



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT 06901

Minutes for February 17, 2015 Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Sandra Peterkin
Kate Lombardo

Public Safety Staff

Ellen Bromley, SS Commission Coordinator

Mayor's Staff

Martin Levine, Special Assistant to the Mayor

Health Department Staff

Anne Fountain, Director, Stamford Health Dept.
Sharona Cowan, Director, Mandated Services

Public

Frank Vartuli

Commission Chair Sandra Peterkin called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes from December 16th, 2014 meeting were approved.

Motion – Commissioner Peterkin made motion to accept minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Old Business

Fair Rent Activity - Ellen Bromley, Social Services Commission Coordinator

Ellen Bromley reviewed recent Fair Rent activity in a general discussion with the Commission.

Additionally, with specific reference to Fair Rent Case #201408003, she reported that efforts at conciliation had failed. Accordingly, the Commission voted to hear said case on March 17, 2015, in the Operations Conference Room (888 Washington Boulevard, 10th floor) at 6:00 p.m.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Ellen Bromley reported that the Community Development Department had received funding applications and that the Community Development Committee of the Board of Representatives had held a public hearing on said applications. The Board of Representatives Committee will meet on March 7, 2015 to prepare its funding recommendations for submission to the Mayor and thereafter, in conjunction with the Mayor, prepare final recommendations to be submitted to the Board of Representatives for approval at its budget meeting in May.

With respect to the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Ellen Bromley said that evidently the Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS) is still in the process of conducting its review and evaluation of applications submitted in response to the CSBG/HSI Request for Application. Although DSS had notified the City that January 30, 2015 was the tentative process completion date, no selection has yet been announced.

Update on Survey Project

Commissioner Peterkin reported that the Commission has received eleven (11) responses to its survey. Unfortunately, she experienced technical difficulties in attempting to retrieve these responses, but she will continue to work on this and furnish the results at the Commission's March meeting. Ellen Bromley said that she would seek additional responses by asking Terri Drew to send out a reminder notice on the listserv. Commissioner Lombardo asked Commissioner Peterkin to fax her a hard copy of the survey so that she would make copies and work with Food Bank recipient agencies that might not have computers to capture their responses.

New Business

Health Department Questionnaire

Anne Fountain explained that the Health Department had retained a consultant to prepare its portion of a Public Safety five year strategic plan. Commissioner Peterkin said that the Health Department's consultant had called her in connection with this. It was agreed that although most of the questions the consultant had submitted in written form were of limited applicability to, or beyond the scope of the Social Services Commission's interactions with the Health Department, Commissioner Peterkin would submit responses to questions where it was possible to furnish relevant information.

Future meetings

Commissioner Peterkin is scheduled for foot surgery in late March and will be unable to attend the Commission's previously scheduled April meeting and perhaps May's as well.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Ellen Bromley