

Minutes of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission

July 19, 2022

7:30 PM
Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, VA 22035
Chairperson Fee, presiding

Attendance: Commissioners: Belkowitz, Fee, Freedenthal,
Hargraves, Kharat, Roark, Rosier, Springer,
Svab

Absent: Commissioners: Callender, Gulakowski,
Kirk, Kratovil

Staff: Rebecca L. Makely, Acting Director
Cable and Consumer Services
Susan C. Jones, Consumer Specialist III
Consumer Affairs Branch
Carl Newcomb, Consumer Specialist III
Regulation and Licensing Branch
John W. Burton, Assistant County Attorney
Office of the County Attorney

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM by Chairperson Fee.

Chairperson Fee notified the Commission that Commissioner Kharat requested to participate in the meeting remotely.

Chairperson Fee made the motion to approve Commissioner Kharat's attendance remotely from oversees. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 7-0-0.

Minutes

The minutes for the May 17, 2022, and June 21, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved.

Report of the Chairperson

Chairperson Fee had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Report of the Director

Acting Director Rebecca Makely introduced Commissioner Pratik Kharat, new member appointed to the Commission.

Acting Director Makely stated on June 30, 2022, FY 2022 Year End Budget was completed.

Commissioner Matters

Commissioner Rosier had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Belkowitz inquired about the average gas price. Acting Director Makely responded as of today, the average gas price in Fairfax County is \$4.69.

Commissioner Freedenthal had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Roark had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Svab spoke about the difference of gas prices from gas stations located across from each other and inquired on the reasoning behind the price differences.

A brief discussion ensued on zoning issues, supply and demand, and the ability of the Board of Supervisors to rescind the Emergency Taxicab Fuel Surcharge.

Commissioner Hargraves had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Commissioner Springer had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Chairperson Fee spoke about speaking with Fairfax County Solid Waste Management about his trash issues.

Commissioner Kharat had no matters to bring before the Commission.

Old Business

There was no old business before the Commission.

New Business

1. Police Civilian Review Panel Presentation. Commissioner Dirck Hargraves, Chairperson for the Police Civilian Review Panel (PCRP), introduced Stephen Richardson who was appointed PCRP Executive Director. Commissioner Hargraves presented an overview of the functions of PCRP, jurisdiction on the abuse of authority and serious misconduct complaints, the role of the independent police auditor and their limitations.

A discussion ensued on transparency, police investigations, best practices, body cameras, social injustice, and the expansion of the PCRP.

2. FY 2022 Annual Report. Acting Director Rebecca Makely presented an overview of the Annual Report. She mentioned Commissioner Kirk's comment about no updated in-person photograph

A discussion ensued about taking a in-person group photograph at a future date and post it on the CPC website.

Chairperson Fee made a motion to approve the FY 2022 Annual Report. Commissioner Hargraves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

A discussion ensued on the cancellation of the August meeting. Chairperson Fee made the motion to cancel the August meeting. Commissioner Rosier seconded the motion. The motion passed 8-1-0.

Commissioner Kharat introduced himself and provided background information.

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 PM.