



RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Citizens Advisory Council
for Housing Matters

June 5, 1980 4 p.m.
Hartford Housing Court

Absent: Arnold, Coll, Cugno, Guertin, Rivera, Shilinga, Sharpe,
Washington, Hanks, Reeves

Guests: D. Bristol, Hartford Housing Department; B. Rubin, Manchester
Tenants' Association; Stan Kosloski, Assistant Director,
Connecticut State Office of Protection and Advocacy for the
Handicapped and Developmentally Disabled; Robert Williams,
Hartford Legal Aid Society.

The meeting convened at 4:10 p.m. A quorum was not obtained.
R. Podalsky chaired the meeting.

- A. Court Facilities Subcommittee - Stafford
S. Kosloski discussed the State Office's accessibility objections to the present Hartford location. Other potential sites were mentioned during the discussion; Stafford was asked to investigate the suitability of buildings on Morgan and Washington Streets.
- B. Legislation Subcommittee - Podalsky
Despite contact with both Appropriations and Judiciary committee-members, all Citizen Advisory Council-sponsored bills died. Subcommittee members were able to get two amendments made to Representative Tulisano's housing court bill; the bill, with amendments, passed.
- C. Chairperson's Report - Augur, Podalsky
All current members' terms have been automatically extended. Podalsky has called all members and some have indicated intentions of resigning. No letters of resignation have been received to date in the Governor's office, to his knowledge.

Podalsky agreed to write these members and request that any letter of resignation be sent to the Governor's office within 10 days, to clear the way for new appointees.

Augur reported that a final Citizens Advisory Council evaluation and report to the General Assembly was not submitted. Drafts of some sections are done, but others were never completed. Greenblatt offered to synthesize the available material and have it typed for distribution.

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Podalsky and Augur reported that they discussed the inadequate facilities and staffing, and apparent lack of aggressive code enforcement with Justice Speziale. The Judicial Department's posture on the Court's future was solicited. Speziale advised that there was no money to re-house the court in any buildings other than one already owned or leased by the State. He asked if the Morgan Street building was acceptable. Staff upgrading is a union matter, he said. Additional staff is not covered by the funds appropriated in the new housing court bill. Use of the prosecutor's term was referred to Judge Spada.

- D. Judicial Selection Subcommittee - Tabled by majority vote
(6 yes 0 no 1 abstention).

The next meeting is scheduled for 7/10/80, due to a holiday.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. A. Femia, M.S.W." with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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