

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

April 16, 2013

7:30PM Conference 2/3
Government Center
12000 Government Center Pkwy.
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Chung, Fee, Hargraves,
Hine, Kazmi, Kirk, Nguyen, Roark,
Rosier

Absent:

Commissioners: Bahhur, Belkowitz,
Leppin, Martz

Staff:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes of the March 19, 2013 meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee informed the Commission that Commissioner Samiah Bahhur resigned.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors Budget mark-up will occur on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 for FY2014 budget.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Rosier read an article about a taxicab driver in D.C. involved in a rape. Taxicab came from Loudoun County where taxicabs are not regulated. Staff responded that taxicab drivers in Fairfax County undergo a background check.

Commissioner Kirk had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hargraves had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Fee had staff look into a group requesting participation of online surveys to avoid a possible scam. Several commissioners mentioned that they participate in these types of group surveys.

Commissioner Nguyen had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Kazmi had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the commission.

Commissioner Chung had no matters to bring before the commission.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

1. Consumer Protection Commission By-Laws review. Commission was provided a copy of the By-Laws with track changes and a clean version of the By-Laws.

Chairman Fee made the motion to adopt the changes proposed by staff. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion.

The Commission began reviewing each article under the By-Laws.

A discussion ensued on referencing special procedures in the By-Laws, Article I, Article II, Election of Officers, and suggested changes were made.

Chairman Fee made the motion was made to accept changes through Section 4 Meeting Time and Location. Commissioner Kirk seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued on meeting agenda, records, special meetings, and commission matters.

Commissioner Chung made the motion that staff revises the numerical and the grammatical changes in the document. Chairman Fee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A discussion ensued on Article V, VI, and VII.

Chairman Fee made the motion to accept the By-laws as amended. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion. The motion passed with eight Commissioners accepted and one Commissioner opposed.

Commission requested staff to discuss the special procedures issue with Assistant County Attorney Denise Pitts.

Director Liberman informed Commission that the May meeting discussion will be taxicab certificate process and June meeting will be staff recommendation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.