

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

April 15, 2008

7:30PM Conference 9/10  
Government Center  
12000 Government Center Pkwy.  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Adams, Bahhur, Douskalis,  
Fee, Mrowka, Robinson, Roark

Absent:

Commissioners: Hargraves, Hine, Kirk,  
Nguyen, Sullivan

Staff:

Susan C. Jones, Chief  
Consumer Affairs Branch  
Allan W. Hide, Communications Analyst  
Communications Policy and Regulation

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

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the March 18, 2008, meeting was approved.

### **Report of the Chairman**

Chairman Fee attended the BAC training workshop on VFIOA, County Budget, and Parliamentary Procedures.

### **Report of the Director**

Director Liberman was out of town.

Susan Jones, Chief, Consumer Affairs Branch, passed out a draft e-newsletter for the commissioners to review and provide suggestions.

### **Commission Matters**

Commissioner Adams had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Bahhur mentioned Verizon wireless and the draining of the battery within several hours at her work site. Staff will look into this matter.

Commissioner Douskalis had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Robinson had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Mrowka mentioned moving into a neighborhood with HOA restrictions on satellite dishes. Staff suggested he contact Cal Wagner of CA to discuss.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

#### **1. State Corporation Commission, Bureau of Financial Institutions**

Melissa McCollum, Senior Financial Analyst provided an overview of what the Bureau of Financial Institutions regulates.

A discussion ensued on payday loans, proposed legislation on payday loans, and auto title loans.

#### **2. Digital Television Transition**

Allan Hide, Communication Analyst, presented information on the digital television (DTV) transition and what the Communications Policy and Regulatory Division is doing to provide outreach information to consumers and special needs communities.

CPC will review and provide suggestions on the DTV flyer.

A discussion ensued on types of antennas used, digital signal strength, the cost of the converters in the area, and the coupon program.

Commissioners discussed inviting Delegates Steve Shannon and David Bulova to the May 20 meeting to discuss payday lending legislation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.