



RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Citizens Advisory Council
for Housing Matters

September 6, 1979 5:20 p.m.
Department of Housing

Absent: Arnold, Coll, Cugno, DeNigris, Hanks, Reeves, Rivera, Sharpe, Shilinga,
Stafford

Guests: D. Bristol, Hartford Housing Department; J. Brown-Morat, property manager;
R. Kor, Hartford Neighborhood Legal Services; A. Harris, New Britain Human
Relations Office.

The meeting convened at 5:20 p.m. following a Public Hearing. A quorum was
not obtained.

The Record of Discussion of the 8/2/79 meeting was accepted as shown.

A. Chairperson's Report - Augur

Augur advised that three bills relating to typing and printing the brochure
were paid, leaving a total of \$14.10 in the checking account. \$300 remains to be
paid on the printing bill. Several bills submitted to OPM, including Washington's,
are still outstanding.

Regarding further public hearings, a MOTION (Podalsky-Femia) was unanimously
VOTED to hold two evening hearings in November, with maximum publicity.

Augur reported that her contact with Judge Spada and the Judicial Department
regarding the Fiscal Year '81 budget submission for the Housing Court indicates
that no money is budgeted. Deadline for submission of the Judicial Department's
budget was 9/1/79.

Several members felt strongly that an adequate budgetary submission was im-
perative. Podalsky and Augur volunteered to draft a budget.

Augur reminded Councilmembers that an evaluation of the Court is necessary by
2/80. Greenblatt suggested that the Research and Evaluation Subcommittee conduct
a consumer survey of a sample of cases tried in the Court. He suggested hiring
students to compile a mailing list from Court records of plaintiffs and defendants.

Greenblatt will draft a sample questionnaire which will include litigant and
defendant status and case outcome. Maurer will check with Sheila Scott regarding
how much time Scott can contribute to the project. Augur will contact OPM
regarding whether Council funds can be use to hire personnel.

B. New Business

Augur announced that Judge Spada is serving on a panel at the University of CT
Law School.



TOWN HALL



There will be a American Bar Association Conference in October on Housing Law and Housing Courts in St. Louis, Missouri.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol A. Femia".

Carol A. Femia, M.S.W.
Recording Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING

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The Public Hearing convened at 4:20 p.m. with seven Citizens Advisory Council members and four members of the public in attendance.

It was the opinion of property manager Jeanne Brown-Morat that the Court is making it harder to evict demonstrably bad tenants. It was the opinion of Hartford relocation officer Donna Bristol that a tenant for whom she was serving as advocate did not receive a fair and complete hearing on the tenant's request for a reduction of a garnishment. It was the opinion of New Britain official Andrew Harris that the Housing Court has been very good thus far, including its treatment of pro se's.

The members of the public were thanked for their contributions and attendance.

A MOTION (Femia-Greenblatt) was VOTED to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

In Favor: 4 Opposed: Podalsky Abstention: Washington

A MOTION (Podalsky-Greeblatt) was unanimously VOTED to reconvene in open session.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Femia, M.S.W.
Recording Secretary

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