

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 2017**

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Jeffrey Ingraham, Chair; Daisy Franklin, Carol Franklin,
Nancy Burke, Deidra Davis

STAFF: Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Ingraham called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 20, 2017

The following corrections were made:

Page 2, under **DISCUSSION RE FAIR HOUSING** – please change the heading from:

**“DISCUSSION RE FAIR HOUSING MONTH EVENT ON 4/27/2017 AND
SECOND EVEN IN MAY OR JUNE”**

To:

**“DISCUSSION RE FAIR HOUSING MONTH EVENT ON 4/27/2017 AND
SECOND EVENT IN MAY OR JUNE”**

Page 2, under **DISCUSSION RE FAIR HOUSING**, paragraph 2, line 1, please change the following from “increase in anti-sematic threats” to “increase in anti-semetic threats”

**** COMMISSIONER FRANK MOVED THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2017 AS CORRECTED.**

**** COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2017 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There was no member of the public present.

OLD BUSINESS

The section of the report including Atty. Suib's salary will be redacted from the Fair Housing Officer's report until the various issues are settled.

Atty. Suib said that she had been asked by Mr. Barron to produce her W-2 earnings statement from 2005. Commissioner Burke said that it was illegal to require someone to produce tax documents that were older than 7 years. Several other Commissioners agreed. Discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION RE: FAIR HOUSING MONTH EVENT ON 4/27/2017 AND SECOND EVENT IN MAY OR JUNE 2017

The Mayor will declare April as Fair Housing Month. Atty. Suib said that Mr. Carney came over to get the new Fair Housing banner and he put it up in the City Hall atrium.

A discussion followed about the details of the upcoming April event, including the travel arrangements for the speakers, the food, the drinks and signage.

Atty. Suib said that she had not heard back from the ADL regarding the June event.

She then reviewed the details regarding the upcoming conference in Rocky Hill, CT and confirmed the ticket orders and travel arrangements.

Ms. Franklin then spoke about a short video she had seen done by the Connecticut Fair Housing group that was available on Facebook.

Ms. Davis asked if anyone was planning on attending Norwalk Day in Hartford. Atty. Suib said that she and Ms. Franklin would be attending the Fair Housing "Loving" fund raising dinner in Hartford. This dinner is in honor of the 1967 Loving vs. Virginia Supreme Court case.

B. APPROVAL OF EXPENSES INCURRED IN ATTENDING NATIONAL COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT COALITION CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC.

Rev. Ingraham said that he had attended the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) conference last month because Atty. Suib was unable to attend. He then reviewed travel receipts from the trip with the Commissioners.

Rev. Ingraham said that the key concept he heard discussed was the total HUD reorganization of the method for determining the analysis of housing impediments. Previously, communities could just inform HUD their community did not have any issues. However, Atty. Suib said that some strict standards regarding affordable housing

had been passed at the end of Obama administration. HUD will be providing the various communities with a variety of different kinds of data. This will force the various communities to analyze their housing in terms of segregation, location, and ethnicity. The goal is not just lack of discrimination but also integration. The Fair Housing Assessment will reflect this.

Rev. Ingraham spoke about the NCRC watch dog group and how they function. Atty. Suib said that for the \$150.00 yearly membership, the Commission had been granted a \$500.00 scholarship for Rev. Ingraham to attend the conference.

Rev. Ingraham gave a brief summary of the various speakers and resources that he had discovered at the conference.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER FRANKLIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER FRANK SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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