

## **Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission**

November 20, 2018

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

Attendance:

Commissioners: Fee, Gulakowski, Hine, Lynch, Rosier

Absent:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Callender, Hargraves, Javed, Kazmi, Kirk, Omeish, Roark

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director  
Cable and Consumer Services  
Rebecca L. Makely, Director  
Consumer Services Division  
Rick E. Ellrod, Director  
Communications Policy and  
Regulation Division  
Susan C. Jones, Branch Chief  
Consumer Affairs

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairman Fee.

### **Minutes**

The minutes for the October 16, 2018, meeting were not approved due to lack of quorum.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Fee sent best wishes for a speedy recovery from the Commission to Commissioner Kirk.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Liberman discussed the year-end review plans for the December meeting. The December 18, 2018, meeting will start at 7:00 PM.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Gulakowski mentioned an article on holiday shopping in *Consumer Reports*. Commissioner Gulakowski reported he gave a presentation at Popular Tree Elementary in honor of Veterans Day.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Rosier mentioned the same telephone pole in front of her home was struck again last week and expressed concerns about the location. Staff requested pole information to see if the matter can be addressed with Dominion Energy.

Commissioner Lynch shared his resume with the Commission.

The Commissioners each introduced themselves and spoke briefly on their backgrounds.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business before the Commission.

### **New Business**

#### **1. Public Access Channels**

Chuck Peña, Executive Director, Fairfax Cable Access Television Network provided an overview of public access to include the four channels available on cable, the type of programming, training events, collaboration with George Mason University, production hours, board membership, annual meeting, monthly meet and greet meetings; budget efforts, and technology changes in the future. In addition, Mr. Peña thanked county staff for their support and for Public Access' participation in the cable franchise renewal process.

A discussion ensued on Public Access membership and fees; location of the station, PEG channels, and Federal Communication Commission rulings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.