

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
OF AUGUST 19, 2024 TO AUGUST 26, 2024.**

ATTENDANCE: Jalin Sead, Chairman; Joe Mann;
Daisy Franklin; Carol Frank (via phone conference).

STAFF: Attorney Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman, Mr. Sead called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one present from the public to comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **MARCH 18, 2024 (REGULAR MEETING)**
- **MR. MANN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 18, 2024 (REGULAR MEETING) WITH THE CORRECTION OF MR. SEAD NAME TO JALIN SEAD.**
- **MS. DAISY FRANKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**
- **THE MOTION PASSED WITH THREE (3) IN FAVOR (MANN, FRANKLIN, AND FRANK).**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion regarding old business at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

- **PREPARING FOR SEARCH FOR NEW FHO, DISCUSSION OF PROCESS AND JOB DESCRIPTION.**

Atty. Suib explained the hiring process and highlighted paragraph 10 of the second amended consent decree. The commission would work with the redevelopment director to screen and hire

the new officer. She recommended they hire someone who is an attorney to know the laws and understand case laws.

Mr. Mann said he believes that wouldn't be necessary as someone could be mission based and understand the legal stuff.

Atty. Suib replied she believes it would be better to have an attorney to not only understand the statutes but do the correct research.

Ms. Frank added they must consider the fact that someone with general experience would need to have access to an attorney based on circumstances that will come up.

Atty. Suib said when a case would come in she would research the issues and present the entire situation with the facts to the pro bono attorney, which would raise the acceptance rate for the client to bring the case to court.

Ms. Frank asked if the city human resource office would get involved.

Atty. Suib replied no, as it is a separate employer.

Mr. Sead added the mayor said at a public meeting that if they wanted to change the hiring requirements then they must go to the court.

Atty. Suib there are pros and cons to being employed by each organization but the benefits are roughly the same.

Mr. Sead said the next step would be meeting with the director to go over the hiring process.

Atty. Suib said they need to think of the wording for the job post.

Ms. Franklin asked if they could have a conversation without Atty Suib present in regard to personnel and did not want to cause a conflict of interest.

****MS. FRANKLIN MOTIONED TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:35 PM.**

****MR. MANN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

****MS. FRANKLIN MOTIONED TO EXIT OUT OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 3:41 PM.**

****MR. MANN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. MANN MOTIONED TO ADJOURN AT 3:42 PM**

**** MS. FRANKLIN SECONDED THE MOTION.**

****THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vianca Rivera,
Telesco Secretarial Services.