

## **Howard County Consumer Protection Advisory Board Meeting Minutes October 3, 2018**

### **The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.**

- Present: Marshall McLeod, Richard Green (by phone), Sandra Price, Young Smith, Ellen Kuhn (phone)
- Absent: Ronnie Sanderson, Robyn Scates

### **Welcome.**

**Minutes of the September** meeting were approved as read.

### **Quarterly Statistics**

Becky distributed the Office statistics on complaints and inquiries. The especially large increase in inquiries in August was due to calls from landlords in response to the passage of the County's landlord tenant law.

### **Student Loan Forum**

Becky will be meeting with representatives of Howard Community College and the Howard County Public School System on October 10 to discuss changes to the format of the event. Ellen believes that her church will assist in promoting the event. Becky encouraged all Board member to promote the event in the community, faith-based and social organizations in which they participate.

### **Announcements and new business:**

- Senator Chris Van Hollen and Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh have contacted Becky to plan a consumer protection event in Howard County. The event will be similar to those held in other jurisdictions. Each official will provide information on what's happening in at their level of government. Becky is expecting to also participate in the program. The date has been set for December 5 with the location still to be determined.
- December Board meeting - Since the consumer protection event will be held the same night as the December Board meeting, the Board will attend the event in lieu of holding its meeting.
- Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the November meeting of the Board. The new officers' tenure will begin at the January Board meeting.
- 50+ Expo – October 19 at Wilde Lake High School
- Candidate Forum – Young reported that the League of Korean Americans – Howard County will hold a candidate form for County Executive, County Council and School Board candidates at the Library's Miller Branch on Friday October 6 from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm. LoKA is hosting the event in partnership with the Chinese American Parent Association of Howard County. Everyone is welcome to attend but she is hoping that the event will encourage more people in the Korean and Chinese communities to vote.

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:29.**

**The next meeting of the Consumer Protection Advisory Board will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, November 7 at the DCRS office.**