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MINUTES
FAIR HOUSING ADVISORY COMMISSION
APRIL 20, 2009

ATTENDANCE: Rev. Jeffrey Ingraham, Chairman; Carol Frank; Barbara Hudgins;
Nancy Burke.

STAFF: Margaret Suib, Fair Housing Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by the Chairman.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 16, 2009 MINUTES

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

OLD BUSINESS

DISCUSSION RE: FY2009-2010 FAIR HOUSING BUDGET

Ms. Suib said the budget shows an increase of \$3,500 to \$3,800 being recommended. It has been approved by the Board of Estimate & Taxation and now goes before the Common Council on May 4th.

DISCUSSION RE: ZONING WORKFORCE HOUSING REGULATION

Ms. Hudgins said there are two problems with Zoning. She will bring the NAACP a proposal next month. One proposal is to write a letter to Zoning from the NAACP, which Ms. Suib will assist with.

Ms. Suib said she has not yet heard back from the Zoning Commission. She will invite them to attend the June Fair Housing meeting.

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION ANNUAL EVENT – SHOWING OF MOVIE
“BRICK BY BRICK, A CIVIL RIGHTS STORY” – UPDATE

The Chairman suggested that this event take place in May and replace the regular monthly meeting.

Ms. Suib said that the owner of Garden Cinema said he would be happy to show this movie. They can only show a DVD upstairs, but there has to be an elevator to make it handicapped-accessible. Mrs. Frank asked if the elevator could be used for staff only, not the public. Ms. Suib said she has left a message for the owner.

Ms. Suib brought up the idea of holding this event at the Main Library. However, parking is an issue. Ms. Hudgins suggesting checking with the Branch Library as well. Ms. Burke suggested the Maritime Aquarium as a venue; another idea was the Community Room in City Hall.

It was agreed that this event would be held on May 20th. Ms. Suib will send out invitations to realtors, students from NCC and Brien McMahon, senior centers, attorneys, etc.

It was agreed that the first choice for a location was Garden Cinema; the second choice was the Maritime Aquarium. The Chairman suggested another choice might be the Pepsico Theatre at NCC.

Ms. Suib will e-mail everyone with the date and location.

FHO'S MONTHLY REPORT

Ms. Suib reviewed her written report and discussion took place. She noted that they are doing something on June 11th with the Housing Authority relating to outreach on Section 8 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Burke said she is calling two people to serve as mayoral representatives to this Commission.

The next meeting will take place on May 18th.

OLD BUSINESS (CON'TD)

DISCUSSION OF COMMISSION FY 2008-2009 WORK PLAN

There was no new information on this topic.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Telesco

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