

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
MAY 17, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Barbara Hudgins, Acting Chair; Tim Carney; Carol Frank; Nancy Burke.

STAFF: Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:11-1/2 by the Acting Chair.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 12, 2010 MINUTES

The following corrections were made: On page 2, 2nd paragraph, last sentence, a comma was inserted after the word "lawsuit". In the 4th paragraph, 1st sentence, the spelling of Ms. Hudgins' name was corrected. In the last paragraph, last sentence, the word "who" was inserted after the word "operator". On page 3, 1st paragraph, last sentence, the spelling of Mr. Miklave's name was corrected, as well as the spelling of the law firm of Epstein, Becker.

- ** MR. CARNEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS CORRECTED.**
- ** MRS. FRANK SECONDED.**
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

FHO'S MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Suib reviewed her written report.

Mrs. Burke asked if there was anything else they could do, without filing a lawsuit, other than writing to the Housing Authority to correct problems. Ms. Suib said the next step would be to go to HUD. However, there is an issue with the HUD representative in terms of accuracy relating to State and Federal law. Mrs. Burke suggested that Ms. Suib write an article for the newspaper addressing the various issues.

Ms. Suib noted that the Planning Committee did not approve the Analysis of impediments to Fair Housing, so it did not go to the Common Council.

Ms. Suib reviewed her article on fair housing and affordable housing which appeared in the Hour.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Frank said they had been working toward getting the Zoning Commission to change the wording of affordable housing but this seems to be a dead issue. Ms. Suib said that Mr. Sheehan is now using the term “urban housing”.

DISCUSSION REGARDING ANNUAL EVENT

There is no date yet. Discussion took place. Michael Allen, a possible speaker, said that the date would have to be after June 9th. Mrs. Frank suggested that this event be held in the fall, if necessary. It was noted that the coffee shop operator would charge \$200 for 30 people. Councilmembers and members of the Redevelopment Agency should be invited. The topic would what an AI should be and what happened with the Westchester case.

Ms. Suib said that Mr. Allen is willing to let the Fair Housing Advisory Commission make a PowerPoint presentation without him being present. Mrs. Frank noted that they could then meet in the evening, where they could get better attendance in terms of members of the Redevelopment Agency and the Common Council.

This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will take place on June 21st at 3 p.m.

The Acting Chair complimented Mrs. Suib on her article on Fair Housing which appeared in the Hour.

**** MRS. FRANK MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MR. CARNEY SECONDED.**
**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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