

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HOUSING MATTERS
November 1, 1979
MONTHLY MEETING

People in attendance were: Rudolph Arnold, Patricia Augur, Carol Femia, G. A. Guertin, Carol Maurer, Raphael Podolsky, Hilda Rivera, Joseph Stafford, Ann Marie Tetreault

Guests: Donna Bristol, David J. Furie, Robert Kor, Ben Z. Rubin

The meeting convened at 4:15 p.m.

The agenda was approved and the following was added to it:

Correspondence--Judge Spada

Public announcement of the concern of the council to get good candidates into the system. Make recommendations to Governor for good candidates.

Pat Augur motioned to accept agenda with amendments, George Guertin second the motion along with Carol Femia--Council agreed.

Financial Report: Same balance from last month (\$14.10), however, Pat Augur will be paying some phone bills at Peoples Savings Bank.

Correspondence: Received an invitation to CAC members for Open House Communicators last Friday (October 26)

Also, Communication from Judge Spada--re:Linda Bantelle, the new Housing Specialist, praising her work since being hired.

Richard Tulisano: Request for recommendations for continuation of the Housing Court.

Chairperson's Report: The New Britain clerk reported that the cases brought into the court increased 50 per cent in last month.

Hartford City Inspectors report that 50 per cent of case load is complaints of no heat.

Ray Weizalis is trying to institute a new procedure for giving 24-hour notice to landlord to get the heat on or they will be brought into court.

Request from Mike Flynn: H.C. Clerks should not be put in the middle--this happened about a week ago, when an Advisory Council member advised a litigant who already had an attorney to check on attorney via Clerk. Pat Augur distributed Housing Court statistics 6/1/79.

Data Collection: Request from Pat Augur to know what hours of the week Sheila Scott can work. Carol Maurer could not give her answer. Must contact Sheila and Carol privately.

Brochures-were all taken to Housing Court in error...for counter use , without being re-folded.

Hilda Rivera & Pat Augur's CETA worker...Carol Maurer required Pat Augur to list tasks Sheila Scott is to perform, especially (brochures--def. should go to municipalities offices. CAC members due to pick up supply at Housing Court.)

Get supply of brochures to each CAC member ?

Court available for Public Hearing (?) but thought too small.

Pat Augur will take responsibility for getting brochure out to CAC members to re-fold and distribute

Court Facilities-Alternative sites discussed at meeting...suggested list of criteria for sites due from Washington/Stafford--due at next meeting. Physical handicapped accessibility is primary concern.

George Guertin suggest Morgan Street, Hartford, Connecticut #14 is good accessibility. Rudolph Arnold will check out legal aspects for equal access and will work with Elizabeth Washington/Joseph Stafford.

Forms-Raphael Podolsky reported for sub-committee...stopped meeting briefly, causing delay. Rapheal Podolsky met twice with Bob Sadek, material close to final draft and final list of forms needed revised copies. From final report at November meeting, Spada & Sadek prefer slower revisions of Connecticut forms; changes in statutes necessary to revise certain forms.

Rafie Podolsky
read list of forms subcommittee feels housing court needs.

Survey Format-Dave Furie, who's to sample, how, logistical, problem reaching/finding by mail service works in November or December. Positive station, someone at Court to quiz litigants.

Joe Stafford, supervise phone sample, but suggestion rejected if done by a variety of council members which would not assure standardized approach.

Raphael Podolsky-suggest surveyers, lawyers by mail O.K.

Names of litigants issued/judgements and mail/questionnaire.
Motion made and seconded to mail a questionnaire to both attorneys and litigants.

5 in favor

Pat Augur/Podolsky-abstained

1-opposed

Carol Femia/George Guertin-sample litigants

6-in favor

0-abstained

1-opposed (Podolsky)

Dave Furie-can implement motion with initial draft with Pat Augur's approval.

Pat Augur will handle publicity: New Britain Public Hearing--
11/15/79 at 6 located at Burritt Mutual.

Hartford Public Hearing--date not set...suggest to use housing etc.... City Hall, Function Room.

Raphael Podolsky-call organizations needed to ensue attendance.

Carol Maurer suggested CAC member be responsible for going survey on meeting list.

OPM Funding--Mary Hart at OPM -- Pat Augur will try to contact again re budget

Legislation--Pat Augur suggest legislation

George Guertin--subcommittee on legislation Carol Femia, Raphael Podolsky, Joseph Stafford & Pat Augur to draw up a list of things to be addressed in legislation - Housing Court to be at some point in process.

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