

**CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018**

ATTENDANCE: Nancy Burke, Daisy Franklin

STAFF: Atty. Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer

CALL TO ORDER

There was no quorum so an informal discussion started at 3:25 p.m.

Ms. Burke asked if there had been follow up on the discrimination training issues. Atty. Suib said that she had been contacted by the largest housing discrimination legal firm in Washington D.C. who saw the article in The Hour. Atty. Suib said that she had not heard back from the various property owners and had been told by the attorney that was representing them that he would be back in touch with her by the 16th. He has not called back.

Ms. Burke asked if there were other issues on the horizon. Atty. Suib said that there have been some issues with Dreamy Hollow. She said that she had received several calls from former owners who became renters. These individuals have been told that their leases would not be renewed. Atty. Suib explained that residents who are older than 62 years old or someone in the household is disabled have some protection in complexes that have five or more units have legal rights. The newly renovated apartments will most likely have rents that are too high for Section 8 tenants. Discussion followed.

Fair Housing Month will be held in April. Atty. Suib reminded everyone that this was the 50th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act and the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King. She suggested that the Commission consider viewing the Norman Lear's film called "A House Divided" followed by a discussion. Ms. Burke suggested that perhaps the Social Studies classes might want to view the film as a potential assignment. A discussion followed about scheduling. It was agreed that they would schedule the film for 5:30 p.m.

The discussion then returned to the training issues and Atty. Suib's last conversation with the attorney representing the property owners.

Ms. Franklin said that if there were free tickets given for the State wide Fair Housing Conference, it would be important to remind people that it is impolite to not attend. She said that she was disappointed that the Norwalk NAACP representatives were given tickets last year and did not attend.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting informally adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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