

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

July 19, 2011

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

Attendance:

Commissioners: Bahhur, Belkowitz,
Bounacos, Fee, Hargraves, Hine, Nguyen,
Roark, Rosier, Stamp

Absent:

Commissioners: Boyd, Kirk, Martz

Staff:

Michael S. Liberman, Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Ellen Posner, Assistant County Attorney
Cynthia Bailey, Assistant County Attorney
Susan Hafeli, Utility Analyst, Public
Utilities Branch
Wil Slaughter, Investigator,
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:42PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 21, 2011, meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee informed commissioners that Thomas W. Chadwick, a former CPC chairman, passed away.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Fee stated that staff will publicize the taxi survey by:

1. Working with the Department of Information Technology to modify the survey and asking respondents why they do not use taxicab service in Fairfax County.
2. Working with the Office of Public Affairs to develop a communication plan to publicize the taxicab survey through the county's social media channels including the county Web page, Facebook, and Twitter.
3. Developing a *Golden Gazette* article about the taxicab survey (and include the survey link) to reach Fairfax County older adults.

Commissioner Bounacos had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Stamp had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Rosier had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Bahhur had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Nguyen had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hargraves had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Fee moved that the Consumer Protection Commission recess and go into closed session for discussion and consideration of matters enumerated in Virginia Code Section § 2.2-3711 as follows:

Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, and consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel pursuant to Virginia Code Section § 2.2-3711(A)(7); specifically to include the case of *Board of Supervisors v. Fairfax County, et al. v. City of Falls Church; Case CL-2010-18232*. The motion was seconded by multiple commissioners. The motion was passed unanimously.

1. Closed Session: Closed session began at 7:47PM.

Chairman Fee moved that the Consumer Protection Commission certify that, to the best of its knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which closed session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered by the Commission during the closed session.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hargraves. The motion passed unanimously.

Closed session ended at 8:25PM.

2. Towing Code: Dave Reidenbach, Chief, Regulation and License Branch provided an overview of the draft Tresspass Towing Code which included the comparison of the current and proposed towing code revisions, jurisdiction comparisons, and fee schedule.

A discussion ensued on the excess credit card charge, digital pictures, properly securing

the towed vehicle, drop fee, and storage fees.

The meeting ended at 9:40PM.