

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

February 20, 2018

7:30 PM Conference 8
Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Callender, Fee, Gulakowski,
Hine, Kazmi, Kirk, Rosier, Woodruff

Absent:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Hargraves, Javed,
Roark

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Rebecca L. Makely, Director
Consumer Services Division
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 16, 2018, meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee heard that Henri Stein-McCartney, Branch Manager, Regulatory and Licensing Branch had accepted another position and wanted to acknowledge the Commission's appreciation for her hard work and commitment.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman stated the Board of Supervisors were presented with the County Executive's FY 2019 Advertised Budget. He asked Rebecca Makely, Director, Consumer Services Division, to discuss the highlighted recommendations. Director Makely stated the advertised budget included a 2.5 cents real estate tax increase, 77 new positions, full compensation for employees, and fully funded Fairfax County Schools transfer request.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Rosier spoke about assisting someone in filing a complaint, and the difficulty of finding DCCS information. Staff will send out the links for the DCCS website.

Commissioner Callender expressed his concern over the amount of dangling wires left by Verizon in the Georgetown Pike area.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Woodruff had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Gulakowski mentioned awareness of an ongoing process by the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning to update the Zoning Ordinance with the potential of a possible modification that might impact homeowners associations. One particular item discussed was the change of lifestyle in the community with more people working from home (e.g. running a daycare out of the home.)

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Chairman Fee mentioned his Verizon landline battery issue.

Old Business

There was no old business before the Commission.

New Business

1. National Consumer Protection Week: Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief, Consumer Affairs Branch provided an overview of the events, presentations, and consumer booths occurring throughout the county for National Consumer Protection Week. In addition, Branch Chief Jones informed the Commission about the Silver Shield Task Force and the campaign to protect older adults from scams.

The Commission approved the 2018 Yearly Planning Calendar for the CPC.

Commissioner Kirk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Gulakowski seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM