



CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR HOUSING MATTERS



Reply to:

MINUTES OF JUNE 14, 2000

Present: Linda François, Richard DeParle, Suzanne Colasanto, Jeffrey Hammer, Richard Tenebaum, David Pels, Deborah DelPrete Sullivan, Jessie F. Bennett, Raphael Podolsky, Cynthia Teixeira, Heriberto Villafane, Beth Duffy, Sheila Shanklin, Francis X. Dineen, and Sheldon Hosen.

1. Preliminary Matters. The meeting was called to order at 2:12 p.m. and the minutes of March 15, 2000 were approved.

2. Housing Court Operations Reports.

a. Housing Prosecutors

i. Role of Public Defender (PDs) - G. Smyth wrote letter re: representation procedures incl. sample form to be given to defendants by clerks to refer them to PD office. Local clerks to adapt it to their use. S. Colasanto suggested that the form also be provided to prosecutors because they are often the point of contact. Judges still give advisement of rights. J. Bennett and S. Colasanto felt that defendants generally know they have right to counsel and lack of knowledge is not a issue. R. Podolsky to give addresses of Housing Clerks to D. Sullivan to have a copy of letter forwarded to them.

ii. Prosecutor Manual - tabled until next meeting.

iii. Police Training - R. DeParle to get update and report to chairman.

iv. Case tracking tabled until next meeting.

b. Housing Clerks (S. Colasanto)

i. Computer updates - contemplated within next fiscal year that windows program will be installed.

ii. Pamphlets - no progress to report. S. Colasanto will follow up by E-mail with J. DelCampo. R. Podolsky to be kept advised.

iii. Bridgeport Relocation. Indications are that new courthouse will be at Main and Golden Hill on city property. The Council's objective is that the Housing Court be housed in a reasonable way. R. Podolsky stated that the Council should request a meeting to establish our involvement in the process before matters are definite. J. Podolsky to determine who to contact on behalf of Bridgeport contingent. The council is supposed to be involved in decision making from outset. I. Hirsch to follow up.

iv. Other developments. Some staff leaving but no problems to date getting permission to fill positions.

c. Housing Specialists (C. Teixeira).

i. No progress on computers.

3. Judge Assignments

Regional committees activated to review assignments.

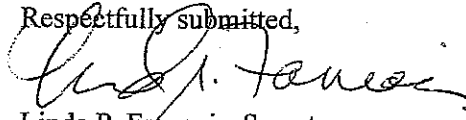
4. 2001 Biennial Report - R. Podolsky will prepare first draft probably for September meeting.

5. Other business.

Discussion of 47a-21 amendment which is meant to allow doubling of security deposit over statutory limit in small claims. Some ambiguity in wording of revision; Question of appropriate timing of defaults discussed; F. Dineen raised issue of appropriateness and different interpretations of Practice Book 2 day stay upon filing affidavit of noncompliance with stipulation. This matter to be place on agenda for next meeting.

The Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda P. François, Secretary

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NEXT MEETING
NOTE NEW TENTATIVE LOCATION

2:00 pm
Wednesday, September 13, 2000

Connecticut Bar Association offices
at their new location in **NEW BRITAIN**

This meeting site is still tentative. We will provide confirmation and directions when the agenda is mailed out in August.