

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
JUNE 15, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Reverend Jeffrey Ingraham, Chairman; Carol Frank; Nancy Burke; Barbara Hudgins.

STAFF: Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Director.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2009 MINUTES

The following corrections were made: On page 2, 1st paragraph, “in court” was deleted. The second sentence was deleted and “The hearing was scheduled at the tenant’s request, but the Housing Authority was not prepared for the hearing” was substituted in its place. In the 6th paragraph, “State Housing” was corrected to “Fair Housing of Connecticut 30th Annual”. In the last paragraph, 1st sentence, “movies” was corrected to “movie”. On page 3, 2nd paragraph, the second sentence was corrected to read “Atty. Suib said that they had received their permits before there was an affordable housing requirement.”

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

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Suib reviewed her memo regarding “Norwalk 101”. She attended at the request of the Chairman. Two people showed interest and one submitted a resume, which was attached to today’s packet. The other person who showed interest called the Chairman and spoke to him. This person works at the John Glover Insurance Agency. Ms. Suib said there is currently one seat open on this Commission, but in September, there will be a second seat open. That appointment has to come from NEON, but that person does not have to be a member of that board.

The Chairman and Ms. Suib will follow up with the woman who spoke with the Chairman in order to obtain a resume. The Chairman will present the resume of Stacia Morris to the Mayor. When the second resume is received, it will be forwarded to NEON. There was agreement that the resume of Stacia Morris was acceptable to the Commissioners.

- ** **MRS. FRANK MOVED TO FORWARD THE RESUME OF STACIA MORRIS TO MAYOR MOCCIA AS THE SUGGESTED MAYORAL APPOINTMENT.**
- ** **MS. BURKE SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

It was noted that Lori Torrano's appointment expires on September 1st; this is a Redevelopment Agency appointment. It was further noted that the ordinance requires that there be eight seats on this Commission.

Discussion took place on the "Brick By Brick" movie event, at which there were 25-30 people in attendance. There was no publicity in the paper. Ms. Suib said one way to handle this would be to write a letter to the editor. She will send a letter to the Superintendent of Schools and the President of NCC, as well as to appropriate department heads at NCC, such as the Sociology Department and the Psychiatry Department. Maybe in September or October, they can show this movie again in the evening. Ms. Burke suggested this be held at one of the churches with a large parking lot that is also handicapped-accessible. Ms. Suib will look into various options, such as the Congregational Church on the Green and Calvary Baptist.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION WITH ZONING COMMISSIONERS OF FAIR HOUSING ISSUES WITH ZONING WORKFORCE REGULATION

It was noted that no members of the Zoning Commission were present. Ms. Suib reviewed the memorandum materials starting on June 12, 2006 and going through May 18, 2009. Mrs. Frank suggested that, in the future, all letters should be sent to every Zoning Commissioner, not just the Chair. The Chairman suggested that a copy of the letter sent by the NAACP to Ms. Suib be enclosed. Ms. Hudgins will provide a copy of the NAACP letter. It was agreed that if no response is received from the Zoning Commission, the Mayor will be notified. Ms. Suib will attach a cover letter to the letter to the Mayor, pointing out that it is the statutory responsibility of the Fair Housing Advisory Commission to address this issue.

FAIR HOUSING OFFICER PERFORMANCE REVIEW – DISCUSSION

The Chairman said this performance review was last done two years ago. Ms. Suib will provide a copy of the last performance review document to the Commissioners, who will each fill it out and return it to the Chairman at his office at Calvary Baptist Church, 21 Concord Street, Norwalk, Ct. 06854.

ADJOURNMENT

There are no meetings scheduled for July or August. The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 21st, at 3 p.m.

- ** MRS. FRANK MOVED TO ADJOURN.
- ** MS. BURKE SECONDED.
- ** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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DISCUSSION REGARDING POTENTIAL NEW COMMISSIONERS

This item was discussed under “Old Business.”