



THE CITIZEN S ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HOUSING MATTERS

December 9, 1984

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 1984

Members present: Douglas Mintz, Patricia Wallace, Robert Kor, Raphael Podolsky, Aura Diaz, Joseph Wincze, Joseph Stafford, Jennie Johnsky, Kevin Tierney, Ethel Austin, Elaine DeNigris, Mellanee Harris

Others present: David Pels, Diana Crouse

(1) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 4:40 p.m. on December 6, 1984, at the State Police Academy in Meriden. Douglas Mintz, chairperson, presided.

(2) Minutes: The minutes of the October 11, 1984, meeting were approved unanimously (motion by Mellanie Harris, second by Robert Kor, abstentions by Patricia Wallace and Ethel Austin).

(3) Treasurer's report: Raphael Podolsky reported that the present balance of the Council will be \$1,364.84, after outstanding bills are paid. The outstanding bills are for the costs of recent duplication and mailings. Revenues for the year have been:

Fairfield County Cooperative Foundation	\$ 1,200.00
CIGNA	350.00
Interest	27.99
1983 carryover balance	140.32
	<u>\$ 1,718.31</u>

Expenditures for the year have been:

Mailings and duplication	\$ 219.22
Reception (for Judge Barnett)	125.31
1983 carryover payments	8.94
	<u>\$ 353.47</u>

(4) 1985 Biennial Report to the General Assembly: The draft of the Council's 1985 report to the legislature was presented. After discussion, the following changes were made in the draft by unanimous consent:

(a) P. 2, #D -- reference to 1983 report by New Haven-Waterbury Citizens Advisory Council added, reference to length of 1983 Hartford report deleted.

(b) P. 9, #F(2) -- recommendation revised to endorse toll-free lines from all five towns, with highest priority to Enfield, Stamford/Greenwich, and Bristol and with no preference between remote control forwarding and local lines.

(c) P. 10, #G(2) -- add hiring of supervisory prosecutor.

(d) P. 12, #I(1) -- delete discussion of number of Spanish-speaking applicants for housing specialist positions.

(e) P. 13, #I(3) -- delete statement as to whether initial hiring of full-time prosecutors (as distinct from their replacements when they are transferred) should be specially advertised.

(f) P. 15, #K(4) -- add transfer form for Ansonia-Milford and Meriden.

(g) p. 18, #M --add new sections on:

-- Bridgeport-Norwalk Housing Court brochure (include sample in appendix).

-- Mailing of copy of complaint to defendants receiving abode service, at least in summary process (include draft of statutory amendment in appendix).

-- Increase of small claims jurisdictional limit, for housing matters only, to \$1,500 (include draft of statutory amendment in appendix).

(h) p. 19, Recommendations -- modify recommendation section to match text of report, including changes in #2(b), #2(f)(ii), and #2(i)(i).

(i) Introduction -- include names of Council members and acknowledgment of funding sources.

(j) Appendix A-3 -- clarify meaning of percentages.

Several Council members agreed to verify particular items in the draft for factual accuracy. They are to report their findings to the Secretary by Wednesday, December 12. The full report was then approved unanimously, with authority to make editorial changes delegated to the Chairperson and the Secretary (motion by Ethel Austin, second by Aura Diaz). It was also agreed that the Council would issue a press release at the time that the report is released.

It was then moved that the Council authorize the printing of 100 copies of the report at an approximate cost of \$240 (motion by Kevin Tierney, second by Joseph Stafford). An amendment was then approved, 10-1, increasing the authorization to 125 copies at an approximate cost of \$300 (motion by Raphael Podolsky, second by Joseph Wincze):

In favor: Podolsky, Wincze, Wallace, Kor, Harris, Diaz, Austin, DiNigris, Stafford, Johnsky

Opposed: Tierney

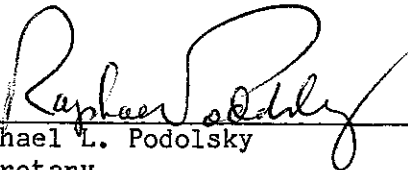
The motion as amended was then approved unanimously. The Executive Committee will also explore less expensive methods of getting the report printed.

(4) Brochures: Joseph Wincze requested an allocation of funds for the reprinting of 1,000 copies of a brochure on the Bridgeport-Norwalk Housing Court for distribution to the general public. The Council delegated to the Executive Committee the authority to arrange for such printing as inexpensively as is practical. It also delegated to the Executive Committee the authority to review and approve the text of the brochure (motion by Mintz, second by Wallace). In addition, the New Haven-Waterbury and the Hartford-New Britain Subcommittees were requested to develop brochures for their court locations, based on the Bridgeport-Norwalk draft.

(5) Hartford-New Britain Housing Court judge: It was reported that the Hartford-New Britain Subcommittee had recommended Judge Wendy Susko and Judge Samuel Goldstein for assignment to the Hartford-New Britain Housing Court in January. Judge Arnold Aronson will be leaving at that time. Chief Court Administrator Aaron Ment has responded to the recommendation by assigning Judge Samuel Goldstein as housing court judge at that location.

(5) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Raphael L. Podolsky
Secretary