

MINUTES

Citizens Advisory Committee
for Housing Matters

December 11, 1980 4:30 p.m.
Hartford Housing Court

Absent: Arnold, Coll, Greenblatt, Maurer, Reeves, Sharpe and Stafford

Guests: Marie Langan and Robert Senkow, Connecticut Association of Code Enforcement Officials; Sharon Mounds, Department of Housing liaison to CAC, David Pels, New Britain Legal Services, Leroy Pittman; Bob Kor, Hartford Neighborhood Legal Services; Tom Krawiecki, Hartford Division on Aging.

The meeting was convened at 4:35 p.m. by Chairperson Augur.

A. Chairperson's Report - Augur

Augur advised that the minutes of the last meeting were being re-typed at the office of CAC member Carol Maurer. They will be mailed out with the notice of the next meeting.

Augur reported that the survey of new members indicated that Thursday was still the best meeting day. A show of hands of those present confirmed this assessment. Meetings in 1981 will be held at the Hartford Housing Court at 4:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month.

CAC minutes are now kept on file at the Hartford Housing Court to meet FOI requirements.

New CAC member Edward Murtha of Newington was introduced, as was Sharon Mounds, newly assigned Department of Housing liaison to the CAC.

The last of the original funds for expenses is gone. Augur has ordered new letterhead at her own expense.

Correspondence was received from Leon Vinci, Middletown Code Enforcement Department, indicating their area wants a housing court. A letter of appreciation from CCSC to Judge Spada was also read.

Outgoing correspondence included letters to Governor Grasso and Department of Housing Director Joseph Canale regarding re-funding the DOH Deputy Commissioner position vacated by Mike Sharpe. A letter from Grasso was received stating they would welcome recommendations for the position. Other points broached in the letter were the need for DOH liaison to CAC, and the need to put Housing Court issues back into the DOH 3-year plan.

CAC member Liz Washington will be asked to chair a committee which will organize a reception(s) for the incoming and outgoing Housing Court judges. Sharon Mounds volunteered to assist. Current local and judicial procedures for dealing with "no heat" were reviewed by Podalsky and Augur. Local Police Department's do not wish to accept responsibility, despite a letter from Justice Speciale that they do so.

A MOTION (Podalsky-Femia) was unanimously VOTED to establish a subcommittee to develop a set of recommended policy contingencies for use in these situations. The CAC will review these policies. Members are Podalsky, Faucher and Augur, Chairing.

Augur encouraged all CAC subcommittees to be meeting on their own on a regular basis.

Regarding housing code enforcement cases, the Town Council in New Britain tabled a motion by the New Britain CAN-BE group until after January when a new prosecutor is appointed.

B. Forms Subcommittee-Podalsky

Since most forms drafted have been accepted, there is no activity at this time.

C. Legislation Subcommittee-Podalsky

CAC member Robert Faucher suggested a bill to permit the classes protected under the condominium conversion law to use the Housing Court for rent increase complaints, despite the absence of a Fair Rent Commission in their town of residence. Podalsky advised that he is meeting with the Housing Court prosecutor regarding a lockout bill. Augur reported that she is attending housing coalition meetings; until they elect a Chairperson, suggestions for legislation can be funneled to her.

A MOTION (Augur - Femia) was VOTED to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

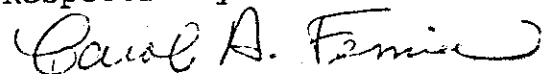
Yes: 7

No: 3

Upon terminating the Executive Session a MOTION (Podalsky - Washington) was unanimously VOTED to express the CAC's appreciation to the Judicial Department regarding the appointment of Judge Satter to the Housing Court.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



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