

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Minutes of March 25, 1971 Meeting

Commissioners in attendance were Harriet Sitron, Ruth Jacobson, Frank Windsor, Anthony DeNunzio, Lou Disselhorst, Sid Orlov, Jackie Gorell, Herman Bloch ; Harold Goldmeier, Harvey Schwartz.

Guests in attendance were Mr. Ziff, Jan Krause, Boris Brail, Jules Barrash, Rev. David Fairchild, Peter Golden, Randy Lippert, Helen Meissner (Alice Dee Help Service).

The minutes were approved as circulated.

The resignation of Robert Gremley was noted. Mrs. Michaelson was not reappointed to the Human Relations Commission. Dr. Bloch expressed feelings of regret as both were hard workers and assets to the Commission.

Statement of North Shore Human Relations Councils presented by Dr. Barrash, President, Niles Township Human Relations Council - statement signed by nine area councils and one commission pertaining to low and moderate income housing (see attached). Dr. Barrash requested the Skokie Human Relations Commission to adopt the statement of policy and bring it to the attention of the Village Board. Ruth Jacobson and the housing committee presented a similar resolution. Mrs. Jacobson moved for adoption and seconded by Sid Orlov. Mr Orlov suggested an amendment adding first sentence of third paragraph of Dr. Barrash's statement, seconded by Mr. Disselhorst. Carried unanimously (see attached). Resolution to be presented to the Village trustees with recommendation that similar resolution be adopted by the Board.

Highland Park survey of need for low and moderate income housing described. Dr. Bloch proposed a similar study be made in Skokie but should also include a feasibility study for building such housing in Skokie. Moved to conduct such a survey by Sid Orlov. Seconded by Ruth Jacobson. Mr. Goldmeier will draft an outline to be presented at the next commission meeting for approval. Motion carried.

Dr. Bloch called attention to the Governor's Conference on Youth May 11 and 12 at the Sherman House. April 3 meeting in Oak Park at 2:30. James Hecht, author of "Because It Is Right," will speak.

Revisions of rules of procedure of Fair Housing Ordinance - Ruth Jacobson moved revised rules be adopted as previously discussed. Seconded by Jackie Gorell. Motion carried unanimously. Ruth Jacobson moved that the corporation counsel make necessary changes in the Fair Housing Ordinance and that new rules of procedure be presented for approval to the Board of Trustees. Seconded by Harriet Sitron. Motion carried.

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Mr. Goldmeier reported that the annual report will be printed by the next meeting.

School Districts 68, 69, 73 1/2 and St. Lamberts will participate in Workshop in Minority Group Culture. Seven people from each district will attend. District 73 will not participate and 65 has its own program.

A one-day program was suggested for decision makers and officers for governmental offices. Suggested surrounding communities be invited. To be held at end of April.

Sid Orlov moved and Ruth Jacobson seconded motion that letter drafted by Harold Goldmeier, directed to Secretary Laird, be sent by the Board of Trustees. Motion failed.

Frank Windsor moved and Lou Disselhorst seconded the motion that the letter be sent by the Commission. Motion carried.

Next meeting to be a retreat on Sunday, April 25, 1971.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Gorell



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60078

March 26, 1971

RESOLUTION OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The following resolution was passed unanimously at the March 25, 1971 regular meeting of the Skokie Human Relations Commission.

The Skokie Human Relations Commission endorses the concept of building low-rise, low-income housing on scattered sites in all residential areas throughout the city and suburbs.

The Commission believes that such housing in the suburbs, together with middle-income housing, job opportunities, and an effective public transportation system, will provide an opportunity for people of all races, nationalities, and economic levels to enter the mainstream of our economy and build a better future for themselves and their children.

We recognize our responsibility, as a suburban community, to share in solving the problems brought about by neglect, discrimination and mistaken priorities of the past, in order to create a stable metropolitan area based on a legacy of fairness and justice. We urge our Village Board of Trustees to plan now for low and moderate income family housing.

We urge the Board of Trustees to adopt a similar resolution.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

We believe Judge Austin's decision that the CHA disperse its public housing units throughout Chicago was both correct and courageous. All of Chicago must cooperate in responding to the housing crisis.

At the same time, we affirm that inadequate housing is actually an area-wide problem best solved by residents of the total area. Accordingly, the suburbs also share in the moral responsibility of helping meet the acute need for low and moderate income housing. There must not be one housing policy for the city, another for the suburbs.

We urge our village leaders to begin planning now for low and moderate income housing. The communities of suburbia, working together with the city, can have a correcting and healing influence on the racial, economic and social problems that affect the entire metropolitan area.

We pledge our support for such a joint effort.

Dr. Jules Barrash, Chrmn., Niles Township
Human Relations Council
Robert J. Buzbee, Chrmn., Northbrook Human
Relations Commission

Jean R. Cleland, Pres., Wilmette Human Relations
Committee
Mrs. H. Williams Diamond, Co-Chrmn., Deerfield
Area Human Relations Committee
John Gaddis, Libertyville
Rudy Hazucha, Pres., Arlington Heights Human
Relations Committee
Stuart Otis, Lake Forest
Sander M. Postol, Pres., Glenview Human Relations
Committee
Mary D. Powers, Pres., Winnetka Human Relations
Committee
James O. Webb, Jr., Pres., Glencoe Human Relations
Committee
Ben Williams, Executive Director, Evanston
Human Relations Commission

The above statement was subscribed to on March 14, 1971. The individual groups will convey this message to their local governments as they see fit. For further information, call Jean R. Cleland (251-2968) or Mary D. Powers (446-6775).