

Meeting of Advisory Committee on Consumer Protection

April 3, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Members present: Bernard Rod, Dan Caplan, Jane Merkin, Corinne Yourman, Sidney Green, Joshua Lamel

OCP Staff present: Sharon Margolis

The Agenda was adopted.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Old Business

Jane Merkin discussed legislative updates. The legislative session ends on Monday. She will give a final recap at the next meeting. Dan Caplan and Ms. Merkin will be attending the Annual Meeting with the County Executive on Thursday at 7:00 pm. Corinne Yourman said she would be curious to hear if other boards were doing anything pertinent to the Advisory Committee that they could work together on. Bernard Rod said he still has not heard back from the public school system about the financial literacy issues he raised, and Ms. Yourman said her contact with the private schools did not respond to Tracy Rezvani. Joshua Lamel said he reached out to someone in Jamie Raskin's office about doing a future event, but has not heard back. He will follow up next week.

New Business

Joshua Lamel raised an issue of concern regarding the high fees to contest Administrative Law Judge decisions for incorrectly issued parking tickets.

Office Report

OCP staff reported on statistics for the month of March. Home Improvement topped the list of complaints received, followed by Retail, New Home Builders, and Automotive. OCP co-hosted a public forum with Senator Chris Van Hollen and Maryland Attorney General Frosh. Eric Friedman did a call in show on Howard University radio station WHUR. OCP distributed content through various modes of delivery during National Consumer Protection Week. Tracy Rezvani did a presentation on financial exploitation of older adults. Staff participated in Commission on Aging's 2018 Public Forum. OCP is advertising for a new senior level manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., at 1451 Seven Locks Road, Rockville, MD 20854.