

**DRAFT**  
**CITY OF NORWALK**  
**FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**MAY 18, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:** Rev. Jeffrey Ingraham, Chair; Carol Frank, Nancy Burke,  
Barbara Hudgins

**STAFF:** Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rev. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

Rev. Ingraham asked about the status of Ms. Tatum and Ms. Torrano as Committee Members. Atty. Suib said that Ms. Tatum's term was up in September and she said that she would follow up. The committee actually consists of eight members.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2009 MINUTES**

**\*\* MS. FRANK MOVED THE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009.**

**\*\* MS. BURKE SECONDED.**

The following change was noted:

Page 1, under **DISCUSSION RE: ZONING WORKFORCE HOUSING REGULATIONS**, line 1: please change the following from :

“Ms. Hudgins said there are two problems with Zoning.”

To: “Ms. Hudgins spoke about two problems with Zoning.”

**\*\* THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2009 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Atty. Suib said that a significant item was having a curb cut in front of the home of an elderly resident that winters in Florida and has become increasingly unsteady walking. Public Works reviewed the situation and remedied it almost immediately.

A senior resident was threatened eviction following an allegation that the resident had his son living with him. The resident had his son visiting for two weeks. The resident had

informed the Housing Authority that his son would be visiting, but the Housing Authority decided to pursue it in court. Documents were sent to the Housing Authority but they were not prepared for the hearing. Currently, the attorney is reviewing all the documents that had been submitted. No decision has been made by the Housing Authority as to whether they will want to proceed with the hearing.

Atty. Suib said that the inquiries regarding evictions have increased due to job loss and various other factors.

A flyer regarding a Free Landlord Seminar that will be presented by Human Relations, Fair Rent, Fair Housing and the Housing Authority at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2009 is being distributed. Ms. Burke suggested that realtors also be included in the list of those invited.

Atty. Suib said that there would be some refreshments and drinks at the June 3rd showing of the movie "Brick by Brick: A Civil Rights Story" in the Common Council Chambers. The movie is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Atty. Suib said that she was anticipating about 30 attendees.

Atty. Suib said that the newspaper column had been submitted, but she did not see it. Ms. Frank said that she had.

The State Housing Conference was successful and it was well attended. The assistant director will be taking over until the regular elections are held for the full membership.

The Zoning Commission has been invited to attend the June meeting. There has been no response thus far.

**\*\* MS. HUDGINS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S REPORT.**

**\*\* MS. FRANK SECONDED.**

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

### OLD BUSINESS

#### **A. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION ANNUAL EVENT**

Atty. Suib said that there had been some difficulties in finding a location for showing the movies. The movie theater only had a theater available on the second floor without an elevator, the Maritime Center was not available, so it was decided to hold the event in the Council Chambers.

#### **B. DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION FY 2008-2009**

Atty. Suib said that come June 30th, the fiscal year would end.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Burke asked if the new construction that is taking place at the Post Road across from the courthouse would include affordable housing. Atty. Suib said that they had received their permits before affordable housing became part of the ordinances.

Ms. Burke said that she had asked two people if they would be interested in serving on the Commission. Ms. Frank said that she believe that Norwalk 101 was about offering residents an opportunity to serve on the Committees and Commissions.

Ms. Frank asked if there would be a meeting in June. Atty. Suib said that Zoning had been invited to attend the June 15th meeting.

Ms. Hudgins said that the NAACP had sent a letter on May 5th to Zoning about involvement in the housing issues.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*\* MS. FRANK MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**\*\* MS. BURKE SECONDED.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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