

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

February 18, 2020

7:30 PM
Government Center, Conference 8
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22035
Chairman Fee, presiding

Attendance:

Commissioners: Callender, Fee, Gulakowski,
Hargraves, Hine, Kratovil, Kirk, Roark

Absent:

Commissioners: Belkowitz, Javed, Lynch,
Rosier

Staff:

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Chairman Fee.

Minutes

The minutes for the January 21, 2020, meeting were approved.

Report of the Chairman

Chairman Fee acknowledged the resignation of Commissioner Omeish and wished her well.

Report of the Director

Director Liberman spoke about the upcoming budget timeline after the County Executive presents the FY 2021 advertised budget on February 25, 2020. Director Liberman spoke about the County Strategic Plan that will also be presented to the Board on February 25, 2020.

Susan Jones, Manager, Consumer Affairs, outlined the events for National Consumer Protection Week, March 1-7, 2020.

Director Makely talked about the County promoting the U.S. Census process that will now be an online survey.

Commission Matters

Commissioner Kirk mentioned the activity of car break-ins in the Bailey's Crossroad area has now moved on to house burglaries.

Chairman Fee mentioned he had to go to a paperless trash bill to save \$3. He provided historical information on trash sanitary districts.

Commissioner Gulakowski mentioned three volumes of Vietnam War interviews published by William F. Brown.

Commissioner Hargraves mentioned the \$100 fee to replace the trash bins in his neighborhood.

Commissioner Kratovil spoke about a data breach study issued by Identity Theft Resource Center, which will be shared with Commissioners.

Commissioner Hine had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Callender spoke about merchant breaches and compromised credit cards.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Old Business

A discussion ensued on the CPC Special Procedures.

New Business

1. Bylaws Update:

The Board of Supervisors provided a new model template for all Board, Authorities, and Commissions. The Bylaws will have to be approved by the Board. Staff will provide draft bylaws in an upcoming meeting.

2. Agenda for 2020:

A discussion ensued on meeting agenda for the year. Staff noted Commissioner's suggestions and will bring a draft calendar with topic for review at the next meeting.

Chairman Kirk made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gulakowski seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.