



CITIZENS ADVISORY
COUNCIL FOR HOUSING MATTERS



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 1990

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 P.M. by Chairperson Raphael Podolsky. The meeting was held in the conference room of the Conn. Bar Association in Rocky Hill. There were 16 members and 1 non-member present.

Agenda and Minutes:

The current agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved with one addition:- to add David Pels name to the Foreclosure Committee.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer was not present. Report tabled.

Biennial Report:

Item by item discussion of report draft. Final additions or changes are to be made today.

Section F: Raphael Podolsky suggested a recommendation that housing courts not lose their temporary employees with impending cutbacks due to the state's fiscal problems. No objections.

Murray Czaczkes reported that in certain areas, housing court specialists do not have the use of a telephone. Raphael suggested a general recommendation that housing specialists should always have a telephone available to them during session. No objections.

Section G: Pro Se Rent Forms. William Sadek reported to Raphael that some of the court forms have been improved. Raphael said that they are in the process of writing a new summons for summary process complaints. He adds a recommendation that the form should be designed to make it easier for all parties to understand. No objections.

Section J: Expansion of the Housing Court System. Murray Czaczkes stated that Clerks have the ability to enter default judgements, except for in housing courts. He would like to insure that it doesn't take any longer to obtain a default judgement in housing court by having to wait for a judge to rule on it. Suggests that as an administrative function of their job, Clerks be allowed to enter default judgements in housing courts.

Raphael suggested a more general recommendation that this practice be consistent with that in civil cases.

Morris Czaczkes stated that clerks and judges are doing an adequate job, and proposed the following motion:

MOTION: "To delete Section 'J' altogether."

Discussion of motion. Vote taken. One in favor.
Eight opposed. Motion failed.

Discussion of Council's recommendations for assignment of non-housing court districts.

Section K: Advisory Council Participation. ^{Morris Czaczkes} ~~Peter Rotella~~ suggested that Dominic Galluzzo and William Sadek be included as members of the Council to give them more input. Murray stated that this would facilitate our relationship with them. Raphael suggested the following motion:

MOTION: "To add three ex-officio members to the Council, each representing Housing Court Prosecutors, Clerks and Specialists."

Vote taken. Seven in favor. Seven opposed.
Motion failed.

Section E: Housing Prosecution Policies. Extended discussion on who should monitor Accelerated Rehabilitation repair cases. Raphael proposed that actual monitoring of repair work be done by persons other than the probation officers, and that the other housing court officials need to work out a system for doing this.

Other changes and additions: 1.) Recommendation that information be provided as to which nollied cases involved financial contributions. When a contribution is a condition of a nollie, it should be recorded on the docket sheet. 2.) Recommendation to change the word "sanction" to "penalize" whenever it appears as a verb, to avoid confusion by lay people. 3.) Recommendation that there be more structured statewide training of police in their duties involving housing matters.

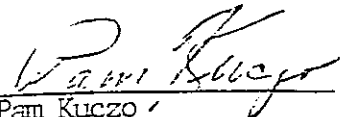
Raphael proposed the following motion:

MOTION: "To approve this draft subject to final approval at the next meeting."

Vote taken. Motion approved.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

SIGNED,


Pam Kuczo
Secretary

Members present:

Elaine DeNigris
Barbara Perry
Raphael Podolsky
Joseph Zabbiddeo
Glenn Falk
Linda Francois
Sheldon Hosen
Carmen Padilla-DeChalus
Diana Crouse
Pamela Kuczo
Richard Tenenbaum
Kevin Tierney
Morris Czaczkes
Joelen Gates
Sr. Suzanne Gebrian
Peter Rotella