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Social Services Commission
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
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Ellen Petersen
Renai Strother
Linda Gornitsky

Stamford Social Services Commission Meeting
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT. 06901

Wednesday, June 7, 2023, 4:30 P.M. Via Zoom
Draft Minutes

Attendees

Commissioners:
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
Kate Lombardo
Ellen Petersen
Linda Gornitsky

City of Stamford:
Sharona Cowan, Social Services Director

Members of the Public:
None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman at 4:37 P.M.

New Member Introduction

The Commissioners welcomed the new member of the Commission. Linda Gornitsky is a 45-year resident of Stamford. She is a consultant in the area of Corporate Citizenship, now known as CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility).

Minutes

The minutes for the May 10, 2023, meeting were presented. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Petersen and seconded by Commissioner Lombardo. The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Report from the Social Services Director

The Social Services Department is currently packing up and moving from the 9th floor of the building to the 8th floor, to join the rest of the Health and Human Services Department. While doing that, they are also ending the fiscal year and learning the new Oracle computer system.

They are continuing to enroll people in the Renters' Rebate program.

Efforts to enroll 18-year-olds and younger in the HUSKY Health Insurance program are continuing. The next phase will involve re-enrolling adults who had health insurance during the pandemic but have since lost coverage.

The Charter Revision Commission has proposed moving the Fair Rent Hearing process from the Social Services Commission to a newly created Housing Commission. There was a very short time between the date set for the first Charter Revision Commission hearing and the actual hearing on May 14, 2023. Chairperson Temlock Teichman noted that there was not enough time to meet as a Commission to respond to the proposal. There will be additional Charter Revision hearings before the Board of Representatives.

Old Business

The Social Services Director will send the Commissioners a link to the Microsoft Library, which has informational videos on using Outlook.

New Business

The Commission will discuss the Human Rights Commission research at the next regular meeting of the Commission.

Fair Rent Hearing – Complaint FR20221101-20

Brittany Lawrence vs. RMS-Washington Boulevard LLC

The hearing was called to order at 5:16 P.M. Present in addition to the Commission were: Brittany Lawrence, Complainant; Randy Trubow, representative of the property management company for RMS-Washington Boulevard LLC; and Emily Gordon, City of Stamford Director of Housing & Community Development / Affordable Housing Manager.

The hearing concluded at 6:20 P.M. A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Commissioner Temlock Teichman and seconded by Commissioner Lombardo. A motion to exit the Executive Session was made by Commissioner Temlock Teichman and seconded by Commissioner Lombardo. The Executive Session concluded at 6:39 P.M.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Temlock Teichman and seconded by Commissioner Petersen. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.