This new collaboration seeks partners who can provide homeless families and individuals with more opportunities in areas such as education and housing as part of Fairfax County's Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at the South Fairfax County Government Building in Room 221 A/B. Commissioners were encouraged to provide input regarding ending homelessness based on their prospective as a landlord, tenant, or citizen member.
- On Wednesday, June 1, 2011, the Governing Board of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness in partnership with Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. will present a **Faith Communities Housing Engagement** at the Fairfax county Government Center. Commissioners were encouraged to attend. A flyer with event details was provided.

## **Commission Matters**

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no additions or changes this month.
- The Commission congratulated Commissioner Denton on his marriage last month.
- There is one tenant vacancy.

## **Old Business**

- A motion was made by Commissioner McEneaney to adopt the lease checklist as an educational tool for tenants and landlords. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Vogl. The motion carried. The lease checklist will be added to the Consumer Affairs's web page.

## **New Business**

- John McClain, AICP, Senior Fellow with the Center for Regional Analysis with George Mason provided research information and data regarding economic, fiscal and housing trends in the nation as well as the Fairfax County region. There was discussion regarding the housing market recovery, jobs, the economy and low consumer confidence. Weekly national economic indicators are available at <http://policy-cra.gmu.edu>.
- Staff obtained guidance from the Department of Code Compliance regarding smoke detector installation. The current regulations regarding installation location is in the Virginia Residential Code (2009 Edition of the USBC) R314.3. The location and installation of smoke alarms in a building or structure have to meet USBC requirements at the time of construction.
- The Tenant Energy Saver tip sheet will be reviewed at the June meeting.

## **Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Commissioner Geier-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Denton to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.