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CITY OF NORWALK
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
FEBRUARY 9, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Jeffrey Ingraham, Chairman; Barbara Hudgins; Nancy Burke;
Carol Frank; Lori Torrano (3:45).

STAFF: Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2009 MINUTES

- ** **MRS. FRANK MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**
- ** **MS. BURKE SECONDED.**
- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION AND ACCEPTANCE OF FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT

- ** **MS. HUDGINS MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FAIR HOUSING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT.**
- ** **MRS. FRANK SECONDED.**

Various typographical errors were corrected and it was agreed to add the number of units of apartments. Discussion took place on the effect of zoning on affordable housing.

Ms. Burke said that the report was very readable and Mrs. Frank said it was very concise; a nice job.

- ** **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Ms. Suib will add the predatory lending flyer to the appendix.

Discussion took place on publicizing the report. Ms. Suib will call a reporter after the report is submitted to the Mayor. In addition, a reporter will also be called to publicize the praise they had received from HUD.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION ANNUAL EVENT TO BE HELD IN APRIL OR MAY, 2009

Ms. Hudgins said she would speak with the NAACP about sponsorship. Ms. Suib said she had spoken to the President of the Board of the Fairfield County Realtors Association, and while that person was positive, she wanted to speak with others before making a commitment in terms of sponsorship. She suggested that the movie be shown on a Wednesday afternoon. Ms. Suib said she has not yet called the Garden Cinema but has the contact information to do so. The only expense anticipated in for refreshments. The realtor she spoke with anticipated covering the cost of refreshments.

Ms. Burke said that the film was very interesting and provided a lot of information. Ms. Hudgins suggested that when the film is introduced, it should be noted that it is still ongoing.

At 3:45 p.m., Mrs. Torrano arrived at the meeting.

Ms. Suib said her next step is to speak with Garden Cinema. She and the Chairman will work together to finalize the plans, including the time of day to show the film. Discussion at the event will be moderated by Ms. Suib. It was noted that April is Fair Housing Month.

Discussion took place on who should be invited. The Mayor will be invited. It was suggested that Sociology students from NCC be invited, as well as senior high school students. Mrs. Frank said they need to check on the number of people that the theatre can hold.

The Chairman will be the next member to view the film.

Ms. Suib distributed copies of the condolence letter sent to Mrs. Virgil.

DISCUSSION OF WORKFORCE HOUSING REGULATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TO ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Suib said she had sent the letter, as suggested, but had not yet received a response.

Discussion took place on potential new members to be recommended to the mayor, and the names of Joanne Romano and Art Scialabba were brought up. In addition, Ms. Suib said she had spoken with Joe Mann about the representative from NEON, and she will follow up with an e-mail.

**** MRS. FRANK MOVED TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING:**

**FHO MONTHLY REPORT
DISCUSSION RE FY 2009-2010 FAIR HOUSING BUDGET**

**** MS. BURKE SECONDED.
** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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