

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

April 21, 2015

7:30 PM Conference 4/5
Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Callender, Chung,
Fee, Hargraves, Kazmi, Kirk, Nguyen, Roark,
Rosier

Absent:

Commissioners: Durant, Hine, Luse

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Department of Cable and Consumer Services
John W. Burton, Assistant County Attorney
Susan C Jones, Branch Chief
Consumer Affairs Branch
Henri Stein McCartney, Branch Chief
Regulatory and Licensing Branch
Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist II
Regulatory and Licensing Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 17, 2015, meeting were approved as amended.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee continues to receive unsolicited telephone calls and had the number blocked.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman informed the commission that the Board of Supervisors completed its markup of the FY 2015 budget today, with budget adoption on April 28, 2015.

Director Liberman discussed upcoming topics for the May and June CPC meetings.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Nguyen had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Chung had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz mentioned receiving several more phone calls from fake IRS agent claiming to be from the Department of Treasury.

Commissioner Callender had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Rosier mentioned that Fairfax paid 2.95 million to settle suit in the John Geer police killing. Chairman Bulova formed a commission to review county police policies on the use of force.

Commissioner Hargraves had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

A discussion ensued on future topics for upcoming meetings.

New Business

1. Solicitor's License Appeal: Chairman Fee reviewed the Appeal Hearing Procedures. Not Present: Appellant Nobel Dastan.

Henri Stein McCartney, Chief, Regulation and Licensing Branch, presented staff's position as required under Chapter 31 of the Fairfax County Code. When determining the issuance and denial of a solicitor's license, staff follows Section 31-2-8. Mr. Dastan was convicted of a crime regarding the possession of narcotics in the five years immediately pending the date of the filling of the application.

A discussion ensued on the court record, recourse of the commissioners, threat to public safety, company ownership, process of notifying appellant, Verizon's responsibility, individual solicitor license, and falsifying of the application.

Chairman Fee made the motion to uphold staff's recommendation to deny the solicitor's license. Commissioner Nguyen seconded the motion.

A discussion ensued on the conviction date, severity of the charge, failure of the appellant to attend meeting, and staff's diligence in meeting the requirements of county code.

Chairman Fee called for a vote in favor of upholding staff's denial of the solicitor's license. The vote was unanimous.

The commission requested a copy of the bylaws and standard operating procedures prior to the June meeting for review.

The meeting ended at 9:02 PM.