

**CITY OF NORWALK  
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

**ATTENDANCE:** Rev. Ingraham, Chair; Barbara Hudgins, Nancy Burke,  
Tim Carney

**STAFF:** Atty. Margaret Suib, Redevelopment Agency

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rev. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2009 AND JANUARY 19, 2010 MEETINGS**

**\*\* MS. HUDGINS MOVED THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009.  
\*\* MS. BURKE SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2009 AS  
SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**\*\* MR. CARNEY MOVED THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2010.  
\*\* MS. BURKE SECONDED.  
\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2010 AS  
SUBMITTED PASSED WITH THREE IN FAVOR (INGRAHAM, BURKE, AND  
CARNEY) AND ONE ABSTENTION (HUDGINS).**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S (FHO)  
ANNUAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

**\*\* MS. HUDGINS MOVED THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S ANNUAL  
REPORT.  
\*\* MS. BURKE SECONDED.**

Atty. Suib said that she had received some minor corrections that Mr. Carney had sent her and then directed everyone's attention to one additional sentence that she had added to her report.

Ms. Hudgins commented on one of the statements made on page 14 having to do with the number of hours an hourly minimum wage worker had to labor in order to afford an apartment in Norwalk. Atty. Suib then directed everyone's attention to a paragraph that

she had removed a paragraph starting with “In 2009, in Norwalk...” out of the report because it was poorly expressed.

Rev. Ingraham then pointed out a statement on page 4 of the report that he felt could be expressed with greater clarity. Atty. Suib agreed.

The discussion then moved to page 23, regarding the City of Norwalk and the NAACP being charged with creating new affordable housing in the Consent decree. Atty. Suib said that when the consent decree was handed down in 1986, there were specific items listed that the City was required to do. These items were done. Mr. Carney said that most of the affordable housing since the 1990s has been done by rehabilitations.

Rev. Ingraham asked about a twenty year old development and some of the problems that the project was currently having. Mr. Carney reviewed the reasons why this development was having the problems with the Commission.

Rev. Ingraham asked about Atty. Suib’s interaction with the public. Atty. Suib said that she often received thank you notes from people who she has helped.

**\*\* THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER’S ANNUAL REPORT WITH THE CHANGES DISCUSSED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

#### **B. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET MEETING(S)**

Atty. Suib said that she had not received a date for a budget meeting from the Finance Department. Rev. Ingraham asked Atty. Suib sent an inquiry about setting up a date for a budget meeting with the Finance Department.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION: FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER**

**\*\* MS. BURKE MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER (CONN. GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (6) (A)).**

**\*\* MR. CARNEY SECONDED.**

**\*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter at 3:30 p.m. and returned to public session at 4:15 p.m.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Burke recommended that the staff develop a newspaper article explaining the definitions of “Affordable housing”, “Public Housing” and “Supportive Housing”.

**ADJOURNMENT**

- \*\* MS. BURKE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
- \*\* MR. CARNEY SECONDED.**
- \*\* THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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