

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

September 20, 2012

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

Attendees:

Commissioners, Liff, Gomez
Geier-Smith, McRae, McEneaney, Kocsis

Absentees:

Vogl, Panettieri, Kiffney

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

Guests:

Phung Le, Public Utilities Analyst
Public Utilities Branch
Department of Cable and Consumer Services

The meeting was called to order at 7:37p.m. by Chair Liff.

Minutes

- A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner Kocsis to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2012, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Reports

- Chair Liff offered general comments about the rental market.

Director's Report

- Director Liberman did not have a report.

Committee Report

- Commissioner Geier-Smith did not have a report

Staff Report

- The Tenant-Landlord outreach at Coffeewood Correction Center was well received. Information was shared with individuals who will be returning to Fairfax and neighboring jurisdictions after incarceration.
- The Fair Housing Task Force met on Tuesday, September 11, 2012. Liaison Johnson and Commissioner Panettieri attended. Staff from the Human Rights Commission and Equal Rights Commission have been invited to attend the January 17, 2013, Commission meeting to provide an overview of fair housing testing in the county.

Commission Matters

- The calendar was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.

Unfinished Business

- The studio taping for the *Consumer Focus* program regarding repair and maintenance issues in rental dwellings is set for Friday, September 28th at 1:00 p.m.
- The renter's insurance public service announcement (PSA) offered by Channel16 was distributed to the Commission. A furnished apartment is needed to tape the PSAs. Commissioner Geier-Smith offered a furnished apartment for the taping. Staff will coordinate a date and time with Channel16.

New Business

- Ms. Phoung Le of the Public Utilities Branch of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services shared information about ratio utility billing and energy efficiency strategies in residential rental dwellings. The Virginia code and State Corporation Commission regulations were reviewed along with a discussion regarding billing, calculations, and benefits of submetering.
- April Ludtke, Portfolio Manager with National Realty Partners, a community association management company, will share information with the Commission about renters in condominiums on November 15, 2012.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Commissioner Gomez and seconded by Commissioner McRae to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05p.m.