# MINUTES MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

The Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council convened on Wednesday, September 20, 2017 at 10:08 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103, in the North Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Meeting Room A.

Members Present: Bennett Pudlin Attorney at Law, Acting Chairperson

Joseph B. Castonguay CT Real Estate Commission Member

Jennifer Ponte Department of Housing

Keith Jensen Mobile Home Park Owner, Co-Chairperson

Mark Berkowitz Mobile Home Park Owner

Al Hricz Senior Citizen

Members Absent: Nancy E. Dickal Mobile Home Park Tenant or

Representative of Such Tenant

George Cote Banking Industry Representative

Marcia L. Stemm Mobile Home Park Owner

Leonard Campbell Town Planner

Myriam Clarkson Mobile Manufactured Home Industry

Representative

Arthur Mazeau Mobile Home Park Tenant or

Representative of Such Tenant

Member Vacancies: Ct. Housing Finance Authority Representative

Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant

DCP Council Staff: Karen Layman, Advisory Council Secretary

Others Present: Karen Perham-Lippman, DCP Deputy Commissioner

Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division

Nancy Palmisano, Connecticut Manufactured Housing

Association
Dave Delohery
Patricia Hricz

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#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

The Council voted to approve the Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council Draft Minutes of June 6, 2017 as written. Mark Berkowitz and Joseph Castonguay abstained from voting.

#### COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

David Delohery was in attendance and introduced himself to the Council.

#### **APPEARANCE BY JULIANNE AVALLONE:**

Ms. Avallone informed the Council that Mr. Maloney, Director of Trade Practices, will be retiring from DCP as of September 30, 2017. Jason Cohen will be assuming the position of Director of the Complaint Center. The Council expressed interest in inviting Mr. Cohen to the next Council meeting to discuss the way in which the Council will be receiving information and reports regarding complaints and inspections in light of these changes.

# **REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:**

# **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**

1. Continued discussion regarding pending Mobile Home Park Regulations Ms. Avallone distributed copies of the Mobile Home Park Regulations and notified the Council that these regulations will be published for public comment. Discussion took place regarding the process the regulations will go through from this point until such time that they are finalized.

The Council voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Pudlin to write a letter of support in response to the public notice of such regulations.

# **FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

1. Continued discussion regarding CHFA Park Purchase Program
Mr. Pudlin reported that CHFA has approved the changes made at the last Council meeting, and that the Council is now awaiting a draft document from CHFA.

# **EDUCATION COMMITTEE:**

None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

# 1. Capitol for Change (C4C) – Individual Mobile Home Purchase Mortgage Loan Program

The Council discussed concerns regarding the length of time and efficiency of C4C's application process for those who apply for a mobile home mortgage loan through C4C.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

#### **DCP TRADE PRACTICE DIVISION:**

1. The Council will review the current complaint report submitted by DCP Trade Practices Division including open, closed, and dismissed cases.

## No report was provided at this time.

2. The Council will review the inspection report submitted by DCP Trade Practices Division.

No report was provided at this time.

# **COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:**

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman Advisory Council Secretary

The next meeting of this Council is scheduled for December 12, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room J, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT