

STAMFORD SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM – 10TH FLOOR
STAMFORD GOVERNMENT CENTER
888 WASHINGTON BOULEVARD
STAMFORD, CT 06901

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees: Moira Colangelo, Sharona Cowan, Anne Fountain, Martin Levine, Kate Lombardo, Daniel McCabe, Nancy Munoz, Sandra Peterkin

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Peterkin, Co-chair of the Social Services Commission at 4:20 p.m.

II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The December minutes were approved unanimously.

III. CHAIRS' REPORT

Sandra Peterkin opened the meeting and voiced some of her concerns. She stated that she does not receive feedback from the group when she emails commission business. She found it more troubling during the times she needed an immediate response to decide whether to cancel meetings during snow storms. Kate Lombardo, Co-chair expressed her apprehension to answer and send sensitive information via email as well as her commitment at work which is her first priority. Dan suggested having a day which the group can communicate as he finds himself in his car often unable to answer emails. Sandra made it clear that she did not want to co-chair the commission alone as critical issues need to be addressed. Sandra asked the members to vote as to whether she should chair the commission without Kate as a co-chair. Kate stated that she would resign as Co-chair of the commission. Sandra said that she is pleased to continue to serve as Chair of the commission.

Sandra asked Martin Levine, Special Assistant to the Mayor to help the commission find a location to meet for their regular meetings and hearings. The commission has not been able to find a permanent place as the BOE is not available on Tuesdays, and the BOR conference is not available and the Mayor's conference room has to have a staff member present throughout the meeting in order to be able to use it. Anne offered the commission one of the Health Department's conference rooms which is marked Conference Room 8A.

IV. AMY LIVOLSI, ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL – teleconference

Amy Livolsi was teleconferenced into the meeting to answer questions and give an overview on the procedures when entering executive session

V. SHARONA COWAN, DIRECTOR OF MANDATED SERVICES

a. To provide update on Fair Rent Cases

Sharona stated that there is only one new case referred to as FR20132001. Further, case number FR201310001 is set for a hearing this evening.

b. To determine date for next hearing(s)

The members agreed to list Fair Rent hearings as the last agenda item during regular scheduled meetings, as necessary.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

a. Possible expansion of commission to include alternate members for rent hearings only

Anne suggested that the Law Department be invited to answer questions on how to expand the commission. Martin Levine agreed that the first step is to inquire from Corporation Counsel on how to expand.

VII. NEW BUSINESS
No new business.

VIII. ADJOURN
The Social Services Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. by Sandra Peterkin, Chair.