

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 15, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Lindsay Ingraham; Barbara Hudgins, Tim Carney, Nancy Burke, Carol Frank

STAFF: Atty. Margaret Suib, Redevelopment Agency

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010 MINUTES

**** MS. BURKE MOVED THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010
** MR. CARNEY SECONDED.**

The following correction was noted:

Page 2, under **B. DISCUSSION REGARDING BUDGET MEETING(S)**, Line 2:
please change the following from:

“Rev. Ingraham asked Atty. Suib sent an inquiry about setting”

TO: “Rev. Ingraham asked Atty. Suib send an inquiry about setting”

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2010 AS
CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNUAL EVENT

Atty. Suib suggested having a round table discussion event with realtors, planning and zoning and others about impediments to fair housing. Another idea was to have a brown bag lunch gathering with a speaker. The possibility of having someone sponsor the food also was mentioned. Atty. Suib said that she most likely not be able to schedule this until after April or later. Inviting the new director of CHRO or a HUD staff member to speak was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION: FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER (CONN. GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (6)(A))

**** MS. FRANK MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A PERSONNEL MATTER (CONN. GENERAL STATUTES § 1-200 (6)(A))**

**** ms. Burke seconded.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission and Atty. Suib entered into Executive Session at 3:26 p.m. They returned to public session at 3:50 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONT'D

DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

Atty. Suib explained that for CDBG funds HUD required a document called "An Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing". She then reviewed the details of a Westchester court case and a recent document listing the items that should be included in the Impediments Analysis report. Atty. Suib said that consultants had been hired to write a report and that the Commission could comment at any time during the public comment portion of the report process. Rev. Ingraham said that he would encourage everyone to read the copy of the draft and have their comments or questions prepared for the next meeting.

Ms. Burke asked about the inclusionary zones and stated she felt it should be extended to include the entire city for fair housing. Discussion followed about the number of units, offsite locations and the buy out option. Atty. Suib displayed a recent New York Times article about the town of Oxford and the consequences of having less than 10% affordable housing, which changed their zoning.

Atty. Suib commented that there were new regulations regarding having the parking below or behind the building. This could become a problem because it could cause the building to become inaccessible to those with disabilities.

Atty. Suib said that there had never been a mapping of segregation patterns in Norwalk, which could also be considered in the Impediments to Fair Housing.

Following a short discussion, it was decided that the next meeting would be on April 12th.

Atty. Suib then asked if everyone had received a copy of a New York Times article about new housing in Michigan to make amends for the former bias against minorities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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