

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

January 23, 2024

7:30 PM

Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035
Chairperson Kratovil, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Gasimov,
Gulakowski, Kratovil, Rosier, Springer, Svab

Absent:

Commissioners: Kirk, Kharat, Roark

Staff:

Susan C. Jones, Branch Manager
Consumer Affairs Branch

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairperson Kratovil.

Minutes

Chairperson Kratovil moved to accept the October 17, 2023, minutes without objection. The minutes for the November 28, 2023, meeting were adopted unanimously, 7-0-0.

Report of the Chairperson

Chairperson Kratovil announced the resignations of Commissioners Freedenthal and Hargraves.

Report of the Director

Susan Jones, Branch Manager, Consumer Affairs informed the Commission that Fairfax County Police Department Financial Crimes Unit will provide a fraud presentation at the February 2024 meeting.

Commissioner Matters

Commissioner Gulakowski had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Gasimov had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Springer had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Rosier spoke about signing up for activities through Parktakes with Fairfax County Park Authority.

Branch Manager Jones mentioned the *Consumer Connection* program with the Fairfax County Public Library will air on the Consumer Affairs Facebook page on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Commissioner Belkowitz had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Svab had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Chairperson Kratovil mentioned he heard on the news that there is talk of building a casino in the Tysons area near a metro station.

A discussion ensued on traffic concerns, location, MGM proximity, and sports betting. Chairperson Kratovil asked Commission to remember this issue as it might be relevant for future discussion.

Old Business

There was no old business before the Commission.

New Business

1. 2024 Items of Interest. Branch Manager Jones mentioned at the February meeting that staff will request Authorization to Advertise a Public Hearing to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 7:30 p.m. on Proposed Amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 84.1-6-3, Rates, fares, and charges established. If the motion passes, then the Public Hearing on Proposed Amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 84.1-6-3, Rates, fares, and charges established will be held at the March meeting.

A discussion ensued on inviting the cable companies to discuss cost of services and the impact on subscribers, panhandlers, solicitors, Consumer Affairs high school presentation, contractors, and insurance companies during a disaster.

Chairperson Kratovil requested each Commissioner think about items of interest that are relevant to the Commission.

2. Election of Officers. Commissioner Springer opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Springer moved to accept the slate of candidates.

Chairperson – Jason Kratovil
Vice-Chairperson – Denis Gulakowski
Secretary – Jaqueline Rosier

Commissioner Belkowitz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

3. Standing Committee Resolution. Chairperson Kratovil stated the resolution was emailed inside the Commission packet for review. Chairperson Kratovil opened the floor for discussion.

A discussion ensued on Commissioner Belkowitz’s misspelled name, providing a six-month committee update, logistics of the meetings, staff support, development of committee criteria and goals, and supporting the work provided by staff.

Chairperson Kratovil moved to adopt the Standing Committee Resolution, as amended. Commissioner Springer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Chairperson Kratovil made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gulakowski seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.