

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

January 18, 2011

7:00PM Conference 4/5
Government Center
12000 Government Center
Pkwy. Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Bahhur,
Bounacos, Boyd, Fee, Hargraves,
Hine, Kirk, Mrowka, Nguyen, Rosier,
Stamp

Absent:

Commissioners: Roark

Staff:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee informed the commission that the Trespass Towing Advisory Board was trying something new by meeting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. instead of the normal evening meeting.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Hine stated that Andrea Khoury, Consumer Affairs Branch, ordered energy savings brochures for upcoming event.

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Bahhur had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Boyd had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Mrowka had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Stamp had no matters to bring before the commission.

Chairman Fee said his mother was in the hospital and is finding evidence of companies taking advantage of her by convincing her to sign contracts for products she can not use or afford.

Commissioner Hargraves stated that the FCC announced the dates for filing comments regarding "Bill Shock."

Commissioner Nguyen said he had been dealing with a collection company over a mechanical bill that did not belong to him and was reported on his credit report. The credit bureau updated their report to simply state that the client disagrees. Staff advised him to file a complaint.

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission

Commissioner Bounacos mentioned "Do Not Track" IP privacy issues.

Commissioner Rosier had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

- 1. Elections:** Chairman- Commissioners Fee and Nguyen
Vice Chairman- Harold Belkowitz
Secretary- Commissioners Hargraves and Bounacos

Commissioner Kirk made the motion to accept Harold Belkowitz by acclamation for Vice Chairman. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion.

Acting Chairman Belkowitz asked the remaining candidates if they wanted to make a brief statement. Ballots were provided to the commissioners.

John Fee was reelected as Chairman and Dirck Hargraves was reelected as Secretary.

2011 Commission Officers

Chairman-John Fee

Vice Chairman-Harold Belkowitz

Secretary-Dirck Hargraves

2. Department Tour

Director Liberman discussed the structure of the Department of Cable and Consumer Services (DCCS). The commission was taken on a tour to each branch/division and was provided detailed information on the functions provided by DCCS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM