

MINUTES
MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL
JUNE 6, 2017

The Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council convened on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 10:11 a.m. at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103, in the North Plaza, Hearing Room J.

Members Present:	Bennett Pudlin Jennifer Ponte Leonard Campbell Myriam Clarkson Keith Jensen Marcia L. Stemm Al Hricz Arthur Mazeau	Attorney at Law, Acting Chairperson Department of Housing Town Planner Mobile Manufactured Home Industry Representative Mobile Home Park Owner, Co-Chairperson Mobile Home Park Owner Senior Citizen Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant
Members Absent:	Mark Berkowitz Nancy E. Dickal Joseph B. Castonguay George Cote	Mobile Home Park Owner Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant CT Real Estate Commission Member Banking Industry Representative
Member Vacancies:	Ct. Housing Finance Authority Representative Mobile Home Park Tenant or Representative of Such Tenant	
DCP Council Staff:	Karen Layman, Advisory Council Secretary	
Others Present:	Richard Maloney, Director, Trade Practices Julianne Avallone, Director, Legal Division Paulette Annon, Staff Attorney, Legal Division Deborah Gifford	

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

The Council voted unanimously to approve the Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council Draft Minutes of April 12, 2017 as written.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

Deborah Gifford, resident of Cedar Grove South, appeared to speak about a pending complaint she has filed with the Department regarding the sinking of her mobile home. Ms. Gifford also informed the Council that she would like to amend this complaint to add an ongoing water issue as well. Mr. Maloney was in attendance and noted that an acknowledgement letter was sent on April 26, 2017, and that DCP is awaiting a response from the mobile home park before conducting an inspection and interview. Mr. Maloney stated that Ms. Gifford does not need to add the water issue to the complaint at this time; she can address this additional issue when the interview takes place.

APPEARANCE BY DIRECTOR JULIANNE AVALLONE AND PAULETTE ANNON:

Ms. Avallone introduced newly hired staff attorney, Ms. Annon, and notified the Council that she is the attorney that would be assigned to any mobile manufactured home enforcement cases going forward. Ms. Avallone indicated that Ms. Annon will also be working with the representative from the Office of the Attorney General for this Council, as this is the proper contact to provide legal advice to the Council when it is required. Mr. Pudlin invited Ms. Annon to attend the next Council meeting on September 20, 2017.

REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Continued discussion regarding pending Mobile Home Park Regulations

Ms. Avallone reported that the pending mobile home park regulations remain at the Governor's Office, although she is not aware of any issues that would keep the regulations from moving forward. Ms. Avallone will provide contact information to Mr. Pudlin subsequent to the meeting so that he may follow up on these regulations.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

1. Continued discussion regarding CHFA Park Purchase Program

Mr. Pudlin provided an update on the proposed CHFA Park Purchase Program. The Council voted unanimously to amend the draft Park Purchase Flyer to add one item, specifically, the reference for parties to split the cost of the appraisal. Mr. Pudlin noted that, after the amendment is made, the flyer will be re-sent out to the three agencies for review.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Pudlin informed the Council that James Flynn has resigned as Mobile Home Park Tenant Member.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

DCP TRADE PRACTICE DIVISION:

1. Mr. Maloney attended and provided information on Closed Case No. 2016-209 and 2016-157, as requested by the Council at the April 12, 2017 meeting.

2. Mr. Maloney submitted a report consisting of current open complaints for the Council's review.

3. Mr. Maloney submitted a current list of licensed mobile home parks which indicates the parks which have had inspections conducted by the Department within the last three years, and parks that have not. Richard Maloney indicated that the Department will continue to conduct inspections for parks that have not had an inspection in the last three years.

COMMENTS OR CONCERNS OF ANY PERSON PRESENT TODAY:

None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Layman
Advisory Council Secretary

2017 MEETING SCHEDULE:

- September 20, 2017
- December 12, 2017

All meetings will take place at 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT, 06103 at 10:00 a.m.