

**Howard County Consumer Protection
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2018**

After a tour of the new DCRS office, the meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

- Present: Marshall McLeod, Young Smith, Ronnie Sanderson, Richard Green
- Guests: , Robyn Scates, Sandra Price and Ellen Kuhn

Welcome – Marshall welcomed Sandra, Robyn and Ellen who have all been nominated for appointment to the Board by the County Executive. Sandra and Robyn appeared before the County Council at its July 16 meeting, and the Council will vote on their appointment at its September 4 meeting. Ellen will appear at the Council's September 17 meeting and the Council will vote on her appointment at the October 1 meeting

Minutes of the June were approved as read.

County Landlord-Tenant Legislation

CB 20 was passed as amended by the County Council on June 6, and signed by the County Executive on June 12. The bill goes into on August 12 but landlords will have until December 12 to make necessary changes to their leases.

Becky passed around the attached Landlord Tenant Assistance publication that landlords will be required to provide to applicants in the language of their choice when they are approved as tenants. This publication will be available on OCP's website in English, French, Spanish, Chinese and Korean by August 12. When landlords request the publication in other languages, those translations will be added to the website. OCP's Landlord Tenant Guide has been updated to included information about the new law and is also posted on OCP's website.

Richard advised the Board that the Howard County Association of Realtors is also preparing a factsheet for its members.

New Business

Marshall asked what preparations have been made for the next Student Loan Forum. Becky will be in contact with Howard Community College's representative soon to set the date and start planning the event. The Board also discussed ideas for other public events such as a National Consumer Protection Week event and/or a shred-a-thon coupled with a "welcome" party for DCRS. Sandra said that she would work with Becky to make sure that all Getting Ahead groups have access to OCP materials and staff.

Announcements and new business:

- Since Becky is unavailable on the next regular meeting date (September 5), the Board agreed to move the next meeting to September 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

The next meeting of the Consumer Protection Advisory Board will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, September 12 at the DCRS office, 9830 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, MD.