

MINUTES

MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL

DECEMBER 20, 2010

The Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council convened at 10:05 a.m. in Room-126 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

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| Members Present: | Ben Castonguay Jennifer Ponte Carol DeRosa Leonard S. Campbell George Cote Keith Jensen Marcia L. Stemm Mark Berkowitz Al Hricz Nancy E. Dickal Erwin Cohen, Ph.D | CT Real Estate Commission Member DECD Representative (Appearing for Timothy Coppage, CT Housing Finance Authority Rep.) Town Planner Banking Industry Representative Park Owner Park Owner Park Owner Park Tenant Park Tenant Senior Citizen |
| Member Absent: | Bennett Pudlin Timothy Coppage Myriam Clarkson Michelina G. Lauzier | Attorney at Law, Acting Chairperson CT Housing Finance Authority Rep. Mobile Manufactured Home Industry Rep Park Tenant |
| Board Vacancies: | One Representative of the Housing Advisory Committee | |
| DCP Staff Present: | Nelson Leon | |
| Public Present: | Raphael Podolsky, Esq. | |

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ACTING CHAIRPERSON

The Council unanimously appointed Keith Jensen as Acting Chairperson for today's meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Council voted unanimously to approve minutes of the October 18, 2010 Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council meeting.

REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

1. Mr. Jensen reported that the Legislative Committee will look into the issue of long term leases and report back to the Council.
2. Attorney Podolsky expressed concern about mobile home complaint enforcement process and advised in pursuing more effective enforcement via communication with new DCP Administration or statutory amendments.

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Ms. DeRosa reported on the CHFA & DECD role concerning the existing statutory home loan program and its availability for park residents to purchase a mobile manufactured home park. Ms. DeRosa said that the program has income and purchase price limits and requirement of the majority of owners meeting CHFA income criteria for eligibility purposes. CHFA & DECD will meet to determine whose role it is to provide technical assistance to residents. CHFA is also waiting for the new administration to determine program funding and will report back to the Council. Home rehabilitation or improvement monies program will also be further discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Council expressed an interest in having quarterly meetings during the 2011 year and unanimously concluded to have their 2011 meetings scheduled as follows:

Tuesday - March 22, Room-117
Monday - June 20, Room-126
Tuesday - September 20, Room-117
Monday - December 19, Room-126
2. Mr. Cohen expressed concern regarding the rising cost of weatherization for mobile manufactured homes with contractors suggesting weatherizing from the outside by adding insulation panels and residing the home. Mr. Cohen said there is a dire need for funding of this nature to assist owners of mobile manufactured homes.
3. Attorney Podolsky expressed concern with individuals being retaliated against as a result of filing a complaint with the fair rent commission. Attorney Podolsky suggested that these individuals should report such activity with the fair rent commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon
Advisory Council Secretary

The next meeting of the Advisory Council is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Room-117.