

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 18, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Jeffrey Ingraham, Chair; Nancy Burke, Daisy Franklin, Carol Frank (via phone)

OTHERS: None

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no one from the public present.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 16, 2018 MINUTES

**** COMMISSIONER BURKE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES THE APRIL 16, 2018 MINUTES.**

**** COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES THE APRIL 16, 2018 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Update re: Training related to Housing Discrimination Testing

Atty. Suib said that there was a second implicit bias training program held on June 5th. The attendees appeared to find a great deal of solid information during the session. Atty. Suib said that when both she and Rev. Ingraham had spoken with the Mayor, he said that the cost for the training sessions should be held to \$100 and that the City would cover the remaining costs. However, the funds were taken out of the Fair Housing account. Commissioner Franklin said that she had been at the press release about this and the Mayor had stated that the City would cover the cost. She also mentioned two other incidents where the costs of various issues had been charged to the Fair Housing budget.

Atty. Suib said that she had the receipts from her recent trip to Washington D.C. for a conference and the costs for holding a recent event. She submitted them to Rev. Ingraham for review.

Update re: Mayor's Reorganization Plan

Atty. Suib that the NAACP had gone on record stating that they wanted the full time Fair Housing attorney as stated in the Second Consent Decree. Rev. Ingraham stated that he had spoken with the NAACP and confirmed this. Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Commission would draft a letter to the Mayor regarding this situation.

Update re: FY 2018-19 Budget Allocation

The discussion moved to a MUNIS spreadsheet dated May 8th, 2018 that allocated funding for the Commission. Commissioner Burke pointed out the Commission needs to inter act with Council Members and give their input to the Council Members. Atty. Suib said that the Connecticut Fair Housing Council had sent a letter to the Mayor and all the Council Members. Discussion followed.

Rev. Livingston asked when the annual report was due. Atty. Suib said that it is due after the close of the fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion moved to the re-appointment of the various Commissioners. Atty. Suib will follow up with reminder letters to the various appointing organization.

Atty. Suib reported that the recent Fair Housing event. It was noted that none of the Council Members, the Mayor or any of the NAACP were in attendance.

Atty. Suib said that she had attended the Washington D.C. Conference. She spoke about a key address on how various groups had met at the "midnight hour" before breakthroughs happened. She added that there had also been an update on the HUD regulations being rescinded.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER BURKE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

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