

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

March 17, 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

Absentees:

Gomez, 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Kocsis and seconded by Commissioner Vogl to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2011, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff thanked the Commissioners for their attendance and expressed a desire to have the current tenant vacancy filled. She encouraged Commissioners to inform others to seek appointment to this vacant position.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman provided a status report of the proposed FY 2012 Budget. Public hearings are scheduled for March 29, 30 and 31, 2011. Board approval is scheduled for mid-April 2011.

Committee Report

- The Channel 16 committee did not have a report.
- Staff informed the Commission that the Bed Bug Consumer Focus program was preempted during March for programming related to National Consumer Protection Week. The Bed Bug program will resume in April.

Staff Report

- Staff met with tenants and staff of Lafayette Apartments on Friday, February 18, 2011. Most maintenance and repair issues have been addressed. Intervention and monitoring will continue.
- Vee Johnson met with the staff of the Bailey's Crossroads Community Shelter on March 15, 2011. An overview of Consumer Affairs was provided with an emphasis on tenant-landlord matters. Many clients are seeking affordable housing opportunities as they re-enter the rental market. Information and publications available on the web page were reviewed so they can be shared with clients.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. Commissioner Vogl suggested that the April 21, 2011, meeting date be changed to April 14, 2011. After discussion, the Commissioners present agreed to change the April meeting date to April 14, 2011. Staff will make arrangements and notify Commissioners not present.
- A letter thanking former Commissioner Thomas for his service was viewed by the Commissioners. Staff will forward the letter to Mr. Thomas.
- Chair Liff requested input from Commissioners regarding how condominium associations have responded to bed bugs. Commissioners shared their knowledge. The need for awareness and information regarding bed bugs remains critical.

Old Business

- The lease checklist review was conducted. Guidance will be obtained from County Attorney Bailey regarding a request by Commissioner McEneaney that a statement regarding service animals be included in the checklist provision regarding pets.
- The checklist review will continue at the April meeting.

New Business

- Items deferred until the April meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Geier-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.