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SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

(Prior to the meeting, Commissioners held discussion concerning the advisability of continuing the movie programs. January will be the next showing.)

Commissioners present: Mr. Perille Rabbi Montrose Mrs. Gorell
Mr. Nimer Mrs. Michaelson Mr. Hoff
Mr. Dworkin Dr. Mundy, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Schwartzx
Observers: Mrs. Lewis, Miss Sanders, Miss Silver

Minutes of last meeting:

Mr. Schwartz's report: 4th line-add "lack of social need"
5th line-add "the ordinance relating to real estate"
end of 1st paragraph- "with an immediately effective date"

Minutes approved as corrected.

Dr. Bloch Reports:

Dec. 5- Annual luncheon by the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. Those wishing to attend contact Mr. Thornton.
Committee from Commission met with the Niles Township Human Relations Council to develop approach to handling problems of the Austin group and other future problems.

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Mr. Schwartz reported that the Mayor's Committee met with the Austin group and Mr. Ripes. An agreement was reached and signed. Dec. 10, Mr. Ripes to be in court. Dr. Bloch commended Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gordon and Mayor Smith for their efforts.

✓ Mrs. Sanders felt that Judge Murphy's attitude changed after his visit to the Austin area.

Dr. Bloch reported that the Skokie woman who needed medical attention was admitted to the Reed Center for evaluation.

The ordinances will be ready for the first reading ~~Dec. 2~~ ^{Nov. 25} Dr. Bloch will prepare a statement to be read prior to the presentation of the ordinances.

Mrs. Michaelson: Skokie Valley P.T.A Council meeting dealt with means of preventing violence.

~~Mr. Thornton~~ ^{Mr. Gordon} to meet with Dr. Gibbs of Dist. 68. This will be the first of various meetings to be held by the Educational Committee of the Commission.

There will be no meeting in December unless there is some special report to be made. The meeting adjourned 9:30 P.M.

Happy New Year to All.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jackie Gorell, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Com.

Nov. 21, 1968

Agenda

1. Roll Call

2. Minutes of Oct. 24 meeting
2a. Audience

3. Reports

A. Chairman

(1) Luncheon Dec. 5 - Chicago Com Human Rel.

(2) Rippe case - Airtel w. NTHRC

(3) Leonide Case

(4) Ordinances to be read 11/25, presentation + vote 12/2

B. Co-Chairman Perille

C. Others - Thornton, Mundy + Hoff - Michaelson (letter)
(PTA Council Mtg)

4. Other old business

5. New business - date next mtg. 12/19? 12/26?

6. Adjournment

No meeting in Dec. unless needed -
Dec. 26 if needed.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting October 24, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Perille Rabbi Montrose Rev Anderson
Mrs. Gorell Mr. Hoff Mr. Dworkin
Rabbi Weiner Mrs. Michaelson
Dr. Mundy Mr. Schwartz Mr. Gordon

Observers: Mrs. Louis Mrs. Stephon Mrs. Handleman
Mrs. Silver Mrs. Mrowka Mrs. Ran

Dr. Bloch Reports:

Memo: Illinois Commission on Human Relations reported that the Supreme Court upheld the Governors order on the Department of Registration.
Notice: A series of meetings to be held by the Central Methodist Church on the Life and Culture of Black America.
Skokie Valley P.T.A Council to hold series on "Law and Reform". Mrs. Michaelson to be the official representative from the Commission.
B.B.F to hold series which will include several prominent speakers. We will be notified as to the dates and time.
At the November meeting, the film "Remedy for Riot" will be shown at 7:00P.M. A half hour discussion will follow.

Election of Secretary: (To replace Mrs. Quinn)
Mr. Dworkin nominated Mrs. Gorell, second by Mr. Hoff and unanimously passed.

Mr. Schwartz Reports: (Redraft of Fair Housing Ordinance)

Our real estate ordinance could be broadened to include commercial and industrial property. We do not have the expressed authority from the State Legislature. We have not found a serious social need in this area.

Dr. Bloch questioned this ^{lack of} social need. We should go on record to say that the Black Business men are welcome IN our Community. Broadening the real estate brokers license would then take care of this.

Dr. Mundy added that he would hope there would be a movement into the suburbs by business and professional peoples in the future.

Mr. Schwartz felt that an amendment can be adopted by our board now with an effective date.

It was moved by Mr. Perille and seconded by Rev. Anderson that the Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees the adoption of the Fair Housing Ordinance as proposed by Mr. Schwartz at the last meeting with stated changes.

Motion passed: 9-yes, 0-no.

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees that Ordinance #67 10 G 254 be amended to regulate commercial and industrial property. Seconded by Mr. Hoff and passed: 9-yes, 0-no. To be presented to the Board on November 18.

Mr. Hoff Reports: Education Committee.

Organization meeting held and decided to work very closely with the schools, serve as a clearing house with the school, serve as a clearing house of human relations information and services for the Village, meet with educational administrators and others connected with education in the Village and discover areas where the Committee or the Commission might be of service.

Dr. Bloch received a request from the Niles Township Human Relations Council for a committee to meet with their Committee to discuss the involvement of Skokie citizens in inner-city residents, specifically the Austin area. The question being: What should be the involvement of their Council and our Commission. There have been complaints against citizens who are said to be "Slum Landlords". Rabbi Montrose felt that one involvement would set a precedent and put the Commission in a position of conciliating thousands of complaints. Mr. Schwartz felt that we have no legal position but we are involved and will be involved with the inner-city. Mr. Gordon suggested that a service could be rendered to the Skokie citizens who are involved in terms of telling them how to keep the area stable. Mr. Dworkin suggested a committee be appointed to investigate and make recommendations to the Commission. Dr. Bloch asked the Executive Committee, Mr. Dworkin, Mr. Schwartz, Mr. Gordon to meet with the N.T.H.R.C.

Dr. Bloch reported a Widow living alone, becoming mentally disturbed and unable to get help. Mr. Schwartz is working in this area, has contacted the State Attorney's office for information and will keep Dr. Bloch informed.

The meeting adjourned 10:25 P.M.
NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 21 at 7:00 P.M STARTING WITH MOVIE.

Respedtfully Submitted,

Jackie Gorell, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Com.

Oct. 24, 1968

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Reappointment of Sec. Protem
- ✓ 2. Roll Call
- ✓ 3. Minutes of Sept. 26 meeting
- ✓ 4. Election of permanent secretary.
- ✓ 5. Reports + Announcements
 - A. Chairman
 - (1) Memo from IHRC re Supreme Court Ruling
 - (2) Central Methodist Church series
 - (3) Skokie Valley Council, PTA program 10/30
 - B. Dechman Perille
 - C. Others - Thornton (Reduction of Quorum); Dr. Mundy (Film for Nov. 21)
- ✓ 6. Consideration of Fair Housing Ordinance Draft
- ✓ 7. Old Business
 - * A. Report of Education Com. (Hoff, Michaelson)
 - B. Other
8. New Business
 - A. Request of NTHRC for meeting with Com. of Commission re involvement in complaints from inner city re Skokie residents (10/28, 10/31, 11/3 or 11/4)
 - B. Medical help for mentally disturbed.
 - C. Next meeting - Nov. 21 - 7 PM - Publicity?
9. Adjournment

Jackie
Don
Hoff
Michaelson

* Letter to Supt. to pave way - quote ordinance

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 26, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Dworkin Mr. Gremley Mr. Thorton
Mrs. Gorell Mrs. Michaelson Mr. Schwartz Legal Dept.
Rabbi Weiner Dr. Mundy Mr. Gordon Legal Dept.

Observers: Mrs. Silver - Mrs. Lewis - Mrs. Saunders - Mrs. Handleman

The minutes was accepted as written.

✓ Mrs. Gorell was asked to act as secretary pro-tem.
Dr. Bloch welcomed Mrs. Michaelson and Mr. Dworkin to the Commission. ✓

Mr. Thorton will meet with Mr. Schwartz to discuss the reduction of quorum. ←
Dr. Bloch will transmit Mr. Turton's resignation to Mayor Smith. ←

DR. BLOCH REPORTS:

On September 5, Rabbi Weiner, Mr. Thorton and Dr. Bloch attended police training session and addressed them on Human Relations.

The Illinois Supreme Court passed down the decision upholding the right of the Dept. Of Registration and Education to suspend the license of realtors who are discriminating.

Mrs. Michaelson reported that Mr. Perille spoke at a League of Women Voter's workshop and was well received.

Rabbi Weiner reported that at a Wingspread Advisory Board meeting it became clear that the number one problem is that there is a lack of organized backing from the community. Perhaps the Commission should help Wingspread organize and communicate with the community. Dist. 68 separated itself from Wingspread because the basic program is geared to the high school age. Sharp Corner has a six day program and sixteen volunteers. The sixth grade is to join with pupils from the Wacker School to pursue out-of-the-field endeavors. The Board has approved this pilot program which may be expanded. Mrs. Michaelson was asked to serve on the Educational Committee.

The Commission discussed a kit to bring new members up to date on Commission affairs. Mr. Thorton will find out if Council Chambers could be used for a half hour before the meeting to show films and a discussion could follow. The film "Remedy for Riot" will be checked for the November meeting (to be held the 3rd Thursday). Mrs. Gorell will take care of the publicity.

Discussion: Proposed Ordinance.

No action could be taken due to the lack of a quorum. Dr. Bloch suggested broadening the ordinance to cover all real estate property transactions. Mr. Schwartz will research to see if we have the authority and he will have the revised ordinance for the October meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 P.M. NEXT MEETING OCTOBER 24.

Respectfully Submitted,

→ Jackie Gorell, Secretary, Pro-tem

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Com.

Sept. 26, 1968

Agenda

1. Appointment of Secretary protem
2. Roll Call
Welcome to June Michelson, Tortora, Troby. Still several vac.
3. Minutes of Aug. 22 meeting
4. Election of permanent Sec.
5. Reports
 - A. Chairman - Mtg of Sept. 5 with police recruits { HSB, KW, JT, Rose }
Ill. Supreme Ct. decision of 9/24 - injunctions against Dept. Reg. & license which barred discrim. by brokers (4/6) thrown out. Discrim. contracts w. owners unenforceable under equal protect. clause of 14th Amend., cont. public policy.
 - B. Thome - Thornton
 - C. Others - J. Mich - DP talk
KW - Wingspread
6. Consideration of Fair-Housing Ordinance Draft.
Expand to all real estate? Effective date?
Amend anti-discrim. act accordingly?
7. Other old business
Ed. Rept. by Hoff
Next mtg. Oct. 24 - Film? (Greenby request for ed.)
8. Adjournment

Dr. Bloch suggested that we get a kit together that will aid new members to understand work.

Mr. Gremley reported on the meeting he had attended in Niles, ecumenical and human relations meeting.

MR. SCHWARTZ REPORTS:

Distributed copies of a new model ordinance "Skokie Fair Housing Ordinance". We will go over the ordinance in detail at the next meeting and amend present ordinance to be in line with this new ordinance. Mr. Schwartz will present recommendations for amending.

Dr. Bloch asked the Commissioners to be prepared to take action on this at the next meeting--SEPTEMBER 26. He will also ask Mr. Hoff to prepare a program on Education.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Aug. 22, 1968

Agenda

1. Roll Call - Dworkin? Turtan?
Resignation Betty Quinn. Now 14 members, 2 questionable { Turtan
Tushy
Welcome Gordon Thom, Jesse Thornton
2. Minutes of Aug. 5 meeting
3. Statements of Visitors
4. Reports - (A) Chmn - HB 2837 Signed into law by Gov. Shapiro 8/21
Mtg. w. G. Thom + J. Thornton (8/8)
" " " " + E. Bancroft (8/14)
Survey of Com. (now 82) by Ill. Com.
B. Co-Chmn. Perille
C. Others
5. Old Business
A. Draft of Fair-housing ordinance
B. Other
6. New Business
A. Discussion of Objectives (Reorg. Ex. Com.) - Committees (4/25)
B. Next mtg. 9/26
Education - Hoff
Employment - Grady
Interfaith - Anderson
Housing -
Speaks - D. Perille
P.R. - J. Grall
7. Adjournment

169 Negroes
100 Domestic
1967 Summer Census

MEMO: TO COMMISSIONERS
FROM DR. HERMAN BLOCH, CHAIRMAN

AT THE AUGUST MEETING, I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE
OBJECTS AND FUTURE PROGRAMS OF THE COMMISSION.

SINCE AT THIS MEETING, WE EXPECT ALSO TO RECEIVE MR. SCHWARTZ'S FIRST DRAFT OF THE
PROPOSED NEW FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE, YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND.

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Meeting - August 5, 1968 (July Meeting)

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM

Commissioners present: Mr. Perille Father Sauer Rabbi Weiner
Mr. Hoff Mrs. Quinn Mrs. Millman, Administrative
Rabbi Montrose Mrs. Gorell Secretary
Mr. Nimer Rev. Anderson Mr. Schwartz, Corporation
Counsel

Commissioners absent: Mr. Turton, Mr. O'Connell, Mr. Gremley, Mr. Turky, Mr. Dworkin

Observers: Mrs. Louis Miss Trottnor
Mrs. Hersh Mr. Newman
Miss Siegal Lee Prince, Skokie News

Dr. Bloch Reports:

Mr. Arnold Dworkin, appointed to the Commission, will make the 15th official member as of today.

Dr. Bloch welcomed Rabbi Montrose to the Commission.

Request for the approval of Minutes- June 28.

Correction- Letter of resignation was not received from Mr. Turton. The minutes was approved as corrected.

Dr. Bloch spoke to the Mayor, once again, requesting a full-time executive director. There are sufficient funds allowed in the budget for a director.

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission request a full-time executive director. Mr. Hoff seconded the motion which passed unanimously. ~~the~~ job description has already been ~~provided~~ ^{provided.}

Dr. Bloch also sent a copy of request to reduce ^{to 45% percentage} quorum ~~of percentage~~ of members presently serving, rather than a ~~majority of the sixteen~~ ^{majority}, as set by the ordinance. Mr. Schwartz will introduce an amendment to effect such a reduction. This will reduce it from the fixed eight to 45% of the membership. ~~which~~

The Illinois Commission has appointed a new liason to our Commission, Mr. Edward Bancroft.

Dr. Bloch read a Michigan Supreme Court decision: Beachgrove Investment Co. vs. Michigan Human Rights Commission: The Investment Co. refused to sell a lot to a Negro. Michigan H.R. Commission ruled the Investment Co. "cease and desist". The Investment Co. took the case to the Supreme Court and they ruled the Commission had the power to act to prevent discrimination.. They said the source could be Michigan State, Federal, Local or Common Law to prevent such abrogation of civil rights of minority groups, or anyone for that matter.

Our Ordinance setting up this Commission states we ~~have authority to act~~ ^{should safeguard rights granted} under Federal, State, Local ordinances, thus, we might be able to act in the light of the Michigan Supreme Court decision.

Mr. Perille felt that in light of the fact that the Illinois Legislature acted to allow municipalities to enact fair housing laws, we need not depend on the Michigan case. (Gov. Shapiro has not signed it yet)

Dr. Bloch suggested that we recommend the Trustees pass a model new ordinance to be ready when Governor Shapiro signs H.B 2837.

Mr. Hoff moved that we recommend broadening of the ordinance to include sellers, home-owners, lending institutions, and set reasonable and appropriate penalties. Mr. Nimer seconded.

Mr. Perille suggested adding that rental agents publish criteria by which they make rental in order to be able to judge discrimination. Dr. Bloch suggested that we, rather than owners, set this criteria to avoid the differences of many different owners of rental units. Mr. Perille also suggested that we update rules of procedure.

The motion passed 10 to 0.

Mr. Schwartz will prepare a new model fair housing proposal for the August 22 meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: August 22.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Aug. 5, 1968

Agenda

1. Roll Call - New Members ^{Lawrence} Rabbi, Montrose, Mr. Rudd
Dworkin. Now 14 members, + Tutor (?), ~~Bluff~~
2. Minutes of June 28 meeting.
3. Statements of Visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman
 - (1) Executive Director - Letter of 7/6 (Austin letter 6/26)
 - (2) Quorum reduction - Letter of 7/6
 - (3) Letters of thanks to Gittles, welcome to Montrose, Dworkin
 - (4) Ill Commission - new liaison man - Edward Benneft
New Complaint Form; study of experiences of
communities w. FH ordinances.
 - (5) ~~Re~~ Mich. Supreme Court Decision - Beach Grove Invest. Co.
vs Mich. Civil Rights Com. Applicable?
(See 9-43(B); 9-51(i))
 - B. Co-Chair, Perille
 - C. Mrs. Millman
 - D. Others
5. Old Business
 - Amendment of Anti-Discrim. Ordinance
 - new State legislation re local FH ordinances?
6. New Business
 - Next meeting Aug. 22.
7. Adjournment

Police Session

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL NOTICE

TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

FROM: HERMAN BLOCH, CHAIRMAN

BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AWAY FOR THE JULY 25th MEETING, WE ARE CANCELING
THAT DATE AND REQUESTING THAT THE MEETING TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 5th AT 8:PM
IN VILLAGE HALL.

July 6, 1968

TO: Mayor Albert J. Smith
FROM: Herman S. Bloch

RE: Executive Director for Commission

At the conclusion of the budget hearing of June 8, at which I requested consideration of the appointment of a full-time executive director for the Commission, you directed the Village Manager and Personnel Director to draw up a job description for such a position and to determine the salary requirements. Although I have heard no official follow-up on this request, I presume that the matter is still under consideration and will be the subject of a further discussion by the Board. I would like to request that Don Ferille and I be notified of such a further hearing so that one of us can be present. Since I will be out of town the last half of July, Don would attend during that period.

Since there appeared to be some concern on the part of some of the trustees over the nature and scope of the activities of the executive director, I would like to reiterate that his functions are expected to be largely preventive rather than curative. The handling of acute situations, such as hostility over non-white move-ins or complaints over discrimination, is expected to be only a minor part of his work. His major job would be to develop and implement programs which would promote healthy inter-group relations in Skokie and prevent flare-ups. For example:

In the interfaith area, he would promote and coordinate inter-religious group dialogues; establish liaison with human relations groups of local churches and synagogues to strengthen their joint efforts; carry out an educational program directed at arresting the flight of Protestants.

In the inter-racial area, he would initiate and develop further programs directed at greater acceptance of non-whites; would publish and disseminate factual material designed to dispel the fears of white residents; would establish liaison with the non-whites living in Skokie, identify the sources of their discontent, if any, and take corrective measures, if possible.

In the areas of employment and housing, he would establish contact with local business and industry, with their organizations, and with appropriate governmental bodies of

surrounding communities, of the state, and of the Federal government, to determine what role our community can play in solving local and regional problems in a manner which would best preserve community harmony and community standards.

In the area of education, he would work with the local school districts and with private schools to establish meaningful programs for both faculty and students, on a continuing basis, which would attempt to create healthy inter-group attitudes (including inter-generation attitudes and attitudes toward government, law and various levels of government authority); and would work with various departments of the Village to promote friendly and understanding attitudes toward residents of all racial, ethnic and religious groups.

All of the above functions are now handled by the Commission and its committees in a manner which is at best superficial and inadequate for our community's needs, because Commission members are unable to devote enough time for adequate coverage of these areas. Our efforts need the continuous activity and drive which can only be given by full-time employees, just as in every other branch of our government. I believe that an Executive Director who conforms, for example, to the job description of the Evanston "Director of Community Relations" would serve our requirements for many years to come.

I earnestly urge you and the Board of Trustees to take favorable action on this request of the Human Relations Commission.

cc: Gordon Thorn
Don Perille
Harvey Schwartz

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 28, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners Present: Mr. Rowell Hoff Mr. Bob Gremley
Mrs. Jackie Gorell Mr. Murphy, Administrative Director
Mrs. Betty Quinn Mrs. Millman, Administrative Secretary
Mr. Dan Nimer

Observers: Trustee Schmidt Mr. Copeland
Mr. Schwartz, Corp. Counsel Mr. Lazar
Miss Trottnor Mrs. Louis
Mrs. Polakoff Mr. Newman
Mrs. Silver

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

DR. BLOCH REPORTS:

Letters of resignation received from Mr. Gittles (and Mr. Turton) and Mr. Murphy.
New members to the Commission- Rabbi Montrose.

The League of Women Voters of Homewood, Wilmette inquired about the workings of our Commission and the anti-discrimination ordinances. Dr. Bloch responded to this inquirey.

District 68 passed a written statement on human relations. U.S. History curriculum will now include Negro history and history of other ethnic groups. Also, to include Negro staff in the schools of the district.

Commonwealth of Penn. v. Brown barred Girard College from banning Negroes.

Paul v. Dade County (April 29) U.S. Supreme Court refused to review constitutionality of display of cross on public buildings (Miami). Effect: to permit display of religious symbols on public property.

Court of appeals ruled no advancement of religion was a part of the display of the cross. The Court ruled it was not a religious activity in violation of the first amendment.

MR. HOFF REPORTS:

Welfare Council of Greater Chicago meeting- June 23.

Mr. Hoff attended the workshop on Housing and Human Rights . They discussed the law of 1866 which they felt there was no mechanism of enforcement.
Mr. Nissen and Mr. Gross presided over this workshop.

Mr. Murphy REPORTS:

Mr. Murphy gave a resume of Negro employment in Skokie. Skokie hiring is based on merit, qualified people regardless of race, recruited and then hired. Skokie Valley Industrial Association has a similar program in conjunction with the Federal Government to take hard-core unemployable and train them on a 12 month basis. One hundred pledged from companies are located in our community.

Dr. Bloch appeared June 8 at the Trustees meeting with a request for a full-time executive director. Manager Thorn and the Personnel Director requested to draw up job description and cost.

Mrs. Gorell REPORTS:

Rumer Line number---Or.3-2000 will be manned by the Police Dept. to answer questions in cases of disorder.

MR. SCHWARTZ:REPORTS:

RE: Legal Authority for Fair Housing Authority. Discussed Supreme Court decision (Jones v. Mayer Co.- June 17, 1968) and whether Skokie can pass ordinance applying to homeowners. Concludes that Skokie has no authority until State legislature specifically grants it.

The 1866 law bars private and public discrimination with respect to housing. Cities and villages in Illinois only have powers granted by General Assembly. (Full report attached)

Mr. Hoff suggested that the Commission consider recommending an ordinance in line with the Supreme Court decision and/or 1968 Civil Rights Act.

Miss Trottner read a statement on her view (attached).

Dr. Bloch read a letter from Mr. Howard Gilbert, also in support of a fair housing ordinance and another letter from Mr. and Mrs. Hersh (copies attached).

Dr. Bloch suggested that the Commission recommend that the trustees pass an ordinance, drawn up by the Corp. Counsel, encompassing provisions discussed and suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.
Next meeting- July 25*

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

* MEETING DATE CHANGED TO AUGUST 5.

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Skokie, Illinois

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JUN 24 1968

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

Skokie Board of Trustees
Skokie Human Relations Commission
Village Hall
Skokie, Illinois

June 20, 1968

Dear Sirs:

We affirm our support for the position taken by the Nile Township Human Relations Council in urging the strengthening of Skokie's Fair Housing Ordinance. We are convinced that until the ordinance is extended to cover all persons connected with the buying and renting of homes, the goal of providing an open housing market will not be achieved.

In addition, we urge that the Village of Skokie take steps towards helping to provide moderately priced housing that will be available on a non-discriminatory basis. It is a cruel irony that the housing opportunities that have been slowly and painfully been opened up on an equal basis have done very little to help the masses of lower income people trapped in the cities' ghettos. Now, as business and industry are moving to the suburbs and away from the people who need jobs the most, the situation is becoming more and more desperate. This is where we in Skokie have a real opportunity to be useful in helping to make both jobs and housing available.

There is little hope that the problems of poverty and racism will be solved in a peaceful constructive way unless all of us become personally committed to their solution. The Kerner Report spoke to all of us, in cities and suburbs, when it spelled out the steps that need to be taken. We must give up complacency and face the issues with a sense of their urgency.

Encouraging progress towards equal housing has been made by the Congress and now especially by the Supreme Court. This should serve to reinforce and hasten our actions and not be used as a reason to question or postpone them. Our country is going through a period of unbelievable change and turmoil and much is demanded of us. The Village of Skokie has shown courageous leadership in the past and we hope will stay in the forefront of commitment and action.

Sincerely yours,

Shanice and Herbert Hersh

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Hersh

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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

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June 25, 1968

Mayor Albert Smith
Village Hall
Skokie, Illinois

Dear Mayor Smith:

I am the only member of the Executive Board of the Conference on Religion and Race who lives in Skokie.

I would appreciate at this time your taking the time to once again listen to my position concerning the role of the Village of Skokie in passing a Fair Housing ordinance. The Village and your Board has been a leader in the past in advancing the cause of Fair Housing.

Once again leadership requires a forward step.


I recommend that the Village take the following steps:

1. Extend the Ordinance to specifically include:
 - a) Individual Homeowners.
 - b) Owners of Apartment Buildings.
 - c) Builders and Developers.
 - d) Lending Institutions.
2. State explicitly that a Realtor, a Licensee of the Village, cannot maintain a listing after he becomes aware that it is discriminatory.
3. Give an aggrieved person the opportunity to obtain an injunction in order to have conciliatory proceedings prior to any disposition of the real property or rental accommodation in question.

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The time of taking action should be as soon as possible. I should be pleased to help you in any small manner I can.

Cordially yours,


HOWARD N. GILBERT

HNG:dv

CC: Mrs. Murray Jans
Dr. Herman Bloch

6/27/68

Dr. Herman Bloch, Chairman
Skokie Human Relations Commission

The past week's landmark decision in Jones et al v. Alfred H. Mayer Co. et al now compels all of us to face the issue of discrimination in housing squarely. Will Skokie provide the Negro citizen with a remedy to enforce his constitutional right to live in the community?

No longer can the village hide behind the facade of the alleged lack of authority given a municipality to include homeowners in a non-discriminatory ordinance. The Supreme Court in its decision said that the 42 USC Section 1983 (Civil Rights Act of 1866) means exactly what it says:

"All citizens of the United States shall have the same right, in every state and territory, as is enjoyed by white citizens thereof to inherit, purchase, lease, sell, hold, and convey real and personal property."

The Court then further said that the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery gave Congress the authority to pass the 1866 law.

"At the very least, the freedom that Congress is empowered to secure under the Thirteenth Amendment includes the freedom to buy whatever a white man can buy, the right to live wherever a white man can live. If Congress cannot say that being a freeman means at least this much, then the Thirteenth Amendment made a promise the nation cannot keep."

"And when racial discrimination herds men into ghettos and makes their ability to buy property turn on the color of their skin, then it is too a relic of slavery."

If the 13th Amendment with its enabling legislation gives the Negro the right to buy and live wherever a white man can buy or live, then no state government can contravene or impair that right by denying a municipality the authority to pass legislation enforcing that right.

If the right to purchase and rent in our village is a right guaranteed only in a federal court it is no more than "pie in the sky" or a "shining star miles away." Few Negroes can afford the time and money to process the right in the federal courts. Moreover, the remedies are inadequate. It therefore becomes for all practical purposes a right without a remedy which to the Negroes in the ghetto is no right at all.

The National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders in the Kerner Report, after reporting on the overcrowding due to discrimination and higher rents paid by Negroes stated:

"The result has been widespread discontent with housing conditions and costs. In nearly every disorder city surveyed, grievances relating to housing were important factors in the structure of Negro discontent."

"It is time now to end the destruction and the violence, not only in the streets of the ghetto but in the lives of people."

The question of legality of the Skokie Anti-Discrimination Ordinance were it to include homeowners is no longer an issue. Surely, no one can now deny that the police powers of the municipality include the authority to pass an ordinance protecting a citizen's constitutional rights. Under the 14th Amendment, the state may pass laws regulating the privileges

and immunities of its own citizens provided that in so doing, it does not abridge their privileges and immunities as citizens of the United States. How can the state therefore refuse a municipality the authority to include homeowners in a valid anti-discriminatory ordinance covering brokers without abridging the Negro's rights as a United States citizen thereby?

The Commission should immediately recommend and the trustees should immediately amend the present ordinance to include homeowners and provide adequate remedies for enforcing the aggrieved's constitutional rights. The remedies should include injunctive relief and compensatory damages. Let us end the vestiges of slavery and the frustrations of citizens who seek what they are entitled to under the constitution: the right to purchase and rent in Skokie. Nor let the village evade its moral responsibility and concern for the public welfare by waiting for the state to adopt legislation. The despair of citizens who see no change in the suburbs will not brook delay.

Niles Township Human Relations Council

Joseph Gump, Chairman
Joseph Minsky
Edna Polakoff
Mary Ellen Trottnner

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
June 27, 1968

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of meeting
May 23, 1968
3. Statement of Visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman Dr. H. Bloch
 - B. Co-Chairman D. Perille
 - C. Mrs. Millman
 - D. Joseph Murphy - Heb. Theol. Sem.
 - E. Mrs. Gorell - Rumor Line
5. Other old business
Rept. of Mr. Schwartz; Budget Hearing
6. New business
7. Adjournment

Letters
Gittles
Turton

murphy
1. Resignations - Gittles, Turton. Letter to Jacobs
2. Letters Wilmette Homewood
3. Dist. 68 HR Program
4. Court Rulings - Innes Display, Gerald Coll.
5. Meetings - ^{6/25} Tues, NTHRC (Mans, Mc Dermott)
6/26 Sat - Weef. Council
6/27 Lunch - Leas. Council

Enclosed is the agenda for this month's Human Relations
Commission Meeting. We certainly hope you can make the
meeting.

Joseph P. Murphy

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MAY 23, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

- Commissioners present:
- | | |
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| Mr. Perille | Rev. Anderson |
| Mr. Hoff | Mrs. Gorell |
| Mrs. Quisen | Mr. Tuohy |
| Mr. Gremley | Mr. Murphy, Administrative Director |
| | Mr. Schwartz, Corp. Counsel |
| | Mrs. Millman, Administrative Secretary |
- Commissioners absent:
- | | | |
|--------------|------------|---------------|
| Mr. Gitley | Rev. Sauer | Mr. O'Connell |
| Mr. Nimer | Mr. Turton | |
| Rabbi Weiner | | |

Rabbi Jacobs has officially resigned. due to press of other business. Dr. Bloch will send a letter of thanks for his contribution to community service.

Minutes of the April 25th regular meeting and executive meeting accepted as mailed.

DR. BLOCH REPORTS:
We have received, from the Illinois Commission, copies of their complaint forms, sample letters for dismissal and supplementary information which Dr. Bloch suggests we duplicate. Also, Mr. Murphy feels the forms would be worth adopting for our use.

An appeal from the Urban Gateway program which brings inner city and suburban children together for summer camps was received. More children, of all faiths from Skokie, are needed. If you know of any children who would like to attend, notify Mr. Murphy.

A copy of the proposed budget was received and is substantially the same as last years. A full-time Human Relations Director is still needed, as was previously stated by the Commission at the budget hearings. Our needs are not being met.

A two bedroom apartment is needed for a Negro widow with two school age children. There has been no results from an ad placed for such an apartment. It would appear that a Negro is still unable to obtain an apartment in Skokie.

Dr. Bloch received a report on the Toxicity of MACE. There is some danger to the eyes if squirted in the face and danger if used in enclosed spaces. If properly used and in prescribed dosages, there is no danger. Mr. Murphy is to convey message to Chief of Police about our continued concern about the method and proper use of MACE.

MR. PERILLE REPORTS:

Illinois Commission- Fair Housing Conference at the Center for Continuing Education at the University of Chicago, attended by Mrs. Gorell and Mr. Perille, three days. Speeches made by: Dr. Houser, Mr. and Mrs. Lemme, Mr. Beck of Northeastern State College, Mr. Frank Burke, realtor, Mr. Bill Barr, a builder, Larry Amrose, Mr. Rabkin, an attorney and many others. Some of the highlights: A builder who is working with Negroes to build houses in Joliet for Negroes. An attorney, who discussed techniques of enforcing village ordinances.

A realtor, who said that the Real Estate Industry would not oppose a Fair Housing Law for Illinois. Dr. Houser, who felt there was too much talk about problems and not enough problem solving. A couple gave their experiences in purchasing a house and discussed their problems in home-seeking.

Mr. Perille suggested the possibility of establishing criteria for rentals and if these criteria are met then apartment would be rented to that person regardless of color. Mrs. Gorell comments on Mr. Ambrose's suggestions: Speed in handling complaints, Help complainant in making out complaint(using court reporters or corporation council people).

New Business:

→ Memo from League of Women Voters: How to set up a Rumor Report service for the Village. Mrs. Gorell will meet with the Village Manager, Police Chief and Mr. Murphy.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: JUNE 27.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Com.

May 23, 1968

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
 - (a) Resignation Rabbi Jacobs
 - (b) Welcome Rabbi Montrose
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of Mtgs. of April 25, 1968
 - ✓ (a) Formal complaint dismissed - lack of probable cause - after verification of uncertain point - notifications sent
 - ✓ (b) Additional forms from Civ. Com.
- ✓ 3. Statements from Visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman HSB
 - ✓ (1) Urban Gateways
 - X (2) O'Banion Request
 - ✓ (3) Attendance at Del. Com. FH Conf. 5/19 (Rept. below)
 - ✓ (4) Budget request
 - ✓ (5) Mass - Not to face, eyes (Lethal, 10m = 200 intel, 10m)
 - ✓ (6) Apt. for Mrs. Kumbrough - adv.
 - ✓ B. Co-Chair Perelle
 - (1) Del. Conf. (Distrib. Repts) (Mrs. G., Mr. Hoff)
 - X C. Dr. Mundy
 - D. Mr. Murphy
 - E. Other Commissioners (Com. Repts.)
 - F. Mrs. Millman
5. ~~Old~~ Business
 - ✓ A. Revision of Ordinance - H.S. wishes further time for study - Rept. June
6. New Business
 - A. Rumor Rept. Service - Ref to Mrs. Gonnell - set up w. J.M., G. Thorne
7. Adjournment

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Regular Meeting - April 25, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioners present:	Mr. Hoff	Mr. Nimer	Mr. Perille	
	Mrs. Quinn	Mr. Tachy	Mr. Murphy, Administrative Director	
	Mrs. Gorell	Mr. Gittles	Mr. Schwartz, Corp. Counsel	
Commissioners absent:	Mr. Gremley	Rev. Sauer	Dr. Mundy, Consultant	
	Rabbi Jacobs	Mr. Turton	Mrs. Millman, Administrative Secretary	
	Mr. O'Connell	Rabbi Weiner		
	Rev. Anderson			
Observers:	Mr. Newman	Mrs. Silver	Mr. Mroka	Mrs. Louis
	Mrs. Trottnar	Mrs. Miller	Mrs. Jans	Mr. Fortune
	Mrs. Lazer	Mrs. Mroka	Mrs. Sanders	

The minutes of the March 28th meeting was approved.

Visitors statements:

Mrs. Jans submitted statement from the Niles Township Human Relations Council (enclosed). Mr. Schwartz commented on the legality to regulate homeowners. Some of the 23 communities that passed this ordinance, did so against the advice of their Village Attorney. Mr. Schwartz is studying feasibility of including homeowners under the ordinance. There is some question on point #3 in the statement.

Dr. Bloch reports:

The Village Board passed a resolution expressing our indignation at Dr. King's assassination and sent it to Mrs. King.

May 17 to 19- three day conference at U. of C. on public housing. Mrs. Gorell and Mr. Perille will attend. Commission members who wish to attend may do so.

April 29- Morton grove board considering passage of an anti-discrimination ordinance.

In reference to Mrs. O'Banion's request for help, several individuals have sent checks, but not nearly enough to cover the \$50.00 per week needed. Mr. Nimer suggested a letter be requested from Mrs. O'Banion and his company (Canteen) might be of help.

May 1- Oakview meeting, "What does the Negro Expect from Towns Like Skokie?"- talk by John Harwell of Urban League.

May 5- St. John's Brebeuf- Panel on Black Power with Al Raby and Rev. Porter.

S.I.U is beginning a program for Human Relations Commission members for three to five days in May and again in October. The Illinois Commission is cooperating.

Mr. Murphy reports:

April 29- Skokie Valley Industrial Association program "How We Can Train Hard-Core Unemployed" at Village Hall.

Report on chemical MACE: - Acute exposure to eyes produce no eye damage. No permanent disability occurs with use of MACE.

Appointment of Committees:

Speakers Committee- Mr. Perille (Chairmen of other committees will cooperate and present talks of their own)

Public Relations Committee- Mrs. Gorell

Education Committee- Mr. Rowell Hoff, Chairman
Mrs. Betty Quinn

Employment Committee- Mr. Grenley
Mr. Nizer

Interfaith-Committee- Rev. Anderson, Chairman
Rabbi Weiner and Rabbi Jacobs

Housing- Unfilled at present (Commission as a whole may act as Committee)

Conduct studies, identify needs and map programs to meet these needs with approval of the Commission.

Future agendas will include reports from these committees.

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission adjourn to Executive Session to hear a formal complaint; seconded by Mr. Nizer and carried unanimously.

Skokie Human Relations Commission
Complaint-- Confidential
Not for Publication

Executive Session April 25, 1968

The Commission has received a formal resignation from Rabbi Jacobs and several other Commissioners are expected to resign due to lack of time and moves that they expect to make. Commissioners are asked to submit names to the Mayor for replacement.

Complaint: April 20, 1968

Charge of discrimination by Mrs. Joyce Kimrough against Blum Realty.

Apartment- 9043 Knox

Mr. Murphy contacted broker who has been in business for 20 years. The broker is not licensed by Skokie and claims not to have received the notice. The broker felt that the prospective tenant was a bad risk for several reasons.

- (1) Inconsistency of given address (broker concluded application falsified)
 - (2) Credit- delinquent for two months with a jewelry account (jeweler felt not unusual)
 - (3) Claims to prefer a working male (Mrs. Kimbrough is a widow)
 - (4) Not enough earning power to pay rent of \$159.00 per month (salary is \$115.00 per week)
- (The apartment in question was rented to a tenant known to the broker.)
It is the Commissions finding that there was no probable cause on color or race, but that the complainant was refused for other reasons. Vote: 4-no 2-yes 1-abstain

Mrs. Gorell moved that the NO Vote be subject to verification on the information that another tenant, known to the broker, received the apartment. Mr. Nimer seconded and the motion was unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING--MAY 23

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Niles Township Human Relations Council

CHAIRMAN:

MRS. MURRAY JANS
3841 Four Winds Way
Skokie, Illinois 60076
OR 4-6670

Skokie Human Relations Commission
Village Hall
Skokie, Illinois

April 24, 1968

VICE-CHAIRMAN:

ROY FLEMING
Principal, Sharp Corner Public School
JOSEPH A. GUMP
MRS. HERBERT L. SANDERS

Dear Commission Members:

RECORDING SECRETARY:

MRS. ELLIOTT M. LYON

The President's Commission on Civil Disorders has cited white racism as the major cause of urban violence. The Board of Directors of the Niles Township Human Relations Council believes that local governments must, at this crucial time, take initiatives in demonstrating progress away from racism and discriminatory practices.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

MRS. CHARLES SILVER

TREASURER:

MILTON H. NEWMAN

The Village of Skokie showed courageous leadership in being the first of the North Shore communities to pass a Fair Housing ordinance. Our Council now calls on you to continue that progress by taking the following steps:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

THE REV. EUGENE AHERN
St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
RUSSELL LEE CARR
Board of Education, District #73
DON R. COPELAND
FREDDIE C. FORTUNE
MRS. PAUL GILSON
MRS. WILLIAM GOODSTEIN
MRS. JOSEPH A. GUMP
MRS. MILTON GUNN
RALD C. HILLSMAN
J. MARTIN W. HORAN
FRED B. LIPTON
JOSEPH MINSKY
SIDNEY ORLOV
MRS. RICHARD PAGES
MRS. DONALD PERILLE
THE REV. CONWAY E. RAMSEYER
Morton Grove Community Church
MRS. BERNARD J. SCHAEFFER
MISS NANCY TRIPP
Faculty, East Prairie School
MISS MARY ELLEN TROTTNER
RABBI VICTOR H. WEISSBERG
Beth-El Temple
ROBERT L. WILSON

1- Extend the Ordinance to specifically include:

- a) Individual Homeowners
- b) Owners of Apartment Buildings
- c) Builders and Developers
- d) Lending Institutions

2- State explicitly that a Realtor cannot maintain a listing after he becomes aware that it is discriminatory.

3- Give an aggrieved person the opportunity to obtain an injunction in order to have conciliatory proceedings prior to any disposition of the real property or rental accommodation in question.

We recommend also that the Village of Skokie explore with the new Housing Corporation of the Metropolitan Leadership Council the development of moderate priced housing to meet the needs of our local industries in hiring and maintaining employees who are unable to find housing in the areas where they are employed.

Our Council is greatly concerned that equal housing opportunities can still be denied to members of minority groups under the present limited Ordinance. As you know, the Village of Northbrook has already passed an all-inclusive Fair Housing ordinance, and other communities are pressing for action on strengthening their recently passed ordinances.

This call to action is addressed to you with a sense of tremendous urgency. You can be assured of our vigorous support.

Sincerely,

NILES TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Mrs. Murray Jans
Mrs. Murray Jans, Chairman

PAST CHAIRMEN:

THE REV. EARL H. LUSK
DR. KEITH KAVANAUGH
THE REV. RAY BOND
DR. JAMES HIGGINS
DR. W. REED BROCKBANK
ROBERT L. TURTON
LAWRENCE M. MARTIN

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 25, 1968

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of minutes of meeting
March 28, 1968
- ✓ 3. Statement of Visitors (Mrs. Jane?)
4. Reports
 - ✓ A. Chairman Dr. H. Bloch
 - ✓ B. Co-Chairman D. Perille
 - ✓ C. Dr. P. Mundy - May 5 - St. John Breboof
End of May - Downstate S. Ill.
 - ✓ D. Mrs. Millman
 - ✓ E. Joseph Murphy
Report - Laboratory Report on "Chemical Mace"
5. Other old business
 - A. Appointment of working committees for the
Human Relations Commission
- ✓ 6. Adjournment To Executive Session
7. Executive Session - Consideration of Complaint

April 29 -
✓ iel, Hall
employables

See lease - coop?
Earning power known
to Blum?

Don No
Jim no
Hoff yes
Betty -
Jackie No
Don No
HSB Yes

April 25, 1968

- ✓ 1. Board Resolution in Re Dr. King - letters from residents
- ✓ 2. Conf. on Fair Housing at Hof C. 5/17 - 5/19
Perille, Gorell, Murphy (2d) Block (1d) - others welcome
- ✓ 3. Morton Grove hearings, Clergy Forum Statement
- ✓ 4. Downers Grove HRC inquiry, Decatur inquiry (JM)
5. Solicitation of Support + Funds for Poor People's Campaign
- ✓ 6. No further inform. from Mrs. O'Banion
- ✓ 7. Now 39 ordinances, 23 incl. owners, in Del.
8. May 1 mtg Oakview

April 16, 1968

To: Members of Human Relations Commission
From: Herman S. Bloch

Committee Structure for Commission

At the March 28th meeting of the Commission, it was agreed that if we are to be effective in fulfilling our objectives and the needs of the Village, the Commission should be organized into a number of working committees, and that each Commissioner should become a "working member" of one of these committees.

The following committees are accordingly being constituted:

- (1) Speakers Committee
- (2) Public Relations Committee
- (3) Education Committee (Objective: Meaningful human relations programs in local schools, for both pupils and staff)
- (4) Employment Committee (Objective: Non-discriminatory hiring by employers in Village (including governmental bodies); promotion of training programs where required)
- (5) Housing Committee (Objective: Promotion of non-discriminatory housing for those who wish to reside in Skokie)
- (6) Interfaith Relations Committee (Objective: Promotion of understanding, acceptance, harmonious relationships between various religious groups living in Skokie)

An Executive Committee will also be constituted, which will comprise the Chairmen of the above committees and the Co-Chairmen of the Commission. The Executive Committee would be expected to act swiftly on behalf of the Commission in emergency situations. Its members would also constitute the Speakers Committee.

Each of the above Committees ((1) through (6)) would be expected, as appropriate, to conduct studies in its area of activities; identify community needs; map programs to meet these needs; implement these programs, subject to Commission approval; and report their plans and activities regularly to the Commission. The Committees would be aided by the Administrative Director and his secretary.

At the present time, you are requested to express your first and second choice preferences for Committees on which you would like to serve. In order that the Committees may be appointed at our April 25th meeting, please convey your choices to Myrna Millman by mail or phone in time for them to be received by April 23rd. (Address: 8737 Keeler; phone 675 3155).

Your prompt cooperation would be appreciated.

HERMAN S. BLOCH

cc: Dr. P. Mundy
Ex-officio members
Mr. Murphy

	Speak,	P.R.	ED.	EMP.	HSNG.	IFR
Bloch						
Perille	X (Ch)					
- Jacobs ✓						
? Tuohy ✓						
Gitles						
Nimer				① ✓		② -
Awary Sauer						X ✓
? Turton ✓						
Weiner						X ✓
Quinn			①			
Hoff			①			② -
? O'Connell ✓						
Grenley					① ✓	
Gorell		X (Ch)	① -			
Anderson			② -			① ✓

Perille, Ch. Gorell, Ch. Hoff, Ch. Grenley, Ch. Anderson, Ch. ✓
 Quinn Nimer: Sauer ✓
 Weiner ✓

Rabbi Weiner asked if the ordinance is being displayed. Mr. Murphy said that the Licensing Bureau now checks this.

Mr. Murphy reports:

The Village is in the process of an induction program for employees; an in-service training for officers of public safety and Mr. Murphy requested that the commission send a member to attend both these meetings.

There has been an \$100.00 increase in the entire budget- total request \$4500.

New and Old Business:

Committees to be set up to implement our Long-Range Plan. It is necessary to have a working commission, each member contributing substantially in work and ideas.

Committees: (In addition to Public Relations and Speakers Committees.)

Interfaith Relations Committee

Education Committee (parochial and public school encouraged to use human relations training)

Housing Committee

Employment Committee (liason with government as well as private bodies)

Chairmen of these committees should be incorporated into Speakers Committee and Executive Committee in order to act expeditiously in emergencies. Also, Chairmen of committees and its members to set up longrange program. Commission members are asked to express their preference for the committee of their choice.

No longer should we just fight fires, but go out in the community to meet situations and plan ahead.

Mrs. Millman asked if Chairmen of the respective committees could use outside experts with specialized knowledge to aid the committees. Dr. Bloch suggested that the Metropolitan Leadership Council could be a source of aid. We could encourage employers to provide jobs and also encourage their aid to make housing available along with the jobs.

Dr. Mundy suggested that the Employment Committee be given the greatest priority. They could try to relate to job training programs and try to encourage a voluntary increase for domestic and unskilled workers who have jobs in our community. The minimum wage should be \$2.00 and hour. This is a community responsibility.

The next meeting is Thurs. April 25.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 28th, 1968

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of meeting
February 22, 1968
3. Statement of Visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman Dr. H. Bloch
 1. Report of Real Estate Broker's Meeting
 2. Other Developments
 - B. Co-Chairman D. Perille
 - D. Dr. P. Mundy - Report recent developments in
Fair Housing Ordinance, etc.
 - E. Mrs. Millman
 - F. Joseph Murphy
5. Other old business
6. New Business
 - A. Continuing program development for Human
Relations Commission
7. Adjournment

Interfaith Relations 3
Education 3
Employment (incl. Book Book) 3
Housing 3
Exec Com.
Speakers Com. (1)
Pub. Rel. (1)

*Letter to brokers
re Mtg. suggestions
Revise booklet preface.*

For 3/28/68

Stenson PTA Talk 3/5

Timber Ridge PTA (Election officials) 3/20

NCCD Seminar 3/23

Lincolnwood Dr. Case

Barbara O'Banion

mtg w. Brokers 3/27

Rebki Jacobs' letter

Commission phone no. for rumors

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SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 27

Mayor Smith
Mr. Murphy
Mr. Gordon
Myrna Millman

Dr. Bloch
Mr. Perille
Mrs. Quinn

Realtors
Mr. Pfaff
Mr. Davis
Mr. Arvidson, Sr.
Messrs. Dave and Jack Grand

King Realty
Sherwin "
Arvidson "
Community Builders

Mayor Smith welcomed the realtors who were present and explained the purpose of the ordinance.

Dr. Bloch discussed the philosophy of the enforcement and explained that the Commission wanted to seek compliance rather than punishment for infringement. He asked the brokers to continue sending new listings to Commission. Also, if a broker sells to a Negro, the Commission would like to be informed so that, if needed, we can aid in a peaceful move-in.

Dr. Bloch discussed a problem a broker had when a homeowner told said broker he didn't want to sell to a Negro. Broker returned contract and a second broker, in good faith, took the listing.

Mr. Gordon suggested that we alert other brokers that an owner wishes listing not shown to Negroes in order to protect the brokers. The Commission must be informed of those cases in order to do this.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the Commission (through the broker) contact the homeowner who is discriminating.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARCH 27, 1968

7:30 P.M.

MEETING WITH REAL ESTATE BROKERS

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

AGENDA

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

MAYOR ALBERT J. SMITH

LEGAL ASPECTS OF ORDINANCE

CORP. COUNSEL GILBERT GORDON

ADMINISTRATIVE ASPECTS OF ORDINANCE

H.R.C. CHAIRMAN H. S. BLOCH

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

H. BLOCK, G. GORDON,
D. PERILLE, J. MURPHY

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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60078

March 11, 1968

To: Real Estate Brokers Who Operate in Skokie
From: Skokie Human Relations Commission

MEETING ON ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE

You are invited to attend a meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 27, at 7:30 P.M. in the Counsel Chambers room of Village Hall. At this meeting, members of the Village Administration and of the Human Relations Commission will explain various aspects of Village Ordinance #67-10-G-254, "An Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Practices in the Sale, Lease, Rental or Financing of Housing Accommodations...", which took effect on January 1, 1968, and will answer any questions you may wish to raise regarding the operation and enforcement of the ordinance.

You should already have received a copy of the "Rules Governing Practice and Procedure Relating to" this ordinance, as well as a "Notice of Prohibited Acts" for posting. If you have not, or have any questions regarding the above meeting, please call the undersigned.

Joseph Murphy

Joseph Murphy
Administrative Director
Skokie Human Relations Commission

Arvidson
Com. Builders
Ploff

Mtg of 3/27/68 with Brokers

Points to be made:

A. Ordinance

2. Enforcement vested in H.R.C. - part of responsibility to see that all enjoy equal rights
(a) Emphasis on compliance, not punishment of complaints
3. Investigations, to be carried out by J. Murphy - cooperation will expedite, simplify, prevent formal hearings in many cases.
4. Mediation, conciliation by 1 or more Com. members. No publicity if stops here
5. Hearings by panel of probably 3 members

1. Broker expected to show all appropriate listings to all bonafide lookers. Other provisions (except discrim. listings, advertising, etc.) obnoxious. Panic peddling.

B. Helpful is Com. notified of sales or impending sales or rentals to Negroes, since not all residents prepared for acceptance, may forestall difficulties.

C. Helpful also if listings to Com. - notify of Village Policy.

Notify H.R.C. when owner wants to discriminate, contract refused on that acct. We will try to persuade owner.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING- FEBRUARY 22, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mrs. Quinn Rabbi Jacobs Rev. Sauer
 Mr. Perille Mr. Gremley
 Rabbi Weiner Mr. Murphy, Executive Director
 Mrs. Gorell Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant

Commissioners absent: Mr. Tuchy ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
 Mr. Gitles Mr. Turton
 Mr. Nimer Mr. O'Connell

Observers: Mr. Roy Fleming, Principal, Sharp Corner
 Mr. Don Copeland, Mrs. June Michaelson
 Mrs. Louise, Life Newspaper

Corrections to the minutes: Page 2- Mrs. Furst instead of "First". She is Protestant not "Roman Catholic".

Minutes approved as corrected.

Visitors Remarks: Mrs. Michaelson reported on "Project Awareness" and gave Dr. Bloch a report on the seminar and dates (March and April).

The Skokie Valley P.T.A Council had a human relations meeting with all the human relation chairmen on February 22. Dr. Bloch noted that we will be seeking the cooperation of these chairmen.

Dr. Bloch reports:

A memo was received from the Illinois Commission. They recommend that there be no filing fees in Fair Housing Ordinances, and if there is a fee, that it be no more than \$10.00.

On January 31, Mr. Schwartz, Dr. Bloch, Mayor Smith, Mr. Murphy, Mayor Lewton and Waldo Graton met to discuss the joint meeting to be held with realtors. At this time Highland Park and Skokie felt it would be inadvisable and suggested that each town's human relations commission meet with its own community's brokers. March 20th is the date set for the Skokie meeting. (note: Date changed to March 27th)
Rev. Coe spoke at Niles North P.T.A meeting on "A Changing World". He spoke with a very gloomy view of the future of peace concerning civil rights.

Mr. Perille reports:

The Prim Case: The Fire Dept. told Mr. Prim a fire exit must be installed. Mr. Prim felt another shop was not required to do the same, but, the second shop was required to have more off-street parking and does have a fire door. Mr. Perille concluded that both shops were treated equally, and Mr. Prim now accepts this.
Dr. Mundy suggested that we explore ways to inform businessmen of the zoning codes.

Dr. Mundy reports:

On March 6, Dr. Mundy will discuss human relations problems at St. Lambert's. Oak Park and Glenview are considering Fair Housing Ordinances.
Dr. Mundy met with some militant Negro leaders who share Rev. Coe's view of the seriousness of the situation, but not Rev. Coe's pessimism. The militants say they have accepted the white view of "controlling its own turf". (Dr. Bloch felt this bitter view is

unrealistic because Negroes can't subsist alone on his own "turf".)

Mr. Murphy reports:

The police have training in crowd control and human relations training. This is not so with the Fire Department. There is little advancement by minority groups in this department. It was felt that there should be a liason with the police department.

Dr. Bloch moved that Mr. Murphy request licensing and measures inspection ^{of} the village ~~and also~~ ^{to} check posting of our ordinance. This was seconded by Rabbi Jacobs and passed by all members present.

Roy Flemin; reports:

During the last two school years, Sharp Corner School has been exploring the possibility of an exchange program. This was supported by Sharp Corner staff and the P.T.A. Project Wingspread is another program funded from Washington through The Chicago Board of Education . The Sharp Corner program is very exploritory and they are looking into the possibility of working with the Negro middle-class community.

Long-Range Plan:

The question of possible violence next summer was discussed. Dr. Mundy felt that the targets would be in Negro areas. Skokie would less likely be a target. If Skokie was to be chosen, Dr. Bloch suggested we prepare a release to issue to the citizenry instructing them what to do to minimize violence. Dr. Mundy suggests a list of various key people to contact if action is needed quickly.

Dr. Mundy also suggested that subcommittees be set up to deal with points in the long-range plan in which each Commission member has a special interest. A committee could be set up to make calls to the key people mentioned above.

Dr. Bloch appointed Mr. Gwemley to the subcommittee on housing.

Dr. Mundy pointed out some of the changes that have taken place. The initiative has passed to the black community and the whites are reacting. Much social changes will occur.

Suggestions on what we can do: Business in suburbs who need minority employees must help this group ~~obtain~~ obtain housing near plants or other places of employment. The minority groups are sealed off from jobs in suburb due to this lack of housing.

At the next meeting, the commission will set up subcommittee structure and should come prepared with recommendations for implementation of goals.

Next regular meeting----MARCH 28.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

(note: Change of date--Meeting w/brokers March 27 instead of March 20,)
at 7:30 P.M.)

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Feb. 22, 1968

Agenda

1. Roll call, Introductions (Rev. Thomas Anderson, Central Meth. Church)
2. Approval of minutes of Jan. 25 meeting
3. Statements from visitors
4. Reports
 - ✓ A. Chairman - (1) Meetings: 2/19 O.O. PTA - Dr Hamilton
2/20 Brotherhood Din,
2/21 H; School PTA - Buckner Coe et al. ~~Report~~
 - (2) Meeting of 1/31 w. Highland Park, Evanston (3) Letter re filing fees
 - ✓ B. Co-Chairman Perille - Prim.
 - ✓ C. Dr. Mundy
 - D. Admin. Dir. Murphy
 - (1) Prim Case
 - (2) Other - police + fire? Jps will notify
us when ready
for Pol. + Fire Conf.
 - ✓ E. Other Commissioners
5. Old Business
 - A. Report from Mr. Fleming (S.C.) on "Wingspread" sponsored exchange
[His exchange prog. for summer (teachers + students) as well as '68-'69 year
in planning stage - J. Harris, not yet approached, ^{waiting for grant} will be voluntary]
 - B. Consideration of long-range plans. Committees?
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

For Murphy - new roster; visit R.E. office

Jane Michelson - Chair. Sk. Val. PTA Council
letter invitation to brokers.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 25, 1968

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Gremley Rabbi Jacobs Mr. Gites
Mrs. Gorell Mr. Perille Rev. Sauer
Mrs. Quinn Rabbi Weiner Mr. Tuohy
Mr. Murphy, Executive Director
Dr. Mundy, Consultant

Commissioners absent: Mr. Nimer, Mr. Turton, Mr. O'Connell.

Observers: Mrs. Layer, L.W.V; Mrs. Chaitkin, F.H.C; Mrs. Louis, Skokie Liaison

Minutes of last meeting accepted.

Report- Dr. Bloch:

Mr. Bob Moore resigned from the Commission. Dr. Bloch acknowledged Mr. Moore's contribution to the Commission, and he will be missed. Mayor Smith received a request from Dr. Bloch to fill the four vacancies on the Commission. On Sunday, January 14, Dr. Bloch spoke to the St. Peter's Holy Name Society. The Commission is invited to attend the program at Old Orchard Junior High February 13; 8:00 P.M. Prof. Charles Hamilton will speak on racial tensions in the inner city.

A reply was received from a realtor in reference to Mrs. Chaitkin's letter about alleged proposed evasion of Skokie's anti-discrimination ordinance. The realtor replied that there was only an attempt to explain the ordinance- there was no attempt to avoid or evade the ordinance.

The Commission suggested a meeting with other communities and realtors. Mayor Lawton of Highland Park, in his reply, thought this to be a good idea, and suggested a planning meeting before meeting with the realtors. Communities with anti-discrimination ordinances will be invited. Mr. Murphy will arrange for a meeting on January 31. This meeting will set the date, place and program for the realtor's meeting. Mr. Perille will represent the Commission. Conference to be set up late in February.

Dr. Bloch attended Dist. 68 school board meeting where an exchange program was discussed. Mr. Fleming and Mrs. Waxman will attend the next Commission meeting to inform us of the details on this program so we can dispel any misunderstanding that may arise concerning this project.

Report- Dr. Mundy:

Attended a meeting in Joliet with four hundred high-school students concerning racial clashes in Joliet's high schools.

The NCCJ is sponsoring programs for police and community leaders in Oak Park in March. Due to illness, Dr. Mundy was unable to attend national meeting in Louisville with police officials.

Oak Park is having open meetings to consider open-housing and other legislation.

Report-Mrs. Gorell:

Attended a Youth Commission meeting where they discussed pressures on children. Mrs. Gorell suggested that we continue this liaison because human relations matters will be discussed. Dr. Bloch appointed Mrs. Gorell to represent our Commission at these meetings.

Report-Rabbi Jacobs:

Participated in a panel discussion on TV; Topic- Jewish-Negro relations. Participants: Rabbi Marx, Edwin Berry, Mayor Hatcher of Gary, Abbott Rosen of B'Nai B'rith and John McDermott of CIC-now with Federal Government. Rabbi Jacobs was most impressed with Mayor Hatcher.

Report-Mr. Murphy:

Complaint was filed with the police department on cabs refusing a non-white fare. This was referred to Mr. Murphy on January 2. The detectives involved in the case felt this was unfounded. The cab official notified his drivers that such refusals should not take place.

There was an alleged complaint involving two realtors who discouraged two Negro home-seekers. The Builder wants to take legal action against the realtors as he is willing to sell to anyone.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the Commission set up procedures on handling of police cases. It was also suggested that the Commission receive copies of such complaints.

Rules, Procedures and Practices of Ordinance has been printed and distributed to realtors. About 40 licenses have been issued as of January 22. Dr. Bloch suggested that we check realtor's offices to see that the Ordinance is posted.

Mr. Murphy discussed the Prim case in which Mr. Prim complains that the Fire Inspectors were too zealous in enforcement of safety features for his beauty shop because he is Negro. Mr. Prim alleges another beauty parlor owned by a white is not required to comply with the same code. Mr. Prim complained to the Illinois Human Relations Commission that Skokie was harassing him. Mr. Perille is to continue investigating.

Rabbi Jacobs reported on a letter that was received from Sheila R. Levin who complained about the Christmas decorations and tree displayed on Village property and suggests decorations for the Feast of Lights. Mayor Smith replied that no discrimination was intended and that the decorations were placed there by a woman's club and not the village, pursuant to a policy adopted some years ago. Rabbi Jacobs and Rabbi Weiner drew up a letter of reply to alleviate her concern. It was moved, seconded and passed that the letter be approved and sent.

Another letter was received from Mrs. Elizabeth First who also protests the creche's presence on village property. She represents the Roman Catholic view rather than those of other Christians. A reply will also be sent to Mrs. First.

Rabbi Jacobs recommended that such letters be immediately acknowledged.

Dr. Mundy will review proposals he made some years ago and the Commission will consider them at the next meeting.

Mrs. Gorell suggested that we offer our services to schools in their human relations matters. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: FEB. 22.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Admin.

Next Mo. - Fleming + Wapman

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Jan. 25, 1968

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Roll Call, Introductions
- ✓ 2. Approval of Minutes of Dec. 28, 1967 meeting
- ✓ 3. Statements from Visitors
4. Reports

✓ A. Chairman - HSB

- ✓ (1) Talk to Holy Name Soc., St. Peter's Church 1/14/68
- ✓ (2) Resignation R. Moore - Request to Mayor for new appts.
- ✓ (3) Response re Chaitkin et al complaint (12/31 letter)
- ✓ (4) Invitation to Highland Park, Evanston - Joint Conf. (Glenn Ord)
- ✓ (5) Dist. 68 Bd. Mtg. 1/23 - Weingarten - also 2/19, 69 (Hartford)
- ✓ (6) Prof. Hamilton - O.O. PTA (Feb 13?)

✓ B. Co-Chairman - Mrs. D.P. Banion

✓ C. Dr. Mundy

✓ D. Mrs. Gorell - Youth Mtgs., Ho of C Institute (?), other

✓ E. Other Commissioners - Rabbi Jacobs 1/15 Channel 7 Show

✓ F. Jps. Murphy

✓ (1) Brandess

✓ (2) Prim

✓ (3) Arrangements for mtg. of 3 cities w. brokers

✓ (4) Printing, distrib. Rules, Posters, etc.

Spt. Mills

✓ (5) Refusal of cab - police complaint - Inadequacy of cabs.

5. Old Business

A. Proposals for Future Activities

6. New Business

✓ A. Creche Complaint - Rabbi Jacobs + Weiner

✓ B. "Concerned Citizens of Skokie"

C. School-Board Election - Dist 219

- ① Letter Bob Moore
- ② " Miss Forest ✓

③ To School Dist - HRC available for consulting help in re residents of schools wish to set up prog. of busing etc.

It was suggested that the Commissions in the North Shore area having ordinances meet with the North Shore Realty Board to encourage them to issue a policy statement encouraging realtors cooperation with the ordinances of Evanston, Highland Park and Skokie.

Mr. Citles discussed Highland Park's ordinance which applies to homeowners.

Dr. Bloch asked each member to come to the January meeting with suggestions for action in other areas of human relations besides fair housing.

Rabbi Jacobs expressed, for the Commission, his appreciation of Dr. Bloch's Chairmanship.

It was moved by Dr. Bloch to accept the proposed changes to the "Rules" and print them. Unanimously passed.

The meeting adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Next Meeting--Thursday, January 25, 1968

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Spokane Human Relations Commission

Dec. 28, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call, Introductions - Apptment. Sec.
2. Approval of minutes of 11/30
3. Statements from Visitors
4. Reports
 - ✓ Chairman - 1) Talk to DP Minist Assn. (12/14); 1/14/68 talk
 - ✓ 2) Workshop on Police Com. Rel. (1/3 1st session)
 - ✓ 3) Wolfe Institute - Wed. 1/24
 - Co-Chmn. Perille
 - Dr. Mundy
 - Mr. Murphy - Ordinance posters, complaint form
Prin case w. heard
 - (Branches) Rumor
 - Other repts. - Highland Park Ordinance, Adpts 1/2
5. Rules + Regulations - amendments, adoption
6. Old business
7. New business
 - Chaitkin letter; 1 bedm. apt. divided @ #125
 - Year-end remarks
8. Next mtg. date - 1/25/67 - Proposals for new activities?
9. Adjournment
 - 1) Milt Newman - try to get R.E. Assn. to encourage
 - 2) Investigate Chaitkin letter,

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Nimer Mr. Turton Mr. Perille Mrs. Gorell
Mr. Gitley Mr. Tuohy Rabbi Jacobs Mr. Gremley
Father Sauer Dr. Mundy, Consultant
Mr. Joe Murphy, Executive Director
Mr. Harvey Schwartz

Commissioners absent: Rabbi Weiner, Mrs. Quinn, Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Moore

The minutes was accepted as received by mail.

Reports:

Dr. Bloch: The 22nd annual luncheon by the Chicago Commission is to be held December 6 at the Sherman House. Mrs. Millman is to make reservations for those wishing to attend.

Dr. Bloch attended the meeting at the Sharp Corner School to discuss the new ordinance and also, spoke at the Middleton School. Both audiences were receptive.

Mr. Perille: Appeared before the mens club of Kohl Emet Synagogue and the Madison School.

Mrs. Gorell: Represented the Commission at Project Wingspread in Chicago. They are, at the present time, setting up a pilot program. Mrs. Gorell also attended the Glenview Human Relations Committee Meeting.

Dr. Mundy: Attended a meeting ^{in Maywood} with 250 persons in attendance. Dr. Mundy felt it was constructive ~~not~~ for them to be coming together since there was already a loss of dollars and businsss.

where-
? who

Mr. Murphy: Checked out a rumor that a non-white family had recently moved into Skokie-unfounded.

Mrs. Millman: Distributing the "booklets" to new residents as well as homesellers. The Welcome Wagon is aiding in the distribution.

Dr. Bloch explained that this meeting was to be devoted to discussing and voting on the proposed "Rules" governing the new ordinance. Real estate brokers had been invited to attend to present their comments.

Mr. Marting Miller, Skokie: Representing the Fair Housing Committee (statement attached)

Mr. Gremley agreed with Mr. Miller on the question of "conciliation or enforcement body". Mr. Gremley felt this should be clarified. He hoped that the law would not be weakened by conciliation. Mr. Schwartz explained that conciliation is a part of the enforcement procedure and that you take conciliation first and enforcement later. Dr. Bloch read a report prepared by the Chicago Commission which relates to Chicago enforcement. By and large there is a heavy stress on conciliation in the early years.

Mr. Sol Porter, Skokie: Questioned the time element in Rule II.
Mr. Copeland: In order to change that, you would have to change the ordinance.
Dr. Bloch explained the reason for the '75 days was to give enough time for complaints to be filed.

Mr. Nimer moved that a time limit (for investigation) of 30 days after filing the complaint be put into the rules.
The motion was revised to read "45" days, seconded by Mr. Perille. The motion carried 7 to 3.

The Commission agreed that:

4 C-2. - Ruling of Commission should be in writing in all cases.

5 A - Be specific as to when meeting should be convened; agreed within 10 days instead of 5 days.

The Commission agreed that the method of the appointment of the hearing body be more specific. Mr. Schwartz suggested the Chairman, with the approval of the Commission or designated by the Chairman of the Commission.

Rabbi Jacobs moved to approve the Rules ^{except 4C2,} as amended, with provisions for reapproval.
Mr. Turton seconded the motion which carried unanimously. except 4C2?

Mr. Murphy will prepare a complaint form before the next meeting for approval.

Dr. Bloch explained the difficulty he has had in order to maintain a quorum at the Commission meetings. He asked that the Commissioners give the meetings higher priority otherwise the operation of the Commission is hampered.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 28.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

STATEMENT OF SHOKIE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE
11/30/67

The purpose of the anti-discrimination ordinance is to prevent discrimination by real estate brokers and salesmen. As of Jan., 1968, discrimination by brokers and salesmen is illegal in this community. The commission has been selected to enforce this ordinance. The commission must structure its procedures, interpretations and actions to do just that. This ordinance has been patterned after the Chicago ordinance. Both in Chicago and in other communities throughout the country where similar ordinances exist, discriminatory practices by the real estate industry have not changed. These laws were written in recognition of a social injustice. The enforcement agencies have not interpreted their function as one of correcting the social injustice. They have instead allowed the real estate industry to continue to discriminate and have viewed their sole purpose as the conciliation of individual cases. We do not want that to happen in our community. We ~~xxx~~ hope that the commission in its enforcement of the law will make it clear that when a broker discriminates in our community, he is committing an illegal act. If the commission is over-zealous in trying to save the broker from the consequences of their illegal behavior, then real estate practices will not change.

If the commission is to be forewarned ~~xxxxxxxx~~ by the experiences in Chicago, they must take special care to provide that the enforcement procedures do in fact implement the ordinance.

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Nov. 30, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call, introduction of Commission, Murphy, Mundy
2. Approval of Minutes of Oct. 26, 1967
3. Statements from Visitors - other than on Rules & Reg.
4. Reports -
 - ✓ HSB - Chicago Com. Luncheon 12/6/67
 - Middleton School (11/29) & S.C. (11-21 - Smith, Schwary)
 - New Com. Appointments - Attendance
 - JM - Hamlin Ave. Rumor
 - ✓ D. Peille - Madison School, Synagog, others ^{Kol Smith}
 - ✓ J. Goell - Wingspread, Glenview Mtg.
 - ✓ J. Murphy
 - ✓ P. Mundy
 - ✓ M. Millman
 - Other reports
5. Consideration of Rules & Regulations
 Statements from visitors
6. Provision for printing ordinance (for posting), rules & reg.,
 complaint forms
7. Old business
8. New business
9. Next meeting date - 12/28?
10. Adjournment

M. Miller
90 - Lannon - Skokie (FH Com)
 Sol Porter
 Sam Ellis

November 1, 1967

TO: Real Estate Brokers Doing Business in Skokie

FROM: Skokie Human Relations Commission

On October 9, the Skokie Board of Trustees amended its ordinance pertaining to the licensing of real estate brokers to require that every broker who participates in more than one real estate transaction in Skokie be licensed. On the same date, the Board also passed an ordinance prohibiting certain practices of discrimination by real estate brokers and salesmen in real estate transactions involving housing accommodations. Copies of these two ordinances may be obtained from the Village Manager's office; they are identified, respectively, as V.O. #67-10-G-253 and V.O. #67-10-G-254.

The anti-discrimination ordinance charges the Human Relations Commission with the responsibility for its enforcement, and provides for the adoption and publication by the Commission of rules and regulations for carrying out the several steps involved in enforcement:

- (a) Receiving, initiating and investigating complaints
- (b) Seeking conciliation if investigation indicates that an infraction may have occurred.
- (c) Holding formal hearings if conciliation fails
- (d) Rendering a verdict and recommending appropriate penalties.

At its October 26 meeting, the Commission considered a tentative set of rules and regulations to govern its procedure in such cases, and agreed that the provisional draft of these rules should be widely circulated among real estate brokers operating in Skokie prior to formal consideration for their adoption at the next meeting (November 30, at 8 P.M., Village Hall).

A copy of the proposed rules and regulations is accordingly enclosed herewith for your information. Any comments or suggestions you wish to make relative to these rules may be submitted in writing to the Commission at Village Hall prior to the meeting, or may be stated orally at the November 30 Commission meeting.

/S/ Herman S. Block, Chairman

1st draft copy - November 1967

RULES GOVERNING
PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE
BEFORE THE
SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
RELATING TO

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN PRACTICES OF DIS-
CRIMINATION IN THE SALE, LEASE, RENTAL OR FINANCING
OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS BECAUSE OF RACE, RELIGION,
COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR ANCESTRY BY REAL ESTATE
BROKERS AND REAL ESTATE SALESMEN - VO #67-10-G-254

RULES GOVERNING PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE BEFORE
THE SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

RULE 1 -- DEFINITIONS

When used in these rules:

- A. The term "Anti-Discrimination Ordinance" shall mean VO #67-10-G-254.
- B. The term "Commission" shall mean the Skokie Human Relations Commission.
- C. The term "Chairman" shall mean the duly appointed Chairman of the Commission or, in his absence or inability to serve, the acting Chairman.
- D. The term "Director of Human Relations" shall mean the administrative director of the Commission or, in his absence or inability to serve, the acting director, both acting for and on behalf of the Commission.
- E. The term "Investigator" shall mean the person assigned to investigate the complaint on file before the Commission.
- F. The term "Hearing Examiner" shall mean one or more members of the Commission or any attorney duly licensed by the State of Illinois designated by the Commission to conduct a hearing. *omit including*
- G. The term "Unfair Housing Practice" shall mean one or more acts prohibited by the Fair Housing Ordinance.
- H. The term "Complainant" shall mean any person who files a complaint with the Commission.
- I. The term "Respondent(s)" shall mean any person, group of persons, corporation or organization accused by a complainant of having committed an "unfair housing practice."
- J. The term "Party" or "Parties" shall mean either the complainant or the respondent or both.
- K. The term "Complaint" shall mean a sworn statement filed on the form provided for this purpose by the Commission, and as amended under these rules.
- L. The term "Conciliation Conference" shall mean the same as "Conciliation Hearing."

- M. The term "Public Hearing" shall mean the same as a "full hearing" on the complaint.
- N. The term "mail" shall mean certified mail with return receipt requested.

RULE 2 -- COMPLAINT

A. WHO MAY FILE

Any person claiming to be aggrieved by an unfair housing practice, may file a complaint with the Commission.

B. FORM

The complaint shall be in the form hereto attached.

C. CONTENT

A complaint shall contain the following:

1. The full name, address (and telephone number, if any) of the complainant.
2. The full name, address (and telephone number, if known) of the respondent(s).
3. The alleged unfair housing practice and a plain and concise statement of the particulars thereof.
4. The date or dates of the alleged unfair housing practice, and if the alleged unfair housing practice is of a continuing nature the dates between which said continuing acts of discrimination are alleged to have occurred.
5. Names and addresses of witnesses to said alleged unfair housing practice.

D. PLACE OF FILING

A complaint shall be filed with the Commission at its office.

E. TIME OF FILING

A complaint must be filed within 75 days from the date

of the alleged occurrence of the unfair housing practice, and the respondent shall be informed promptly by mail of such filing and sent a copy of the complaint by mail.

If the alleged unfair housing practice is of a continuing nature, the date of the occurrence of said unfair housing practice shall be deemed to be any date subsequent to the commencement of the unfair housing practice up to and including the date upon which the unfair housing practice shall have ceased.

F. AMENDMENT TO COMPLAINT

A complaint, or any part thereof, may be fairly and reasonably amended as a matter of right by the Commission or by the complainant prior to the issuance of a notice of public hearing and thereafter at the discretion of the Hearing Examiner.

Such right to amend shall include the correction of any clerical errors, and the substitution and addition of the names of respondents due to errors in their designation or omissions made in the original complaint.

The amended complaint must be signed and sworn to under oath.

G. WITHDRAWAL OF COMPLAINT

A complaint, or any part thereof, may, upon notice to the respondent, be withdrawn by the complainant prior to the issuance of a notice of public hearing only with the written consent of the Commission, and thereafter only with the written consent of the Hearing Examiner.

RULE 3 -- COMMISSION COMPLAINT

A. INITIATION

Whenever the Commission has, through good cause shown and, when after appropriate investigation and good cause shown, the Commission has reason to believe that any person has committed an unfair housing practice, the Commission may at a regular or special meeting having a quorum of eight (8) members present, initiate a complaint on its own motion.

B. FORM

A Commission complaint shall be prepared on a form which shall not require notarization, shall be signed by the Chairman and shall include the content set forth in RULE 2-C with the exception of Item 1.

RULE 4 -- INVESTIGATION

A. INVESTIGATION

After the filing of a complaint the director of human relations shall order prompt investigation of the complaint by an investigator.

B. PROBABLE CAUSE

The findings of the investigation shall be reported to the Commission and the Commission shall determine if it has jurisdiction and if probable cause exists for the allegations made in the complaint.

within 45 d. of filing of complaint

C. DISMISSAL

1. If the Commission shall determine, either on the face of the complaint or after investigation that the respondent has not engaged in any unfair housing practices, it shall state its findings of fact in writing, dismiss the complaint, and notify the parties by mail.
2. If during the investigation it develops that the alleged unfair housing practice will be discontinued by the respondent with his assurances against any recurrence, or that the matter can be properly disposed of without further proceedings, such facts shall be reported to the Commission. The Commission may thereupon either dismiss the complaint immediately or do so conditionally upon such terms as it considers appropriate to fully justify the dismissal of the complaint. In any such case of dismissal, the conciliation conference provided for in RULE 5 shall not be required.

*See Sec. 6A
of Ordinance
to satisfaction
of complainant*

In writing

D. RECONSIDERATION BY THE COMMISSION

A complainant may apply to the Commission for a reconsideration of a dismissal of his complaint. Such application must be in writing, state specifically the grounds upon which it is based and be filed in the office of the Commission within 15 days from the date

of the mailing of the notice of dismissal. The Commission may order the complaint reinstated for procedure under these rules without prejudice to the parties within 10 days after receipt of such application for reconsideration.

RULE 5 -- CONCILIATION

A. CONCILIATION CONFERENCE

After the Commission determines that probable cause exists for the allegations made in the complaint, one or more members of the Commission or any attorney duly licensed by the State of Illinois designated by the ~~Commission~~ *change to* to conduct a hearing, shall undertake a conciliation conference with the parties in order to resolve the complaint by all proper methods of conciliation and persuasion. Such conference shall be convened *within 10* ~~five~~ days after written notice is issued by the Commission to all parties by registered or certified mail. *change?*

B. NON-DISCLOSURE

The members of the Commission or its staff shall not disclose the filing of a complaint nor what transpires during the course of investigation nor what transpires during the course of conciliation, except as such disclosures are deemed essential to said investigations and endeavors at conciliation. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent the Commission from disclosing dismissal notices and conciliation agreements, including its reasons therefor.

C. SETTLEMENT

If the Commission is successful in resolving the complaint by means of a conciliation conference, the member of the Commission or any attorney duly licensed by the State of Illinois designated by the ~~Commission~~ *change to* to conduct a hearing, shall mark the file accordingly, *delete* and have the terms of settlement prepared and agreed to in writing by the parties. *underlying*

RULE 6 -- NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

After a finding of probable cause to support the allegations of the complaint and in case of failure to eliminate the

alleged unfair housing practice by conciliation, within 60 days from the date the complaint was filed, the director of human relations shall promptly cause to be issued and served in the name of the Commission a written notice of public hearing, together with a copy of the complaint. The notice shall state the time and place of hearing, inform the respondent that he may file a written verified answer to the complaint, and that it shall be deemed an admission of the allegations of the complaint if he neither answers nor appears. Said notice of public hearing and a copy of the complaint shall be sent by mail, or personally served on all parties at least 15 days before the date of the hearing. If any attorney has previously filed a written appearance or has otherwise appeared of record on behalf of the respondent (and his appearance has not been withdrawn of record), a copy of the notice of hearing and complaint shall also be furnished to said attorney.

RULE 7 -- ANSWER

A. TIME OF FILING

The party against whom a complaint is filed and upon whom a written notice of hearing and copy of such complaint has been served, may file a written answer under oath within 14 days from the date of service of such notice of hearing. (All references herein to "answer" shall be construed to mean a sworn answer together with any amendments thereof.)

B. PLACE AND MANNER OF FILING

The original and three copies of the answer shall be filed at the office of the Commission. A copy of the answer shall be mailed by the respondent to the complainant by registered or certified mail. The filing at the office of the Commission shall be by personal delivery or by registered or certified mail.

C. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING

Upon application, the Commission may for good cause shown extend the time within which the answer may be filed.

D. FORM

1. The answer shall contain the address of the respondent and if he is represented by an attorney, the name and address of said attorney.

2. The answer shall contain a specific denial or admission of each and every allegation of the complaint and a statement of any matter constituting a defense.

E. AMENDMENT OF ANSWER

The respondent shall have the power reasonably and fairly to amend his answer. The respondent's power to amend his answer may be exercised as a matter of right at any time prior to the date scheduled for the public hearing and, thereafter, in the discretion of the Hearing Examiner, on application duly made therefor. Triplicate copies of an amended answer must be filed with the Commission. A copy of the amended answer must also be served upon the complainant by mail.

F. AMENDMENT OF ANSWER UPON AMENDMENT OF COMPLAINT

In any case where a complaint has been amended, the respondent shall have an opportunity to amend his answer within such period as may be fixed by the Hearing Examiner.

G. PROCEDURE WITHOUT ANSWER

The Commission may proceed, regardless of whether the respondent files an answer within the time provided herein, to hold a hearing at the time and place specified in the notice of hearing, and make its findings of fact and enter its order upon the testimony taken at the hearing.

RULE 8 --- PUBLIC HEARING

A. CONDUCT OF HEARING

1. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

The Hearing Examiner shall have full authority to control the procedure of all hearings, to rule upon all motions and objections, and to admit or exclude testimony or other evidence and shall not be bound by the strict rules of evidence prevailing in courts of law or equity.

2. PROCEDURE

The case in support of the complaint shall be presented to the Hearing Examiner by any person whom the Commission may designate. The evidence shall be under oath or affirmation and shall be recorded.

3. RIGHTS OF PARTIES AT HEARING

All parties to a hearing may be represented by counsel and call, examine and cross examine witnesses. All parties may offer papers, documents or other evidence for inclusion in the record of the proceedings.

The admissibility of all matters presented shall be subject to the ruling of the Hearing Examiner.

4. CONSENT ORDER

The complainant and respondent may upon their joint written consent, approved by the Hearing Examiner, waive the hearing and agree to and enter into a consent order without the necessity of holding a hearing or the requirement herein of making any other finding of fact.

5. STIPULATIONS

Stipulations may be introduced into evidence if signed by the persons to be bound thereby or by their attorneys-at-law.

6. MOTIONS AND OBJECTIONS

Motions made during a hearing and objections with respect to the conduct of the hearing, including objections to the introduction of evidence, shall be stated orally and shall be included in the recorded report of the hearing.

7. ORAL ARGUMENTS AND BRIEFS

The Hearing Examiner shall permit the parties to submit oral arguments before him (to be included in the recorded report of the hearing) and to file briefs within such time limits as the Hearing Examiner may determine.

8. WAIVER OF OBJECTIONS

Any objection not duly urged before the Hearing Examiner shall be deemed waived unless the failure or neglect to urge such objection shall be excused for cause by the Hearing Examiner.

9. JOINDER OF PROCEEDINGS

The Commission may consolidate two or more proceedings wherever it finds that good cause exists and that the rights of the parties are not prejudiced thereby.

10. CONTINUATION OF HEARING

At the discretion of the Hearing Examiner, hearings may be continued from day to day, or adjourned to a later date or to a different place by announcement thereof at the hearing or by appropriate notice.

11. DEPOSITIONS

Upon application of any party for a deposition, the Hearing Examiner may cause it to be taken by a Commission member or other person designated by him and upon such terms and conditions as the Hearing Examiner determines to be proper. Such depositions may be taken of witnesses residing either within or without the state.

12. WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD

The written transcript of the record upon the hearing before the Commission shall consist of a statement that a conciliation conference has taken place, the notice of hearing, the complaint, the answer, the recorded transcript of the testimony taken at the hearings, the exhibits and depositions in evidence, written motions, stipulations, oral arguments and the findings and orders of the Hearing Examiner and the Commission.

The transcript shall be available for inspection in the office of the Commission, but anyone desiring a duplicate thereof may be charged the cost therefor.

13. EXCLUSION OF EVIDENCE OF ENDEAVORS AT CONCILIATION

No testimony or evidence shall be given or received

at any hearing relating to endeavors at conciliation.

14. JUDICIAL NOTICE

The Hearing Examiner may take notice of any fact which may be judicially noticed by the courts, in addition to general, technical, or scientific facts within his specialized knowledge.

15. IMPROPER CONDUCT

The Hearing Examiner may exclude from the hearing or from further participation in the proceedings any person except a party or his attorney whose conduct before the Hearing Examiner, in his opinion, is such as to interfere with or obstruct the orderly course of procedure. The Commission may also petition any court of competent jurisdiction for a court order requiring compliance with the ruling of the Hearing Examiner.

B. REOPENING OF PROCEEDINGS

1. A complainant or respondent may, for good cause shown, and upon notice to the other party, apply for the reopening of a previously closed proceeding, provided that such application be made within 20 days from the prior closing of any such matter.
2. The Commission may, for good cause shown, and of its own accord, reopen any matter previously closed by it upon notice of such reopening being given to all parties, provided that such reopening occurs within 20 days from the prior closing.

RULE 9 -- FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Hearing Examiner shall report his recommended findings to the Commission. If, upon all the evidence, the Commission shall decide that the respondent has not engaged in any unfair housing practice, it shall, within 60 days from the date the notice of full hearing was issued, state its finding of fact in writing and shall order the complaint dismissed, and shall issue and cause to be sent to the complainant and respondent by registered or certified mail, a copy of the order of dismissal entered by it.

If, upon all the evidence, the Commission shall decide that the respondent has engaged in an unfair housing practice, the Commission shall, within 60 days from the date the notice of full hearing was issued, state in writing its findings of fact, and shall issue and cause to be sent by registered or certified mail to the complainant and respondent, a copy of its findings of fact and of its recommendations.

Pursuant to Section 6 of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance the Commission may at the conclusion of its proceedings and as part of its report, recommend to the Village Manager the suspension or revocation of the respondent's brokers license if found guilty of an unfair housing practice. *in accordance with Sec. 6 of the Ordinance*

Upon receipt by the Commission of an order from the Village Manager, such order shall be made a part of the record, and a copy of that order shall be served upon the respondent by registered or certified mail. An appeal from such order may be taken in accordance with the provision of said Section 6 of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

RULE 10 -- SUBPOENAS

A. ISSUANCE

The Chairman may issue subpoenas on forms prepared by the Commission at the instance of the Hearing Examiner or upon application to the Hearing Examiner by any party to the proceeding whenever necessary to compel the attendance of witnesses or to require the production for examination of any books, records, correspondence, documents, papers or any other evidence relating to any matter under investigation or hearing before the Commission.

B. PAYMENT OF FEES

Where a subpoena is issued upon the motion of a party to the proceeding other than the Commission, the customary legal cost of service, witness and mileage fees shall be borne by the party at whose request the subpoena is issued. Where subpoena is issued upon the motion of the Commission the cost of such service and witness and mileage fees shall be borne by the Commission.

C. VACATION OR MODIFICATION

Any witness summoned may petition the Hearing Examiner

to vacate or modify a subpoena. The Chairman shall give prompt notice to the party, if any, who requested issuance of the subpoenas. After such investigation as the Hearing Examiner considers appropriate he may grant the petition in whole or part upon finding that the testimony, or the evidence whose production is required, does not relate to any matter in question, or that a subpoena for the production of evidence is unreasonable and oppressive, or has not been issued a reasonable period in advance of the time when the evidence is requested.

D. FAILURE TO COMPLY

Upon failure of any person to comply with the subpoenas issued as herein provided, the Chairman may petition any court of competent jurisdiction to compel the attendance before the Commission of the person subpoenaed and the production of subpoenaed evidence. If any person fails to obey any such court order the Chairman may petition the court to hold such party in contempt of court.

RULE 11 -- AMENDMENT OF RULES

Changes in these rules may be made by the Commission at a regular or special meeting, provided that a quorum is present.

RULE 12 -- AVAILABILITY OF RULES

The rules of the Commission shall be available to the public and may be obtained at the office of the Commission.

RULE 13 -- CONSTRUCTION OF RULES

These rules shall be liberally construed to accomplish the purposes of the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 1967

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bloch at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Perille Mr. Gremley Mrs. Gorell
Mr. Moore Dr. Mundy, Consultant
Mr. Murphy, Executive Director

Commissioners absent: Rabbi Jacobs Mr. Taohy Mr. Gitles Mr. Wimer
Rev. Sauer Mr. Tarton Rabbi Weiner Mrs. Quinn
Mr. O'Connell

Guests present: Mr. Copeland, Niles Township Human Relations Council
Mrs. Michaelson, Sharp Corner P.T.A
Mr. McArri-Student, Sue Jones, Visitor
Mrs. Lewis, Life Newspaper

Corrections to the minutes: "Mrs. Quinn would"; the word would was omitted.
"Miss Trottnor"; Not "Mrs."

The minutes were approved as mailed and amended.

Visitors Remarks:

Mrs. Michaelson reported that the Sharp Corner School P.T.A is sponsoring a program to discuss the new ordinance. Mayor Smith and Mr. Schwartz will be the guests for the evenings discussion which will be held at the school on November 21. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. This will be one of three programs planned in the field of human relations. The P.T.A Council has also planned several meetings in this area. An exchange program involving the Raymond School in Chicago and Sharp Corner has begun.

Dr. Bloch read an invitation to a luncheon May 13 at the Chicago Circle Campus May 13 (Project Wingspread). Mrs. Gorell will represent the Commission at this meeting.

Dr. Bloch's Report:

One thousand copies of the new ordinance has been made and is ready for distribution. Following the passage of the ordinance by the Board of Trustees, a letter of thanks was mailed to Mrs. Jans, Chairman of the Niles Township Human Relations Council. Several letters of congratulations have been received by the Mayor and Dr. Bloch.

The letter of complaint which was read at last months meeting was forwarded to the operating broker, who responded. The facts were correct. Upon seeing that the buyer was a negro, the salesman for the broker drove away. The plaintiff has since been contacted by the broker and the salesman was reprimanded concerning his conduct. This was a new salesman who was unaware of the policy of the firm.

Mr. Perille' Report:

Mr. Perille made a presentation at a meeting of the Northbrook Human Relations Commission. He answered many questions on anti-blockbusting, resale and financing. Dr. Bloch felt that the anti-panic peddling ordinance should be separate and that Mr. Perille advise the Northbrook people of this.

Mrs. Michaelson suggested that the Commission look into the State law on panic-peddling.
Mr. Coveland invited the Commissioners to attend the meeting in Glenview, November 14.
Mr. Gremley will attend.

Dr. Mundy reported on the shifts in personnel in several groups, such as the Chicago Commission to which Jim Burns has been named as Acting Director. Dr. Mundy suggested that a letter of thanks go out to John McDermott for his work in Skokie. Al Raby has resigned and several names have been recommended for replacement including Rev. Davis. There are twenty suburban communities contemplating and studying ordinances.

The Commissioners decided that the weekly request from realtors should continue and in addition the "Booklet" should also go out to the new residents.

Mr. Murphy will look into the license fee for brokers, which should be established at a nominal fee.

The Commission discussed and suggested some amendments to the rules governing the Chicago ordinance as it would apply to our ordinance. Copies will be sent to brokers who will be asked to respond at the November meeting.

Due to the holiday, the next meeting will be Thursday, November 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Dial-A-Neighbor
Good Neighbors Anonymous

1. Case of Extravagant Wife. "Banker said they needed counseling, so I decided to call HR Council" - mother-in-law. Ref. to K. B.
2. Case of Withdrawn Parking Space - Alleged anti-S. attitude of new landlord - handled by Rev. R.
3. Case of Stalking Neighbor ^(w/ Rab. Jacobs) - Took turns shovelling snow. Quenel started 1/26/66, haven't talked since. Tranquilizers, psychiatrist. Offer to talk to neighbor if psych. thought advisable - did not - helped her just to have someone to talk to. "May I call you again before we leave if I feel a need to talk to someone?"

Question: Are there many like this?

Proposal: GNA - call anytime if you are having trouble w. neighbor; don't understand n.f.; want info about his rel. customs or practices; in trouble, want to talk to someone.

Call → answering service → list of HR C. willing to talk, go down list until find one available.

Letter to McDermott

Copeland
Mrs. Michaelson
(PTA)
Mr. McCann Student

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Oct. 26, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call, Introduction of Commission, Joe Murphy, Adm. Dir.
2. Approval of Minutes of Sept. 27 meeting
3. Statements from Visitors - Nov. 21st S.C.
4. Reports

✓ A. Chairman

- ✓ 1. Actions of Board of Trustees on Oct. 9, Evanston; reprint of ordinance
- ✓ 3. Project Wingspread - J. Inell
2. Letters to NTHRC, from them to DCHR, Charlotte to AS, CV Martin to AS, WIND Editorial etc., Chgo Com to DHRC
4. Reply to complaint

✓ B. Co-Chairman Pavle - Northbrook

✓ C. (Mrs. Millman, Mr. Murphy), Dr. Mundy

✓ D. Others

5. Consideration of Rules + Regulations - Approve tentatively, distribute, hearing at Nov. Mtg, adoption, printing, distribute by Jan 1 with printed copies of ordinance for posting
6. Other Old business

7. New business (A) ^{Del-a-} Good Neighbors Anonymous

(2) Activate Lawyers Guild to put on ed. program to instruct youth in spirit + responsib. of citizenship in democratic society.

8. Next meeting date - Nov. 30

9. Adjournment

Not covered

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL COMMISSIONERS

OUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE WENT THROUGH THE FIRST READING AT THE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 2 AND WILL BE TAKEN UP WITH FULL DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION AT THE BOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 9.

EVERY MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION IS URGED TO BE PRESENT. THE MEETING STARTS AT 7:45.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 27, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Don Perille Mrs. Donald Quinn Mr. James Tuohy
Mrs. Nathan Gorell Mr. Robert Gremley Rev. Arthur Sauer
Rabbi Sidney Jacobs Rabbi Karl Welner
Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant
Mr. Harvey Schwartz, Ex-Officio Member

Commissioners absent: Mr. Emanuel Gitles Mr. Dan Nimer Mr. Robert Turton
Mr. John O'Connell Mr. Roland Moore

Corrections to minutes of August 24th meeting: Page 1, relating to minutes to read "were accepted"; Page 2, Paragraph 12 to read "psychologically" instead of "psychically".

Statements from visitors:

Question: "Why must we have an ordinance? Will the people be allowed to vote on it?"
Dr. Bloch answered that because of discriminatory treatment of racial and ethnic groups by real estate brokers the Commission saw the need for an ordinance. To the second question, Dr. Bloch explained that there is no legal basis for a vote on such an ordinance.

Budget report from the Village Manager:

For the current two months of the fiscal year the Commission spent \$10.00.

Dr. Bloch welcomed Dr. Mundy back from his vacation.

Dr. Bloch read a complaint received by a Negro family living in Skokie, regarding discriminatory treatment by a local realtor, also, requesting the passage of the proposed ordinance.

Report of Mr. Tuohy's Subcommittee:

September 14 meeting was to consider revisions made August 24 and bring final version to a vote this evening.

Mrs. Quinn was asked to read the revised ordinance to the audience.

Dr. Bloch asked if Sec. 4, Para. 2 "Until a complaint---" violates state law that meetings be open? Mr. Schwartz was not sure but felt we could operate under the language as it now stands in the ordinance. A complaint would not be full-session normal business on which the Commission must take formal action. No public business can be taken, under state law, in closed executive session.

It was moved by Mrs. Gorell to take out the offending paragraph on page 1, and provide in the rules that less than a quorum handle the mediation and conciliation which was suggested by Mr. Morrissey. Mrs. Quinn seconded the motion which passed 8 to 0.

Mr. Perille questioned Page 3, subsection (1) as affecting homeowners indirectly. Mr. Schwartz explained that (1) covers a situation where a broker accepts a listing and then the owner will not show the home to a negro. The broker cannot continue to carry the listing. Mr. Schwartz now questions whether the language covers the situation he describes above. Mr. Morrison suggested that the word "knowingly" be inserted after "agreement" in (1). Mr. Schwartz felt that we cannot punish the broker if the homeowner refuses to show the home to a negro that the broker brings on the basis of a contract which which was entered in good faith.

Mr. Perille moved that (1) be stricken from the ordinance. Father Sauer seconded the motion.

Mrs. Quinn asked if the multiple listings ^{would} be affected by deletion of (1)? Mr. Schwartz answered that it would not be affected. Dr. Mundy felt that (1) obliges the seller to live up to the contract and the broker is not at the whim of the seller.

The motion to strike (1) from the ordinance did not carry 4 to 5.

Mr. Morrison suggested that the Commission add to the ordinance a provision that the ordinance be posted in every real estate office in a conspicuous place. Mr. Schwartz agreed and suggested that this become section 7 and renumber section 7 to section 8. Section 7 to be titled "Posting of Ordinance".

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission add the above provision to the ordinance. Mrs. Quinn seconded the motion which passed 9 to 0.

It was moved by Rabbi Jacobs that the Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees the passage of the ordinance. Mr. Gremley seconded the motion. The Commission voted 10 to 1 in favor of passage (including two proxies- Mr. Turton and Mr. Gitley, who voted in favor of the ordinance).

Mr. Perille voted affirmatively with reservation to file minority dissent on subsection (1). Father Sauer will also suggest to the Trustees that it is illogical to cover brokers only.

Dr. Bloch stated that the educational program would continue and be intensified. On behalf of the Commission he thanked the Corporation Counsel and his assistants for their help, also, Mr. Morrison, ~~Mr.~~ Trottnor. Mr. Morrison thanked the Commission for their efforts and a job well done.

Mrs. Millman is to follow-up on the complaint that was read tonight.

NEXT MEETING- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

STATEMENT TO SKOKIE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, OCTOBER 9, 1967
BY HERMAN S. BLOCH, CHAIRMAN, SHRC

As you consider the ordinances under discussion, I would like to review with you briefly the events leading to these proposals, and the reasons which impelled a large majority of the HRC to recommend their adoption. In doing so, I shall attempt to explain why we believe these ordinances should be enacted, why they should be enacted now, and what effect their enactment will have on our community.

Nearly two years ago, in November of 1965, this Board authorized the Commission to attempt to implement the Village's policy of equal housing opportunity, expressed in the resolution which you adopted in July of the same year. You authorized a one-year trial of a voluntary plan of education and persuasion directed to the residents of the village and to brokers operating here, to determine whether such a voluntary program might bring about a meaningful degree of open housing.

We recognized then, and we still believe, that in the absence of comprehensive Federal or state-wide legislation prohibiting discrimination in housing, the degree of success of any local program must depend on two factors: the degree of enlightenment and acceptance of such a program by the residents of the community, and compliance, in good faith, by real estate brokers. During our trial year, we carried out a community-wide program designed to educate our residents as to the necessity for and advantages of a policy of open housing, and did our utmost to persuade the approximately two dozen real estate brokers who had agreed to cooperate with us, to do so in good faith.

At the end of the trial year, as I reported to this Board in May, it was the conclusion of a majority of the Commission that our educational program had had a significant impact on community attitudes, as evidenced by a steady increase in the percentage of open listings. On the other hand, it was our conclusion, from the approximately two dozen complaints received during this period, that the brokers had been less than whole-hearted in their cooperation, and that in the absence of genuine participation by every broker operating in Skokie, there was little prospect of attaining a meaningful degree of equality in housing opportunity here.

We therefore pointed out to this Board in May that the Village needed licensure of all real estate brokers doing business in Skokie; that it needed legislation which would prevent panic-peddling, a practice to which we believed the Village might be susceptible; and that legal prohibition of discriminatory practices by real estate brokers was necessary to attain equal housing opportunity. We indicated that we would request such prohibition on a local level if the state legislature failed to provide it on a state-wide basis; and as we all know, the state legislature did fail to enact such legislation.

The first of these requests is embodied in the amendment to Chapter 16 Article IV Section 16-3 of the Code of Ordinances, which you are considering. The second and third are incorporated in the proposed anti-discrimination ordinance. We believe that control of the activities of real estate brokers through these ordinances, coupled with a continuing and intensified program of community education, will bring us close to the equal housing opportunity which is Skokie policy.

The ordinance you are considering was recommended for your adoption by a 10-1 vote of the Commission on Sep. 27th, and was agreed upon after months of consideration of various legislative alternatives by a sub-committee of the Commission headed by Jim Tuohy. WE have had four public meetings on this ordinance during the last three months, and have reviewed 17 position papers submitted by various interested organizations and individuals, and an equal number of oral statements. We have provided ample opportunity for everyone to be heard who wished to be heard. For what the information is worth, 23 of the views expressed were favorable to the proposed ordinance, 11 opposed.

We believe that the proposed ordinance preserves the legal rights of all concerned; provides ample opportunity for voluntary compliance, mediation and conciliation; and affords legal recourse against the abuse of its authority by the enforcing agency.

We ask you to enact these ordinances because their enactment is the right thing to do -- right morally, right for the orderly growth of Skokie, right as a step toward peaceful progress for the entire metropolitan area.

If you ask why these ordinances are necessary now, I must ask in return, "Is it ever too early to do the right thing? Is it better to act calmly, deliberately, after ample study, discussion and preparation, or to act hastily, under the pressure of coercion and disorder? Is it wiser to anticipate the future problems and needs of our community, and to act in time to resolve them, or to wait until they are upon us and events have happened which cannot be undone?" I think the answers are obvious.

Finally, I would like to discuss what will happen -- and will not happen -- if these ordinances are passed. There will be no rapid and large-scale racial change in Skokie or in its sister suburbs which are likewise considering similar ordinances. We know that there are not large numbers of Negro families eager and able to buy homes in the Northern suburbs. We do anticipate a slow but steady trickle of Negroes into Skokie and neighboring areas, and we expect them to be the same type of law-abiding, desirable citizens as the 15 families now living here. We know from the experience of the last six years that we can sustain such an immigration of Negroes without panic or disorder and with no drop in property values. We know that the Negroes who settle here do not necessarily wish to live next to other Negroes, that it is possible to have a pattern of dispersed settlement, and that the pattern of a growing solidly black area which has been traditional in our segregated cities need not be followed. If I may paraphrase what Mrs. Jean Doney said when she addressed the Commission, "What is most likely to happen if these ordinances are adopted is -- practically nothing."

Gentlemen, I need not point out to you that our country is today facing a crisis in race relations as serious as any crisis in the nation's history. This problem is either going to be resolved by the application of constructive reason, or by the forces of irrational hate and destruction. I believe that the passage of these ordinances may well prove a turning-point in the direction of rationality -- that such an action would send a message which would not be lost on the entire metropolitan area, and perhaps beyond: Here is a suburban community which is voluntarily making an effort to achieve equal opportunity for all, not under the pressure of marches and demonstrations, but because it is right. And gentlemen, I think it is entirely fitting that this message should come from Skokie, the Village of Vision.

Thanks - Hawley + staff Sid Morrison Miss Mary Ellen Tetterton

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Spokie Human Relations Commission

Sept. 27, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call, introduction of Commission
2. Approval of Minutes of Aug. 24 meeting
3. Statements from visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman - ^{Budget} ~~Rept.~~ Rept. of complaint (F. letter)
 - B. Co-Chairman. Perille
 - C. Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Millman
 - D. Mr. Turbys Subcom., consideration of ordinance
 - E. Other reports
5. Other old business
6. New business
7. Next meeting date - Oct. 26
8. Adjournment

~~Nov. 28~~ Millman
 Oct. 2 - North

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 24, 1967

(PUBLIC MEETING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE BANNING DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING)

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Rev. Arthur Sauer Mrs. Jackie Gorell
Rev. Gerald Roseberry Mr. Robert Turton
Mrs. Donald Quinn Mr. Emanuel Gitley
Mr. Bob Moore Mr. Robert Grealey
Mr. Don Perille Mr. Daniel Nimer
Mr. James Tuohy

Commissioners absent: Rabbi Jacobs, Rabbi Weiner and Mr. O'Connell

The minutes of the June 22nd meeting ~~was~~^{were} accepted as written.
The minutes of the July 18th meeting ~~has~~^{have} a correction to the date and the 5th speaker was Mr. Holmgren, who spoke in place of Mr. Daniel Walker. The minutes were approved as mailed and corrected.

Speakers from the Audience: 10+ 6- 1?

1. Mr. Lee Prince 6035 Keating-Skokie.

Mr. Prince urged the Commission to reject the proposed ordinance and suggested a referendum. He opposed the ordinance on the grounds of coercion toward one segment of the community-the real estate segment.

2. Mr. Sidney Morrison 5136 Grove-Skokie.

Submitted amendments and corrections to the ordinance to be mailed under separate cover for consideration.

3. Mrs. Sam Chaitkin 9111 Karlov-Skokie.

Supports ordinance with additions and corrections(to be mailed under separate cover).

To the question of the 30 day limit, Mr. Perille commented that he felt this to be a reasonable length of time.

4. Miss Mary Ellen Trottnor representing the Niles Township Human Relations Council. Supports the ordinance. Submitted suggestions to be considered. Objects to the 30 day limit (see section 5 of proposed ordinance) which may be restrictive to the complainant.

5. Mr. Louis Hennes 8738 N. Harding-Skokie.

Against ordinance. Mr. Hennes felt that the homeowner who suffers the loss of property value due to a Negro move-in be compensated. Also, the cost of filing a complaint should be borne by the complainant.

6. Mrs. Bess Jason 9015 N. Keeler-Skokie.

Requested a public referendum on the proposed ordinance. Opposes ordinance.

Dr. Bloch pointed out to the audience that questions of basic civil rights could not be put to a referendum. Also, 95% of the homeseekers in Skokie are white.

Mr. Schwartz pointed out that we do not have the legal right to vote on every issue. The ordinance has been ruled as valid by the Supreme Court of the State of Illinois. To the question of the realtors commission and the contract between the realtor and homeowner, Mr. Schwartz suggested that the homeowner did not have to allow the buyer into the home when the realtor brings him to the door.

7. Mr. Rowell Hoff 8936 Lamon-Skokie

+ Favors enactment of ordinance.

8. Mr. Wright 4940 Birchwood-Skokie

- A retired real estate broker who suggested Sec. 3 (C) be made clear that broker is agent.

9. Mrs. Grace Reinhart 4930 Birchwood-Skokie

- Questioned if broker could accept a discriminatory listing. To this, Mr. Schwartz replied that the broker could not accept such a listing according to the proposed ordinance. Mrs. Reinhart felt that this was discriminating against the seller who needs the broker. Mr. Perille suggested that the homeseller need not tell the broker he will not sell to a prospective buyer, instead, the seller should just refuse to show the home when the broker arrives with the buyer.

10. Mr. Ken Kostock 9234 Kedvale-Skokie

- Opposes ordinance at this time because of riots. Suggested that the ordinance be tabled till a future date.

11. Mr. Sid Orlov 9542 Kostner-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance. Sees the ordinance as ameliorative of the conditions that cause riots.

12. Mr. Paul Shindler 4702 Main-Skokie

? Spoke to the "myth of value of property depreciating when a Negro moves in". Objectively, property does not devalue; psychically, if one believes it devalues, it may in the mind of such a person.

13. Mr. H. L. Weaver 4931 Howell-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance. Everyone has the right to live where he chooses. Suggests the ordinance include the individual homeowner.

14. Mr. Patrick Murphan representing the Liberal Youth of Niles Township.
8460 Gross Point Road-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance to right a moral wrong. Ordinance should include homeowner.

15. Mr. Milton Newman 9141 Gross Point Road-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance. Felt we are a suburb only if the city exits.

16. Mrs. Jean Doney-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance. Spoke on what happens when you turn a referendum over to the people. The zoning ordinance of 1946 would have been adverse, but it has done more to preserve property values than this ordinance would ever do to alter values up or down. The future shows this ordinances are right.

17. Mr. Albert Erlbacher 8232 Kilbourn-Skokie

+ Favors ordinance. Would like to see individual homeowners included.

DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE BY COMMISSION:

Mr. Crites moved that the proposed ordinance be accepted. Mr. Turton seconded the motion. Mr. Perille discussed several changes to the ordinance (attached to minutes).

Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Schwartz recommended that the Commission submit all changes in writing so the legal department could research them to see if they are constitutional. He felt that the Commission would be in a better position to judge all changes together than to do so individually this evening.

Rev. Roseberry moved that the Commission defer voting on the ordinance until the next meeting. The motion to table passed 8 to 2.

Dr. Bloch suggested that the changes be submitted to Mr. Schwartz and that Mr. Tuohy hold a subcommittee meeting of all Commission members to consider the changes. Mr. Tuohy suggested having the changes submitted to the Corporation Counsel by Sept. 7, and have a sub-committee meeting on Sept. 14. (Notice to be mailed)

Dr. Bloch expressed the Commission's appreciation of Rev. Roseberry's work in the Community. He thanked Rev. Roseberry for the inspiration he had given these past few years while living in Skokie. He will be difficult to replace.

Next meeting--Mr. Tuohy's Sub-committee Meeting on September 14.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING---WEDNESDAY-SEPTEMBER 27 8:00 P.M.---VILLAGE HALL

(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING DATE) The meeting adjourned 11:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Rockie Human Relations Commission

August 24, 1967

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval minutes of 6/22/67 + 7/18/67 Meetings
- ✓ 3. Introduction of HRC
- ✓ 4. Statements from visitors (3 min. each) - ^{Prev. mtg. "rigid"} "unfair" "arbitrary" "dictatorial" "stacked deck"
5. Reports
 - A. Status of Exec. Director
 - B. Fortune Complaint (HSB + DP)
 - C. ^{Premium}
6. Discussion of proposed ordinance (motion to recommend), action thereon - present to BoT? - 2 Proxies
 - A. Introduce - what bill is - anti-discrim by brokers
HRC does not legislate
Provisions for mediation - hearings - penalties - appeal
Rules
7. Roseberry resignation
8. Other old business
9. New business
10. Next mtg.
11. Adjournment

HRC 4/27 +
BoT 5/22

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| - | 1. Lee Prince | 8035 Kenting | |
| + | 2. Syd Morrison | 5136 Grove | Winnemka
Revised 6(a) + 6(b) |
| + | 3. Mrs. Chaiken | 9111 Karlov | 30 days
Investig. complaint |
| + | 4. Miss Trotter | - NTNRC | - 30 days |
| - | 5. Mr. Hennes | - 8738 Harding | - Reimbursement for devaluation
Cost of filing complaint borne by plaintiff |
| - | 6. Beth Jason | - 9015 Keeler | - Against |
| + | 7. Rowell Hoff | - 8936 Lamont | |
| - | 8. Wright | - 4940 Birchwood | - ret. r.d. broker |
| - | 9. Grace Reinhart | 4930 " | Call NAACP-Solo |
| - | 10. Ken Kostoc | 9234 N. Kedvale | |
| + | 11. Syd Orloff | 9542 Kostner | |

- 3 12. Paul Schindler 4702 Main Psychic vs objective
 + 13. H. L. Weaver - 4931 Hull - 4 apt coop. - in favor - should extend to owners.
 + 14. Pat Murin 8460 Gross Pt. Rd - Liberal Youth - Pro - go further
 + 15. Mrs. Newman - Gross Pt. Rd -
 + 16. Mrs. Doney - Pro
 + 17. Albert Carlbacher - 8232 Kilbourn - favor but extend

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1?

10:50

Don Perille

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten notes and lists, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page. Some legible fragments include:]

- 1. Ball cell
- 2. Approval minutes of 4/27/57 + 7/18/57 Meetings
- 3. Substitution of HRC
- 4. Statements from visitors (2 min. each) - "infants" "disturbance" "staked back"
- 5. Reports
- 6. A. Status of Gen. Director
- 7. B. Future Complaint (H2840P)
- 8. Discussion of proposed changes (minutes to be reviewed) - present to BFT? - 2 parties
- 9. A. Future - what bill is - anti - union by labor - HRC does not legislate
- 10. Provision for modification - leaving - financial - app.
- 11. Locking registers
- 12. Other old business
- 13. New business
- 14. Next mtg.
- 15. Adjournment

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- HRC 4/27 +
- BFT 2/27

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

JULY ~~19~~¹⁸, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mrs. Jackie Gorell Rabbi Karl Weiner
Rev. Arthur Sauer Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. James Tuohy Mr. Don Perille
Mrs. Betty Quinn Mr. Robert Gremley

Commissioners absent: Rabbi Jacobs Mrs Dan Nimer Rev. Roseberry
Mr. O'Connell Mr. Turton Mr. Moore

Dr. Bloch introduced the Commissioners to the audience and gave some background on what has been done this past year. He announced that at the next meeting, Aug. 24, Mr. Tuohy and his sub-committee will recommend an ordinance to be considered and action will then be taken. Dr. Bloch laid down the ground rules for the meeting.

The new Executive Director for the Human Relations Commission was introduced by

Dr. Bloch. The following persons and organizations presented statements (enclosed).

1. Mr. Irving Cochran---Broker
2. Mr. Sid Morrison-----Resident
3. Mr. Howard Gilbert---Chicago Conference on Religion and Race
4. Mr. Rowell Hoff----Chairman, Baha'i Assembly in Skokie
5. Mr. ~~(Daniel Walker)~~---Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities: Ed Holmgren ✓
6. Mrs. Mary Ellen Trottnier--Niles Township Human Relations Council
7. Mrs. June Michaelson--Human Relations Chairman of the Skokie Valley P.T.A Council
8. Mrs. Diane Hunter----League of Women Voters
9. Rev. ^{Thoburn} Anderson--- Central Methodist in Skokie
10. Mrs. Blanche Hersh---Resident
11. Mr. Arthur Simmons---Resident, Broker and State Representative
12. Mrs. Muriel Adler---Resident
13. Mrs. Sid Morrison-- Resident
14. Mrs. Sam Chaitkin---Resident

The following submitted statements which were not read at the meeting: (enclosed)
M.G.M Realty; King Realty; National Council of Jewish Women, Evanston-Niles Section

The next meeting--August 24, 8:00 P.M at Village Hall. Dr. Bloch invited the audience to attend and ask questions at that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Executive
Secretary

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
OPEN HEARING

JULY 18, 1967

LIST OF SPEAKERS

- ✓ 1. MR. IRVING COCHRAN RESIDENT 8:15 - 8:26
- ✓ 2. MR. SID MORRISON " 8:27 - 8:42
- ✓ 3. ~~706~~ NILES TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL - Miss Trottnier 9:06 - 9:11
- ✓ 4. BAHAI ASSEMBLY IN SKOKIE --MR. ROWELL HOFF 8:50 - 8:55
- ✓ 5. ~~ILLINOIS COMMISSION~~
- ✓ 6. SKOKIE VALLEY P.T.A COUNCIL -- MRS. JUNE MICHAELSON 9:12½ - 9:14
- ✓ 7. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS --- MRS. DIANE HUNTER 9:14 - 9:17
- ✓ 8. MRS. BLANCHE HERSH---RESIDENT 9:25 - 9:29
- ✓ 9. CENTRAL METHODIST IN SKOKIE--- REV. ANDERSON 9:17½ - 9:25 (from Park Forest) - 80 families now
- ✓ 10. CHICAGO CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND RACE-- MR. HOWARD GILBERT 8:43 - 8:50
11. MR. ARTHUR SIMMONS---- RESIDENT - 9:29 - 9:39
- ✓ 12. LEADERSHIP COUNCIL FOR METROPOLITAN OPEN COMMUNITIES---MR. DANIEL WALKER Ed Helmgren 8:56 - 9:05
- ✓ 13. MRS. MURIEL ADLER--RESIDENT 9:44 - 9:51
- ✓ 14. MRS. SID MORRISON---RESIDENT 9:51 - 9:55
- ✓ 15. MRS. SAM CHAITKIN---RESIDENT 9:55 -

King
Green

Agenda for S. H.R.C.
meeting
July 18, 1967

1. Roll Call
2. Introdu. of HRC members, Trustees, others (Chitwood)
(7/14)
3. Waiving of regular business
4. Statement of purpose, background.

Tuition will
be later.

- A. Function of HRC to ^{safeguard} ~~protect~~ rights of all ^{citizens} ~~persons~~ in Sk.
- B. Following adoption of policy of E. H. O. by trustees in July, 1965, HRC attempted to implement policy by program of voluntary compliance based on ed. + pro.
- C. After year of trial, concluded program was not accomplishing purpose, altho prog. of ed. appeared to be leading to greater acceptance by community. Reasons many & involved, detailed in rept. to BofT on Sk.
- D. During latter part of trial year, subcom. apptd. under J. Truby to study (suitable) legislation if program should not succeed + state legislature fail to pass state-wide legislation.
- E. As result of experience during year, HRC concluded we needed anti-pair peddling ordinance, licensure of all r.e. brokers who operate in Skokie to implement ordinance, + has made these recom. to BofT.
- F. Truby Subcom. further recom. that, to implement full policy on fair housing, brokers operating in Sk. be prohibited from discriminating in conduct of business. HRC scheduled present mtg. to hear views of community on this proposal, and plans to act on recom., after studying statements made today, at Aug. (24) meeting.

5. Ground-rules

- A. Statements ltd. to people who live or do business in Sk. + to certain invited interested organizations.
- B. Written copies required - for study.

- C. Statements will be presented in order in which reservations received (1 exception).
- D. Try to limit to 5 min., in no case more than 10.
- E. Each speaker entitled to courteous attention; audience should refrain from demonstrations of approval or disapproval.
- F. Each speaker state name, address, organization he represents, if any, unless stated in introducing.
- G. Questions by Com. members will be permitted for purpose of clarification or information, but no exchange or argument between Com. members or audience & speaker. Com. members will have chance to express views at Aug. mtg.

6. Statements from scheduled speakers

7. Thanks + adjournment.

responsive, thoughtful citizenship present.

Holmgren - 60-70,000 families who can move to mid-class sub housing
 Trotter - 1) Owner who rents apts.
 2) Recourse for person discrim. against

Morrison - Pub. ordinance - apart working
 " " reft. of Subcomm.
 " " large % of women today will sell to any qualified buyer

Summons - June 1967 - Human rights - human actors - human dignity
 State anti-busting law
 H.B. 1179
 Has senators - not yet signed.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 22, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. James Tuohy Mrs. Jackie Gorell
Mrs. Donald Quinn Mr. Bob Moore
Rev. Arthur Sauer Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. Don Perille Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. Harvey Schwartz, Ex-Officio Member

Commissioners absent: Rev. Roseberry Mr. Nimer
Mr. O'Connell Mr. Gremley
Mr. Turton Rabbi Weiner

Observers: Mrs. Marty Lazer, League of Women Voters
Mrs. J. Gump, Niles Twp. H.R Council
Unidentified Woman

Corrections to the minutes of May 25: Omit (a) in parenthesis and Ed Holmgren is the correct spelling. The minutes were approved as mailed and corrected.

Dr. Bloch Reports:

Dr. Bloch attended the Leadership Council luncheon in Chicago and participated in the Township "Good Neighbor" meeting at the Devonshire Center June 8. The Township meeting was attended by 250 persons, 28% outside of Skokie. On June 17, Dr. Bloch attended the budget hearings and received a sympathetic reception from the Trustees. Trustee Kaplan's proposal that the Personnel Director be given the part-time position of Executive Director of the Human Relations Commission met with general approval by the Board, and Dr. Bloch expressed the belief that it would be acceptable to the Commission as an initial arrangement. He thanked the League of Women Voters for their support at this meeting.

Mrs. Irene Hill, teacher at North High School, called Dr. Bloch on the following situation:

Some North students have been tutoring Negro children on a one to one basis this past year in the Lawndale district of Chicago. The children wish to continue this project, but funds are no longer available for transportation. They would now like to bring the Lawndale children to Skokie for the summer months to continue the program. After receiving no help from several organizations with similar programs, Dr. Bloch requested Mrs. Gorell to seek a sponsor, and she enlisted the aid of Mr. John Nimrod, Township Supervisor. It appears probable that the bus service will be made available to the children through Mr. Nimrod.

Mr. Perille Reports:

Mr. Perille was on radio with Mrs. Renee Jans of the Niles Township Human Relations Council. He has also accepted an invitation to Bellwood July 2, where they are trying to get a Commission and Council going.

Mrs. Millman reported that she is receiving fewer weekly returns from the realtors these past two months.

Mr. Schwartz Reports:

Mr. Schwartz has prepared two ordinances: one is to amend our existing licensing ordinance--deleting item which restricts coverage to brokers residing in Skokie and licensing all brokers doing business in Skokie. The ordinance will be broad enough to cover brokers and salesmen. The second ordinance is an anti-blockbusting ordinance of which Mr. Schwartz submitted copies to the Commissioners. (Attached is a copy of this ordinance with the changes that were suggested by the Commission) Penalties can be set later for violations. Penalty suggested: Suspension or revocation of license, possible fines via court action. Mr. Schwartz agreed that the complaints be funneled through the Commission to safeguard the process. This would allow the Commission to make recommendations. Dr. Bloch raised the question of places of public accommodation which refuse to serve Negroes. Mr. Schwartz did not think the Village had the authority to revoke a license in such cases, except in the case of taverns. The Anti-Blockbusting and broker licensing ordinances will be submitted to the Trustees by mid-July.

Mr. Tuohy Reports:

The sub-committee on Legislation recommends a non-discrimination ordinance covering all brokers who do business in Skokie. This will take pressure off Skokie brokers. The committee suggested a meeting with officials of other villages for a regional ordinance which would reduce fear and prevent Skokie from being alone. They (the committee) recommend that we begin with an ordinance modeled after the Chicago ordinance.

Mr. Tuohy investigated the Peoria ordinance, modeled after Chicago, and learned they were pleased with the results. On the other hand, the officials in Springfield felt their ordinance, also modeled after Chicago, was a farce. The recommendation for area legislation is not intended for us to wait until other villages act, but to encourage them to act. Dr. Bloch felt that the purpose of the proposed ordinance should be to prevent real estate brokers from discriminating against Negroes. The brokers should show any Negro any house within his price-range, letting the owner decide whether to sell his home or not. Dr. Bloch fully endorsed the report of Mr. Tuohy's committee.

Dr. Bloch read a report on the progress of Wheaton's voluntary plan, based on the Skokie Plan. All brokers are participating in the Central DuPage Area. They have drafted essentially the Chicago ordinance, which will be recommended for adoption by Wheaton if the percentage of open listings does not rise to 80% by October.

Mr. Perille felt it would be a waste of time to wait for an area ordinance which he says would be ideal. We should go ahead with our own ordinance which should require realtors to send in the listings of homesellers so we can continue our educational program by sending the booklet.

Dr. Bloch suggested an open meeting on the proposed ordinance, to be scheduled Tuesday, July 18, 8:00 P.M. After discussing the details of this meeting, the Commission agreed to act on the ordinance after the hearing. The meeting should be publicized far enough in advance so that those who wish to make a statement may do so by notifying Mrs. Millman; also, enough copies of their statement for all Commissioners should be submitted. It would be better to declare in advance what the Commission's recommendations are going to be and set limits to the question being "Shall the Village of Skokie adopt an ordinance prohibiting real estate brokers from ~~discriminating~~ in the showing and selling of homes?" Rabbi Jacobs commented that this will be a good opportunity for the people to voice their opinion.

Mr. Moore moved to have an open meeting Tuesday July 18 on the proposed ordinance. This was seconded by Rabbi Jacobs; then amended to incorporate the restriction that the floor be given only to those who reside or do business in Skokie, to real estate boards and by invitation of the Chairman with copies of statements for all Commission members. The motion passed unanimously.

The final recommendations from the Legislative Committee will be heard at the August meeting, and the Commission would be expected to act on the recommendation then.

Dr. Bloch suggested that the fee in the licensing ordinance be set low.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE OPEN HEARING FOR THE PUBLIC-TUESDAY, JULY 18
at 8:00 P.M.

COMMISSIONERS: NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE MEETING DAY.

(copy of Chicago Ordinance attached)

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Copy for Minutes

Proposed Anti-Block-busting Ordinance
(in part)

BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees
of the Village of Skokie:

That it shall be ~~an unfair housing practice and~~
unlawful for any real estate broker licensed as such by the
Village of Skokie:

~~A. To cheat, exploit or overcharge any person for
residential housing accommodations in the Village of Skokie
because of race, color, religion, or national origin or ancestry.~~

A. To solicit for sale, lease or listing for sale or lease,
residential real estate within the Village of Skokie on the ground
of ~~loss~~ ^{change} of value due to the present or prospective entry into any
neighborhood of any person or persons of any particular race,
color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

B To distribute or cause to be distributed, written
material or statements designed to induce any owner of residential
real estate in the Village of Skokie to sell or lease his property
because of any present or prospective ~~change~~ ^{alleged} or ^{alleged} change in the race, color,
~~change~~ ¹ religion or national origin or ancestry of persons in the
neighborhood.



FAIR HOUSING ORDINANCE

Chapter 198.7-B Municipal Code of Chicago (Excerpts)

DECLARATION OF POLICY

1. It is hereby declared the policy of the City of Chicago to assure full and equal opportunity to all residents of the City to obtain fair and adequate housing for themselves and their families in the City of Chicago without discrimination against them because of their race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry.

2. It is further declared to be the policy of the City of Chicago that no owner, lessee, sublessee, assignee,

managing agent, or other person, firm or corporation having the right to sell, rent or lease any housing accommodation, within the City of Chicago, or any agent of any of these, should refuse to sell, rent, lease, or otherwise deny or withhold from any person or group of persons such housing accommodations because of the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry of such person or persons or discriminate against any

person because of his race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in the terms, conditions, or privileges of the sale, rental or lease of any housing accommodation or in the furnishing of facilities or services in connection therewith.

3. In order to effectuate this policy and to eliminate as far as legislatively permissible, all forms of discrimination and segregation in the field of housing,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

That it shall be an unfair housing practice and unlawful for any real estate broker licensed as such by the City of Chicago:

A. To make any distinction, discrimination or restriction against any person in the price, terms, conditions or privileges of any kind relating to the sale, rental, lease or occupancy of any real estate used for residential purposes in the City of Chicago or in the furnishing of any facilities or services in connection therewith, predicated upon the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry of the prospective or actual buyer or tenant thereof.

B. To publish, circulate, issue or display, or cause to be published, circulated, issued or displayed, any communication, notice, advertisement, sign or other writing of any kind relating to the sale, rental or leasing of any residential real property within the city of Chicago which will indicate or express any limitation or discrimination in the sale, rental or leasing of such residential real estate, predicated upon the race, color, religion or the national origin or ancestry

of any prospective buyer, lessee or renter of such property.

C. To refuse to sell, lease or rent, any real estate for residential purposes within the City of Chicago because of the race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry of the proposed buyer or renter.

D. To discriminate or to participate in discrimination in connection with borrowing or lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise obtaining or making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any residential housing unit or housing accommodation in the City of Chicago because of race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

E. To cheat, exploit or overcharge any person for residential housing accommodations in the City of Chicago because of race, color, religion, or national origin or ancestry.

F. To solicit for sale, lease or listing for sale or lease, residential real estate within the City of Chicago

on the ground of loss of value due to the present or prospective entry into any neighborhood of any person or persons of any particular race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

G. To distribute or cause to be distributed, written material or statements designed to induce any owner of residential real estate in the City of Chicago to sell or lease his property because of any present or prospective change in the race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry of persons in the neighborhood.

H. To deliberately and knowingly refuse examination of any listing of residential real estate within the City of Chicago to any person because of race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

FAILURE ON THE PART OF ANY REAL ESTATE BROKER TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDINANCE SUBJECTS THE BROKER TO SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF HIS LICENSE.

For Information Contact:

CITY OF CHICAGO — COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

211 WEST WACKER DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

PHONE 744-4112



BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie:

That it shall be [an unfair housing practice and] unlawful for any real estate broker licensed as such by the Village of Skokie:

A. To cheat, exploit or overcharge any person for residential housing accommodations in the Village of Skokie because of race, color, religion, or national origin or ancestry.

B. To solicit for sale, lease or listing for sale or lease, residential real estate within the Village of Skokie on the ground of ^{Change} ~~loss~~ of value due to the present ~~or~~ ^{or alleged} prospective entry into any neighborhood of any person or persons of any particular race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry.

C. To distribute or cause to be distributed, written material or statements designed to induce any owner of residential real estate in the Village of Skokie to sell or lease his property because of any present or prospective change in the race, color, religion or national origin or ancestry of persons in the neighborhood.

Complaint, recon. to
Vil. Mgr.

Mrs. Lasec

Bob Moore
Jacobs
Gittles
Quinn
Truhy
Sauer
Yell
Perille
Block
Millman
Schwarz

Skokie Human Relations Commission

June 22, 1967
Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of 5/25/67 meeting
3. Statements from visitors
4. Reports
 - A. Chairman
 - (1) June 5 Leadership Council "Good Neighbor" luncheon
 - (2) June 8 - joint mtg. of Skokie HRC & NT HRC - Dev. Pk.
 - (3) Tutoring project - Mrs. Irene Hill
 - (4) June 17th Budget Hearing - part-time Ex. Sec. of the community
 - B. Co-Chairman - WRSV - Bellwood - Gelyz
 - C. Mrs. Millman
 - D. Harvey Schwarz - Status of Ordinances (licensing, block-busting) - Mid July amendment to present ordinance
 - E. Jim Truhy - Subcom. on Ordinance
 - (1) Letter from Strenski - Wheaton
 - (2) Exemptions? - Indiana statute
 - (3) Public hearings? When? Timing in general.
 - F. Others
5. Other old business
6. New business
7. Next mtg. July 27 or 20? Tues 18th
8. Adjournment

Prepared statements - 15 copies +
Reserv. time w. Mrs. M.
Notice to 3 R.E. Bids

DP. Require seller listings to be sent to Com.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF MAY 25, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Nimer Mr. Giffes
 Mr. Gremly Mrs. Gorell
 Mr. Perille

Commissioners absent: Rabbi Jacobs Mr. Tuohy Rev. Sauer
 Rev. Roseberry Mrs. Turton Rabbi Weiner
 Mrs. Quinn Mr. O'Connell Mr. Moore

Guests present: Mr. and Mrs. Koss; Mrs. Lazer, League of Women Voters;
Mrs. Michaelson, P.T.A Council.

The minutes were approved as distributed by mail.

Since there was a lack of a quorum, the Commission heard reports and a general discussion took place.

Dr. Bloch reviewed the report that he delivered to the Board of Trustees in which the Commission recommended two pieces of legislation (report mailed to Commissioners). The Board instructed the Corporation Counsel to draw up the two ordinances requested for their consideration.

✓ A letter from the Commission to cooperating Skokie brokers requesting their continued observance of Village ~~law~~ policy regarding equal opportunity was distributed. The Commission discussed some of the problems that may arise in the licensing of brokers who do business in Skokie.

✓ June 4 to June 11 has been declared "Good Neighbor Week" by Mayor Smith as well as by Mayor Daley of Chicago. Mailings are going out from the Leadership Council Headquarters to the Clergy, Homeowners Association, School Boards, etc. Discussion groups are being organized and all the major networks have contributed time. In connection with this project, there will be a meeting held at the Devonshire Center June 8th, with Dr. Bloch participating in a panel discussion which includes Lynn Williams and Edward Holmgren. Mrs. Gorell is serving as the Commission's liaison with the Niles Township Human Relations Council, which is organizing this meeting with joint sponsorship of the Commission.

Mrs. Gorell reported that the North Central Homeowners Association voted to support the endeavors of the Skokie Human Relations Commission.

This past month, Dr. Bloch had been interviewed on T.V; spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Temple Judea Brotherhood and also represented the Commission at the police training program.

Mr. Perille expressed his concern over the increase of homes for sale without signs. He questions whether this is being done for legitimate reasons.

The hearings for our Commission's budget request will most likely take place on a Saturday morning. Commissioners will be notified as to the date and time and should attend this meeting, if possible, to lend their support to the request.

Mrs. Gorell was appointed Public Relations Chairman for our Commission; Mrs. Gorell accepted this appointment.

Dr. Bloch read the realtor's response to a complaint written by a Skokie resident who was looking for a home for an inter-racial family. The realtor explained that the homeowner in question did not wish his home shown on an open occupancy basis and the salesman was unaware of this when he showed the home to the couple. At this time, no action can be taken by the Illinois Commission regarding complaints referred to them by our Commission.

Meeting adjourned- 9:15 P.M. NEXT MEETING- JUNE 22.

(Letter to all cooperating brokers attached)

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative
Secretary

May 24, 1967

TO: BROKERS WHO SIGNED THE "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT"
FROM: SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

On April 30, the trial period covered by the "Memorandum of Agreement" which you signed last year came to an end, and the Commission voted not to attempt to extend its operation.

During the period of nearly a year in which the Commission attempted through its voluntary program to implement the Village's policy of equal housing opportunity, not a single home in Skokie was sold to Negroes by a Skokie broker. The Commission saw little point to continuing its program as a formal operation in the absence of full and whole-hearted participation by all brokers who sell homes in Skokie.

Although our formal program has been terminated, we wish to remind you that equal housing opportunity is still official Village policy, and to urge you to provide courteous and helpful service to every home-seeker, regardless of his race, religion or national origin.

The Commission will continue its program of providing information to the community on the advantages of our Village policy, and will accordingly, as in the past, periodically send you requests for your new listings, so that we may mail our informational pamphlet to home-sellers.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation during the past year, and trust that we may count on your continuing cooperation to build a stable community.

Herman S. Black, Chairman
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cc: Commission Members
Ex-officio Members

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Mr. & Mrs. Koss
Mrs. Glazer
Mrs. Michaelson - Sk. Valley PTA

Skokie Human Relations Commission

May 25, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of 4/27 meeting
3. Statements from visitors
4. Reports

A. Chairman

- ✓ (1) 5/22 Village Board Mtg
- ✓ (2) 6/8 Goss Neighbor Mtg. (J. Groll)
- 6/6 Radio program DP
- WRSV 7-8 PM ✓ (3) TV appearances 5/18 (Ch. 9) + 5/19 (Ch. 7) -
TJ Brotherhood 5/16, Police Academy 5/18

B. Co-Chairman

✓ Mrs. Millman

D. Committees

June

- (1) J. Troby - legislation
- (2) Miner
- (3) Public Relations - Jackie Groll

E. Others

5. Other old business

6. New business

7. Adjournment

School Bd }
HO Org }
Civic Org }

REPORT

Report of: Skokie Human Relations Commission
To: Skokie Board of Trustees

May 22, 1967

In November, 1965, this Commission requested from you and received approval to test for a one-year period a voluntary program to implement the official village policy of equal housing opportunity. Our program undertook, by education and persuasion of both home-owners and real estate brokers, to secure conformity with village policy to a degree broad enough to provide ample housing opportunities throughout the Village for the relatively few Negroes seeking homes in Skokie.

This program, which has come to be known as the "Skokie Plan", began in April, 1966, with the mailing of our booklet, "Your Home and Skokie's Future", to Skokie residents, and the trial year was therefore designated to end April 30, 1967. The purpose of this report is to convey to you the Commission's evaluation of our year of experience with this program and to make further recommendations based on this experience.

In February of this year the Commission agreed on four criteria by which it would judge the effectiveness of our program:

- (1) The trend in percentage of open listings.
- (2) The degree of good-faith compliance to their commitments shown by real-estate brokers, as shown by our checks.
- (3) The number of sales to Negroes through brokers.
- (4) The number of Negroes who moved into Skokie during the Plan's operation.

If we use the trend in open listings as a measure of the success of our educational program, we must conclude that this program had significant impact on community thinking. For the two months between June and October, 1966, during which we received data (there was a two-month interval during this period in which no data were collected because Gov. Kerner's Executive Order, which forbade discriminatory listings by brokers, was in force) only 11 of 66 listings reported were unrestricted- about 17%. These included homes which were listed open on specific instructions as well as those listed without instructions, which were, under the terms of our agreement with participating brokers, to be handled as open listings.

In contrast, during three of the four months between November, 1966 and March, 1967 (the last month for which we have data) 50% or more of the listings were unrestricted- in all, 15 out of 27 listings during those three months.

It is our conclusion, therefore, that there has been an increasing acceptance by home-owners of the concept of open housing. This acceptance had resulted not only from our own educational campaign of mailings to home-sellers and to teachers and of talks to local organizations, but also from the concurrent efforts of some of the local clergy with their individual congregations.

Turning now to the performance of real estate brokers, we have several sources of information on which to base our conclusions. During October and November, 1966, as a result of complaints from members of the Fair Housing group, we contacted 18 home-owners who had listed their homes with participating brokers, to see whether the latter were carrying out the instructions of the owners. In every case checked, we found that the brokers involved were in fact correctly reflecting the wishes of the owners.

A second source of information involved formal complaints of discrimination filed with the Commission, of which we received four during this period. Our investigation of these led to the conclusion that in two cases there was insufficient evidence to warrant further action, but in two other cases the evidence was sufficiently substantive to justify our passing them on to the Illinois Commission on Human Relations for further investigation.

A third source of information is afforded by more numerous letters charging lack of courtesy by brokers or their representative, rebuffs of various kinds, lack of ordinary diligence in finding suitable homes for Negro homeseekers, and similar complaints which were attitudinal in nature. While these letters did not involve specific provable acts of discrimination, they nevertheless indicated that Negroes were poorly received by the brokers involved, and were discouraged from seeking homes in Skokie.

The final point to be made with respect to broker performance is that during the trial year not a single Skokie home was sold to Negroes by a Skokie broker.

During this period (May 1, 1966 to April 30, 1967) three Negro families are known to have moved into Skokie. Two rented quarters and one purchased a home directly from the owner. This number is about the average which has prevailed in Skokie since the first Negro family arrived in 1961, but less than was to be expected in the face of the still small but accelerating movement of middle-class Negroes to the suburbs. By contrast, 10 Negro families moved into Highland Park in 1966, at least two as a result of sales by real estate brokers.

The failure of Skokie brokers to sell to Negro home-seekers during this period should be examined in the light of a number of relevant points:

- (1) Several Skokie homes were shown by brokers to Negroes, conforming to the size and price-range of the latter, and presumably sales might have been consummated had the Negroes so elected, but they made no offers for these homes.
- (2) The year was abnormal. During one portion, there was an exceedingly active demand for Skokie homes, so that good listings were on the market for only a short time. During the latter portion of the year, mortgage rates were high, mortgage money scarce, and listings declined steadily. In both sets of circumstances, Negro home-seekers were at a disadvantage, and their number was reduced through no fault of the brokers.
- (3) During two of the heaviest sales months- July and August- the Governor's Executive Order was in operation, and all listings were non-discriminatory. There was nevertheless no apparent effect on the sales of homes to Negroes in Skokie.
- (4) The total number of Negro Families seeking houses in Skokie during the year was small- approximately a dozen- and the number of sales opportunities here was further reduced by the availability of housing in other northern suburbs such as Highland Park.
- (5) Finally, normal relationships between brokers and Negro home-seekers were in many cases hampered by members of the Fair Housing groups operating here. These people opposed the provisions of our procedure which permitted restrictions by home-owners via instructions to their brokers. In addition, they objected to the Skokie Plan because they believed that success of a voluntary plan would impede adoption of fair housing legislation. They challenged the operability of the plan, and worked diligently to prevent its success. They reportedly discouraged Negroes from seeking homes in Skokie, spread word that this was "a closed town", and, when they accompanied Negroes to real estate offices, at times precipitated hostile reactions and instigated arguments which made usual sales procedures impossible.

In light of these factors, we cannot conclude that Skokie brokers were uniformly prejudiced and discriminatory in their dealings with Negro home-seekers. From the failure of any Skokie broker to consummate even one sale with a Negro in the face of increasing community willingness to sell to Negroes, however, we conclude that those brokers who had opportunities to sell homes to Negroes were not as whole-hearted in pursuing such sales as they would have been with white home-seekers. We believe that this lack of diligence stemmed from a reluctance to sell to Negroes in Skokie, for fear of economic reprisals by residents and other brokers. This fear, in turn, results from the fact that some Skokie brokers and many others who operate in Skokie but are not headquartered here did not agree to cooperate in the Skokie Plan, and were consequently

in a position to take advantage of such reprisals on cooperating brokers.

The voluntary character of the Skokie Plan with respect to brokers, and the inability of the Commission to persuade all brokers operating in Skokie to participate, have therefore proven to be a serious handicap to the implementation of equal housing opportunity via our program. A majority of the Commission sees no prospects of improvement in the performance of Skokie brokers in the face of this handicap.

For these reasons, the Commission at its April 27th meeting took the following actions:

- (1) It voted to discontinue the Skokie Plan as presently constituted i.e. as an attempt to induce brokers voluntarily to practice the principles of equal housing opportunity.
- (2) It voted to continue, and if possible to intensify, its educational program directed toward residents. The Commission remains convinced that fair housing is necessary for a healthy, peaceful and stable community, and that public acceptance of this principle must be induced by a long-continuing program of information and education. It therefore proposes to continue to circulate our pamphlet, with suitable modifications, and in particular to send it to home-sellers.
- (3) The Commission voted unanimously to ask the Board of Trustees for immediate legislation to make unlawful the solicitation of real estate sales on the ground of change of value because of present or prospective changes in the religious, racial or ethnic character of the area- legislation commonly known as "anti-block-busting" or "anti-panic-peddling" ordinances. We believe that Skokie, with 15 Negro families scattered throughout the village, is vulnerable to such practices by unscrupulous real estate agents. We have already had one such incident, which we were fortunately able to stop promptly, and we believe that we need legal support for proper protection of the village.
- (4) To make such an ordinance effective, the Commission voted to ask that the Board of Trustees likewise pass legislation which would license all persons who engage in the sale, rental or exchange of real estate in Skokie for compensation or commission, regardless of whether they do or do not reside or have offices in Skokie. The Commission believes that such licenses should be issued to qualified persons for a nominal fee, with special reciprocity arrangements, if feasible, for those who are headquartered in and licensed by other municipalities.

(5) A majority of the Commissioners present voted to ask for no local fair housing legislation at the present time. It believes that such legislation can be most effective on a state-wide or national basis, and believes that the current session of the state legislature may pass such legislation. If no such legislation is passed in the current session, however, the Commission will recommend a local ordinance to the Board of Trustees after July 1, and will further recommend that the Mayor and Board meet with their counterparts in neighboring communities and attempt to secure agreement to uniform ordinances covering a broad suburban region. The scope and degree of coverage which the Commission would recommend to the Board under these circumstances are currently under study by a sub-committee of the Commission.

In summary, this trial year has been a year of learning for the Commission and for the community. We have identified the strengths and weaknesses of the Skokie Plan, and determined what portions can be constructively continued and what portions offer insufficient promise for continuation. While our program failed to provide substantially improved equal housing opportunity in Skokie, it did improve the community attitudes to a point at which an effective fair-housing program is possible. Our experience does not permit any generalizations regarding the possibilities of success of all voluntary programs; we can only say that our program, with its particular handicaps and limitations of time and of broker participation, did not succeed in one of its major objectives and showed substantial success in another.

Finally, on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank Mayor Smith and the Trustees for the backing they have always given us, and to express the hope that we may merit their future support.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS

REMINDER

MONDAY, MAY 22, 1967----REPORT FROM THE S.H.R.C TO THE
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. (REPORT ATTACHED)

THURSDAY, MAY 25, 1967--- REGULAR MEETING OF THE SKOKIE
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND BOTH OF THE ABOVE MEETINGS.

May 24, 1967

TO: BROKERS WHO SIGNED THE "MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT"
FROM: SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

On April 30, the trial period covered by the "Memorandum of Agreement" which you signed last year came to an end, and the Commission voted not to attempt to extend its operation.

During the period of nearly a year in which the Commission attempted through its voluntary program to implement the Village's policy of equal housing opportunity, not a single home in Skokie was sold to Negroes by a Skokie broker. The Commission saw little point to continuing its program as a formal operation in the absence of full and whole-hearted participation by all brokers who sell homes in Skokie.

Although our formal program has been terminated, we wish to remind you that equal housing opportunity is still official Village policy, and to urge you to provide courteous and helpful service to every home-seeker, regardless of his race, religion or national origin.

The Commission will continue its program of providing information to the community on the advantages of our Village policy, and will accordingly, as in the past, periodically send you requests for your new listings, so that we may mail our informational pamphlet to home-sellers.

We wish to thank you for your cooperation during the past year, and trust that we may count on your continuing cooperation to build a stable community.

Herman S. Bloch, Chairman
M.M.

cc: Commission Members
Ex-officio Members

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Mr. Don Perille Mr. Bob Moore Mrs. Don Quinn
Mr. Emanuel Gitles Rev. G. Roseberry Mr. Dan Nimer
Mrs. Jackie Gorell Rabbi Karl Weiner Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. James Tuohy
Ex-Officio members: Mr. Harvey Schwartz, Corp. Counsel, Trustee Herman Schmidt

Observers: Mr. David Shucker, Ill. Commission on Human Relations
Mrs. Ruth Wyler, Skokie Valley Council P.F.A, Mr. Dupee
Father Patrick Rabbitt, Mrs. Charlotte Goodstein, Mr. King
Mr. Sherwin Willens, Mr. Gilbert Gordon, Mrs. Jans
Mr. Copeland, Mr. Deutshe, Mr. Harwood, Glencoe Human Relations
Mrs. Michaelson, Mrs. Hersh and Mrs. Levy of the L.W.V.

The minutes of the March 23 and April 5th meetings were approved as written. Mrs. Quinn's name is to be added to the March minutes.

Dr. Bloch explained the function of the Commission as requested by a member of the audience. Mrs. Goodstein and Mrs. Hersh praised Mr. Perille's statement made in Springfield.

Dr. Bloch stated the agenda for the evening's meeting.

- (1) Review and evaluate operation of the Skokie Plan during the past year.
- (2) Discuss Commission's plans for the future.
- (3) Discuss recommendations to be made to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Perille reported on his testimony before the State Legislature (statement attached to minutes of April 5, 1967). Mr. Howard Smith of the C.C. R.R was very pleased at the objective view taken by the Commission on the Skokie Plan.

Dr. Bloch reviewed the criteria for evaluation of the Skokie Plan which were decided at the February 9th meeting:

- (a) trend in open listings, (b) result of spot checks of compliance by brokers,
- (c) number of Negroes who have moved to Skokie as compared with other North Shore areas,
- and (d) number of sales to Negroes by Skokie real estate brokers.

Mr. Moore suggested the Commission discuss the shortcomings and advantages of the "Plan" before going through the list of alternatives (1 to 10) on the Confidential Memo sheet which was sent to all Commissioners. Rabbi Jacobs requested a review of the basic findings on the Skokie Plan (see minutes of April 5). Mr. Nimer reviewed his "Analysis of Real Estate Broker's New Listings".

Dr. Bloch: Conclusion of trend:

- a) Educational program appears to have been effective with home-owners, in view of upward per-centage of homes without instructions which are considered open occupancy. Comparable data found by Wheaton, although our situation differs, since all brokers in the Wheaton area are cooperating and able to insist on written instructions.

Conclusion of trend continued:

b) Brokers checked in October and November, carried out owner's instructions. A spot check of 18 homes was carried out and in each case the broker had followed the owner's instructions. On other hand, there were four formal complaints of discrimination- one involving a rental and three involving sales, one did not have sufficient evidence to warrant further investigation, and two of the cases had sufficient evidence to be passed on to the Ill. Commission on Human Relations who could submit these cases to the Dept. of Registration for investigation and possible license revocation. A recent court order declared such revocation (carried out by Executive order) unconstitutional, so there can be no recourse at present if discrimination by a broker occurs. In addition, there were numerous letters charging prejudicial treatment of Negroes by brokers. These charges did not carry enough substance for further action but establish prevailing atmosphere. The most conclusive bit of evidence was that not a single home was sold to Negroes by a Skokie broker. Some homes were shown and in at least two cases the homes were in the proper price range, but were turned down by the prospective purchasers. It is also true that those accompanying Negroes to brokers appear to have stimulated dissent between buyer and broker thus interfering with normal relationship. During the time that the Skokie Plan has been in operation, one Negro family purchased a home directly from the owner.

c) In addition, in 1966, there were three rentals (one thru a non-Skokie broker).

Dr. Bloch continued to say that in his judgment many Skokie brokers did not wholeheartedly cooperate with the "Plan", possibly because they had fears of economic reprisals if they did cooperate. Dr. Bloch felt such a Plan might have a better chance of working if given proper conditions- participation by all brokers and less interference by those opposed to voluntary plans.

Rabbi Weiner: One thing has become evident, the Plan is not workable nor effective. The Skokie Plan has been handicapped by the lack of participation from all brokers.

Mr. Moore felt it was unrealistic to expect 100% cooperation from the brokers and also unrealistic to condemn the Plan. Mr. Moore felt that 25% success is progress, also that it was doing a reasonable job with a complex problem.

Mr. Perille felt that the Plan was harmed by unjust interference, a declining market, lack of cooperation by realtors and lack of support by the Community Leaders. Mr. Perille spoke to only five Skokie groups and feels that the educational part of the program not effective. The "why" of the Plan being more important than the "what". Rev. Roseberry felt that the educational part of the Plan was a success and should not be scrapped, only another name should be used.

Mr. Tuohy felt that the Plan should not be condemned. He went on to say that the Governor's order interfered with the success in July and August bringing our Plan to a standstill. Also, the high interest rates stopped many home sales. He suggested: 1) extend the Plan to Labor Day, 2) meet with

Village Legal Department to formulate an ordinance proposal, 3) invite realtors to a meeting and ask for reasonable performance or we will have to recommend an ordinance, 4) seek out the Community for meetings, 5) ask Clergy Forum to bring Civil Rights issue up during sermons, and 6) publicity is needed at all times. If none of this works then we can recommend an ordinance. Mr. Tuohy suggested that we wait until state legislature and congress adjourn to see if they act before trying to enact our own local legislation.

Mr. Perille reported that there was 455 real-estate transfers between April 25, 1966 and April 24, 1967 in Skokie and that the peak months were July and August. This has been a depressed market. The trend has been the same in other areas of Niles Township. Mr. Perille questioned whether we can license outside brokers who do business in Skokie. Mr. Schwartz answered this saying that Skokie does have an ordinance licensing brokers (March 31, 1964) doing business in Skokie who are residents or have offices in Skokie. The Village has the authority to license and regulate real estate brokers and can amend our present ordinance to cover any broker doing business in Skokie.

COMMISSIONERS RECOMMENDATION: (SEE APPENDED LIST)

Rabbi Weiner:

Continue the educational aspect of the program. Concerned as to what happens to Skokie if it becomes an island in a sea of discrimination. Should protect ourselves from outside forces so he favors #5 (anti-block-busting law).. Prefers a state law rather than a village law. We need a law that will prohibit discrimination by owner as well as dealer. We need #4, #6 and #7. Feels #9 necessary to prevent panic and preserve integration. Would make some exemptions in #8. No to #1 and #2.

Dr. Bloch:

With 15 Negro families in Skokie, we provide a tempting target for those who might "panic-peddle". Feels we need anti-block-busting law. This would include licensure of all who deal in real estate in Skokie. There should be some attempt at cluster legislation with other communities to cover a broad area so one community would not be an island in a sea of discrimination. Suggests some attempt for Village unification on legislation.

Mrs. Wyler suggested that we acquaint the surrounding villages with the Skokie Plan.

Rev. Roseberry:

Continue the educational aspect of the program (#3), abandon other portions. Yes on Licensing (#4), yes on the anti-block-busting (#5). Proceed with drafting of law. Evanston is holding hearings to pass a fair housing law which he hears the Mayor will not veto. No to #1 and #2.

Mr. Nimer:

Continue the educational part (#3), yes to #4 and #5, no to #6, #7 and #9. Does not think that it is legal to prohibit discrimination by owners.

Mr. Perille:

Opposed to a local ordinance; favors a state law; continue Plan under #2,

yes to #4 and #5. Could accept a fair housing law locally if other villages cooperative, otherwise we would be an island. Between now and June 30, contact brokers and try to enlist them to continue in the voluntary adoptions of our program.

Dr. Bloch:

Imperative that we have #5 (anti-block-busting law), including licensure; content to wait until June 30 to see what the State does. If the State does not act, would recommend a local ordinance (#6). In the absence of state law, a local ordinance which goes beyond the Chicago ordinance would be challenged in courts, and would be inoperative while tied-up in courts. For the interim between now and June 30, would try to adopt #2 so there will be no vacuum.

Mr. Tuohy:

In defense of realtors who did cooperate, we owe the Village a little more time. Not convinced the whole real estate industry is bad. Feels it is unfair to say the Skokie Plan is a failure, and should extend through the summer months.

Mr. Gitley:

Yes on #3 through #7; no on the others.

Mr. Moore:

Feels law must come regionally not on a Village level which might set neighbor against neighbor. Illinois is not going to get a fair housing law this session; wants the Skokie Plan extended through session of legislature and even through the summer. Licensing would be costly to the real estate industry. Feels you cannot legislate morality.

Dr. Bloch replied to Mr. Moore that he did not consider licensing as a revenue raising means; fee should be nominal, perhaps waived for brokers licensed in community of residence of business office. Rev. Roseberry pointed out that we do have laws that preserve morals in our country, covering child labor, murder, etc.

Mrs. Gorell:

Favors #3, #4, and #5. Before acting on a local ordinance, see what the legislature does.

Mr. King suggested that we need a tough educational program. Contact should be made to those selling their own homes. You will still need the brokers if you have legislation. He pointed out that very few Negroes have looked for homes in Skokie.

Rev. Roseberry moved to discontinue the Skokie Plan as presently constituted. Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion. The motion carried 9 to 2.

Rev. Roseberry moved to continue the educational portion, under a different name and continue to circulate the booklets, with suitable revision of the preface. Rabbi Weiner seconded and the motion carried 8 to 3.

Mr. Gitley moved that the Commission recommend to the Board of Trustees to license all persons who deal in real estate in Skokie. Rabbi Jacobs seconded and the motion carried 9 to 2.

Rabbi Weiner moved that the Commission recommend the passage of an anti-block-busting law with a penalty of loss of license. Mr. Tuohy seconded the motion which carried 11 to 0.

Rabbi Jacobs moved that the Commission recommend regional or local legislation if the State Legislature does not pass fair housing legislation this session. Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion which carried 6 to 4, 1 abstention.

Rabbi Weiner suggested that the Commission express appreciation to brokers who have cooperated with the Plan and ask them to continue to send us names of sellers so we may continue the educational program.

Dr. Bloch proposed to draw up a report incorporating the above motions. He will then circulate the report to all Commissioners for their approval and further recommendations, or comments. Mr. Moore and Mr. Perille reserve the right to draft a minority report if they felt it was warranted.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING-----MAY 25, 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative
Secretary

April 3, 1967

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

To: Members of HRC

From: Herman S. Bloch

Possible Alternatives for April 27 Meeting

In order to help crystallize our views on alternative recommendations to the Board of Trustees which may stem from our meeting of April 27 and our evaluation of our year's experience with the "Skokie Plan," I have listed a number of possibilities below. It would be helpful if anyone who cannot attend the meeting would check the list and send it to us before the meeting.

Yes No (Check one)

- ___ ___ 1. Continue Skokie Plan as presently constituted for a further trial period.
Suggested period (if "yes"): _____ months.
- ___ ___ 2. Continue Skokie Plan for a further period, but only if every broker agrees to participate and consents to accept only written instructions.
- ___ ___ 3. Continue educational portion of Skokie Plan but abandon portion which attempts voluntary compliance by owners and brokers to procedure which permits discrimination.
- ___ ___ 4. License all persons who sell, rent or otherwise deal in real estate in Skokie.
- ___ ___ 5. Pass strong anti-block-busting law. Penalty, loss of license or even more severe.
- ___ ___ 6. Prohibit discrimination by licensed dealers in real estate, on penalty of losing license. (Similar to Chicago ordinance).
- ___ ___ 7. Prohibit discrimination by owners as well as dealers.
- ___ ___ 8. Prohibit discrimination by owners with following exclusions:
___ ___ a. None
___ ___ b. Single-family dwellings
___ ___ c. Rooming houses (rental)
___ ___ d. Town-houses
___ ___ e. Co-ops, condominiums
___ ___ f. Owner-occupied two-flats (rental)
___ ___ g. Owner-occupied three-flats (rental)
___ ___ h. Owner-occupied four-flats (rental)
- ___ ___ 9. Exempt sellers and dealers from provisions 6,7,8 above at request of HRC (e.g. to prevent panic, preserve integrated character of neighborhood).
- ___ ___ 10. Adopt 4 and 5 above immediately, defer remainder until we see whether Illinois legislature passes fair housing law at this session.
- ___ ___ 11. Other (describe):

Peritech
Harwood (Glencoe)

Skokie Human Relations Commission

April 27, 1967

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of meetings of March 23 and April 5
3. Statements from visitors (< 3 min.)
4. Reports
 - D. Perille - Springfield Hearing
 - Other
5. Review of trial year of "Skokie Plan" - Discussion, by Com. ^{evaluation} ~~Members~~
 - 2/9 { (a) Trend in percentage of open listings
 - minutes { (b) Check of good faith compliance of brokers
 - (c) no. of Negroes who have moved to Skokie during year
 - (d) no. of sales to Negroes through brokers
6. Recommendations for future

7. Other old business

8. New business

9. Adjournment

4/27/67

Interception (Gov. Order) - July + Aug - Busiest mos, peak

Interference

Lack of full participation

Diff. in home loans - int. rates very high - depressed market.

Rabbi Weiner - ~~NO~~, ~~NO~~, ~~YES~~

- 1 No
- 2 No
- 3 yes
- 4 yes
- 5 yes

- Werner
- 1) No "cooperating" brokers > no who actually submitted data
 - 2) RE brokers breached agreement.

Moore: Keep plan

- Trohy:
- 1) Extent to Labor Day
 - 2) w. legal dept., shape proposal - ^{change ordinance} propose to brokers
 - 3) Continue & intensify ed. program - via Clergy Forum.

DP 4/25/66 - 4/24/67 455 real estate transfers during 12 mo. period.

U.S. 1964 - Skokie license of brokers living or having place of business in Skokie; but could by amending ordinance - Village has authority to license those doing business in Skokie.

Jacobs - Need legislation.

License all brokers - maybe state-wide legislation.

Werner - Cont. educ. aspects - (3) Favors (5), (4), (7), (9)
Concerned about what would happen to Sk. if "island"
State law needed - step by step, vill. by vill.

Roseberry - yes (3) (4) (5) + Then draft law - Consult w. Evanston
Werner - yes (3) (4) (5)
N - (7) (9) Relector control + Ed, sufficient

Perille - Against local ordinance yes - (2) to Oct. 1, (4), (5).
Can't "go it alone" - even w. Evanston. Try "cluster" of comm.

WFB, 2, 3, 4, 5

JT - Inc. # of open listings; inc. coop of brokers - indicate plan should be further tested.

Yates 3 thru 7

R. Moore - must educate, can't legislate. ^{Leg.} Has to come regionally (state reg.) extend program thru 6/30 or even rest of summer,
Gorell - 3, 4, 5

M. King - Brokers not refusing to take open listings
" " " " " show " "
N.O. Councils should lead support.
Contact owners selling own homes.

Discount, Sk, Pl. as presently const. 9-2

Cont. Ed. Portion - circulate booklet to all sellers -
under dif. name 8-3

✓ Reson, revise licen, (4) - 9-2

✓ Anti-block-busting ordinance - 11-0 regional or
If state does not pass, reson, further ~~measures~~ measures.
local legislation - 6-4 [abst.]

Letter to particip. brokers -
apprec. cooperat

to others - request coop.

SPECIAL REMINDER

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

THURSDAY APRIL 27, 1967

8:00 P.M Village Hall

ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING!

KARL WEINER, D.D.
RABBI

TEMPLE JUDEA

April 5, 1967

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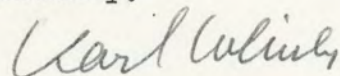
Dear Dr. Bloch:

I regret that I shall be unable to attend the special meeting of the Human Relations Commission on Wednesday, April 5, 1967.

Senate Bill No. 155 appears to define unfair housing practice as inclusively as it should be defined. It takes away from anybody who is engaged in the selling or renting of housing, either for himself or as agent for others, the burden of any regard for such extraneous considerations as race, creed, color, national origin or ancestry. It frees all transactions for the sole legitimate concern, namely whether the potential buyer or renter as an individual is reasonably qualified. Among all tools of educating the public to fair housing none will be as effective as the law. This was shown in other legislation, such as Fair Employment legislation.

I admit to naivete' in jurisprudence. If Senate Bill No. 155 provides for what I read in it, I am for support of the bill by the Human Relations Commission. I believe that every effort must be made to secure an adequate state law. Local laws are most inadequate and problematic. A continuation of voluntary compliance would mean a continuation of lies, circumventions, deceit and brazen acts of prejudice. I do not believe that the American people, that the people of Illinois, are served well by the undermining of the moral foundations of society, or by the bottling up of the inevitable progress towards human rights until explosions and violence are the result.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Karl Weiner, D.D.

KW:M
cc

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF SKOKIE

9439 Kildare Ave.

SKOKIE, ILLINOIS 60076

Dr. Herman Bloch, Chairman
Skokie Human Relations Commission
Skokie, Illinois

April 5, 1967

Dear Dr. Bloch:

On behalf of the League of Women Voters, I would like to urge the Human Relations Commission to support state legislation which will provide Equal Housing Opportunities to all citizens of Illinois.

The League believes such legislation should prohibit housing discrimination by real estate salesmen and brokers, lending institutions, residential land developers, and all owners, covering apartments, private homes and vacant land.

In order for such a law to be effective, we believe it should provide for a commission to ensure its enforcement. This is the pattern in 14 of the 19 states which have already enacted state fair housing laws. Such a commission should have the authority to investigate complaints of discrimination and to be able to eliminate unfair housing practices by conference and conciliation, and there should be provisions for effective enforcement.

In keeping with these criteria, the League supports the following bills:

SB 155 (Partee et al.) - Creates Illinois Fair Housing Practices Act; establishes Commission; defines unfair housing practices with with procedures for complaints and penalties; appropriates \$100'000.

HB 459 (Carter) - House bill similar to above.

SB 383 (Newhouse) & HB 488 (C.L. Smith) - Establishes Commission on Human Rights to prevent discrimination in employment, public accommodations, education and real property transactions.

SB 420 (Fawell & Coulson) - Voids restrictive covenants.

Also in keeping with the above criteria, the League opposes HB 675 (Ralph T. Smith) which permits discrimination on written instructions by owner, and HB 676 which prevents municipal authorities from regulating brokers who engage in discriminatory sales.

We believe the passage of these two bills would be a very serious setback to the cause of equal housing opportunities in Illinois. In addition, HB 675 seems, at a glance, to be a duplicate of the Skokie Plan, although actually its intent is to permit discrimination rather than to discourage it. For this reason, we feel that the Human Relations Commission and the Board of Trustees of Skokie have a particular responsibility to disassociate themselves from the backers of this bill, and to support more positive legislation, and we urge that you do this.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Hersh
Mrs. Herbert Hersh, President

ANALYSIS OF REAL ESTATE BROKERS' NEW LISTINGS

	June 15 ^{..}		Sept. 10 ^{..}		Oct. 10 ^{..}		Nov. 10 ^{..}		Dec. 10 ^{..}		Jan. 10 ^{..}		Feb. 10 ^{..}	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Open Occupancy	7	18	1	4	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted, Written	16	41	8	30	5	28	6	40	0	0	10	1	13	
Restricted, Oral	16	41	15	55	7	39	1	7	1	25	3	3	37	
Without Instructions	3	11	5	27	8	53	3	75	0	0	4	23
Open Occupancy Plus Without Instructions	7	18	4	15	6	33	8	53	3	75	0	0	4	50
TOTAL	39	100	27	100	18	100	15	100	4	100	13	100	8	100

The Skokie Plan differs in many ways from the Smith Bill, which would legalize discrimination by instruction of the owner to the realtor. The Smith Bill does not have the educational features which are a feature of the Skokie Plan.

Mrs. Hersh read a formal statement from the League of Women Voters in which they oppose H.B. 675 and H.B. 676, and urge the passage of more positive legislation.

Mr. Nimer submitted his "Analysis of Real Estate Brokers' New Listings (attached)". Mr. Nimer and Dr. Bloch agreed that the analysis showed that the educational part of the program had effected an increase in the number of unrestricted listings, but that nevertheless homes were not sold to Negroes by Skokie brokers.

Mr. Gitley moved that Mr. Perille represent the Commission before the Senate Committee Hearings, and strongly support state-wide fair housing legislation with the comprehensive coverage and enforcement features embodied in the Partee Bill. Also, go on record to contradict exaggerated rumors of success of the Skokie Plan. Rev. Roseberry seconded the motion which was unanimously passed by those present. The proxy votes were; Mrs. Quinn, Rabbi Weiner, Mr. Moore and Mr. Turton in favor of the motion.

ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THE APRIL 27 MEETING!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Jackie Gorell, Secretary Pro-
Tem

Mrs. Myrna Millman, Administrative
Secretary

Duplicate Com.

EVANSTON COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

Summary of Fair Housing Bills Pending Before the Illinois Legislature* (As of 3-8-67)

Bill No.	Chief Sponsor	Coverage	Exemptions
155	Sen. Partee	Brokers, Home Owners, Lending Institutions	Owner-occupied buildings with 4 or less boarders; leasing to one sex, or particular age group; charitable educational, private or fraternal organizations.
383 488	Sen. Newhouse Rep. C.L. Smith	Brokers, Home Owners, Lending Institutions	Owner-occupied buildings with 2 families living independently of each other; Owner-occupied rooming houses; Religious and charitable organizations
420	Sens. Fawell & Coulson	VOIDS restrictive covenants in race, creed, color, national origin	by reason of
459	Rep. Carter	Brokers, Salesmen; Home Owners Developers; Lenders.	Owner-occupied rooming houses with 4 or less roomers; owner-occupied building with 6 or less households on premises; Religious institutions, charitable institutions; Members of one sex; homes for the aged.
675	Rep. R. Smith	Brokers and Home Owners	All real estate rental and sale when owner states in writing that he wants to discriminate.
676	Rep. R. Smith panion to HB675	All corporate authorities in each municipality. <u>Repeals all local fair housing ordinances.</u>	All contracts which authorize the broker to discriminate in sale and rental of real estate
490	Sen. Newhouse	Brokers (Amends Sec 8-An act which regulates brokers)	None
491	Sen. Newhouse	Real estate offices, banks, savings and loan associations as places of public accommodations. (Amends Criminal Code of 1961)	N/A

ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS OF PENDING FAIR HOUSING BILLS IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE
 (As of March 8, 1967)

Bill No	Enforcement Responsibility	Right to Judicial Review	Court Orders	Fine	Civil Suit for Damages	Revocation of Brokers License	Imprisonment
SB155	Fair Housing Practices Comm	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
SB383 & HB488	Commission on Human Rights	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
SB420	None	Codifies the law as respects restrictive covenants.					
HB459	Fair Housing Practices Comm.	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
HB675	Dept. of Registration & Education	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
HB676	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SB490	Dept. of Registration & Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
SB491	Attorney General or State's Attorney	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

** Reprint from pamphlet by Illinois Committee for Fair Housing Law

Statement to SHRC special meeting re SB155

I have been a staunch supporter of the Skokie Plan. I still believe that it might have worked if given the full support of the real estate industry and community leadership groups. However, I recognize that such support has not been received and does not appear to be forthcoming in Skokie.

I have always opposed attempts to legislate fair housing in the belief that the individual should have the right to dispose of his property as he saw fit within the confines of public health, safety and welfare. But I realize now that the real abridgement of this freedom is not in the law itself but in the absence of law. I do not believe that it is the seller who fears fair housing legislation. It is the one who is staying that fears it. In the absence of law he joins with others, including many members of the real estate industry, to coerce the seller to do their bidding. A viable, workable law will eliminate this abuse of freedom and permit both buyer and seller the God-given right to acquire, hold or sell real property in a fully free manner.

On the assumption that we are on legally sound ground, I believe this commission should seek the permission of the Board of Trustees to appear in Springfield to support the concept of a state fair housing law. This recommendation should not be construed as my approving of the concept of such legislation on a local basis.

We are meeting tonight to specifically discuss Senate Bill 155 and the hearings scheduled for April 11th. Although this hearing is for one specific bill, I believe this commission, should it decide to go down there, should comment on House Bills 675 and 676 as Senate Bill 155 will be judged partially in comparison to other fair housing bills in the legislative hopper. It has been alleged that H.B. 675 is patterned after the Skokie Plan and has the support of the real estate industry. Whether patterned after our plan or not is of little importance but it is my understanding that some extravagant claims are being made about the great success of our plan. I therefore feel that we should go on record on the following points in any testimony given in Springfield.

(1) The Skokie Plan in extending the feature of a homeowner to instruct his realtor to discriminate in the sale of his home, simply recognized a legal right that existed or at least was not specifically prohibited by any state or national law or court decision. However, the Skokie H.R. Commission would oppose this option as a part of state law as it legitimatizes an act of discrimination which we believe to be morally wrong and contrary to the best interests of all citizens of this state.

(2) We take serious exception to the extravagant claims of success we understand are being circulated here in Springfield. Such claims did not originate from the Skokie H.R.C. or anyone in an official capacity from our Village. A statement could then be made similar to my closing remarks to the North Central Property Owners Association.(attached)

(3) House Bill 676, either as a companion bill to 675 or by itself should not become law. The Illinois Supreme Court has already decreed that a municipality can enact fair housing legislation. We believe that the state should take a permissive stance on this. Even with a state law, a municipality should have the right to pass more comprehensive legislation for its own citizens if it so chooses.

I have specific observations about S.B. 155 and what position I feel we should take. I will reserve comment until we reach that point in our discussion.

I would like to be able to stand here and state that the Skokie plan has been an unequivocally successful experiment, but I cannot. I believe that it has had great value in making fair housing official Village policy and in serving as the basis for education through forums such as this meeting tonight. The "why" of the Skokie plan is much more important than the "what." But to say that the Skokie plan has opened up our Village or that we have fair housing here would be a cruel hoax and a distortion of fact. I could stand here and relate all sorts of excuses as to why the plan was not more effective, but to do so is to avoid the realities of the situation. The plan is an experiment as our request for a one year trial period clearly implied. We recognized the imperfections in the plan and that for it to be successful, it required the wholehearted support of the entire community. We did not get it. But success or failure or somewhere in between, Skokie, alone along the north shore, is seeking to deal with a situation before it becomes the problem of cities like Evanston and Joliet or the crisis of Chicago and Waukegan. Perhaps those who are so critical or at best disinterested will, in their charity, dismiss us as men of La Mancha who dreamed the impossible dream!

The heavy reference to Republican and "Consevative" representation on our Commission was not intended to slight Democrats our "Liberals" who are members. The reference was made for three reasons.

(1) To document the fact that our Commission is truly representative of village-wide thinking .

(2) I was addressing a committee that was eight to four Republicans over Democrats.

(3) At the insistence of Roger Nathan, Executive Director of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations who felt strongly that the general assembly should be made aware that those who take a strong position in the field of fair housing are not just limited to Negroes and the so-called "bleeding heart white liberal". The advice was excellent as it was this point that evoked questions and allowed me to make this point.

I will present a more complete report at the April 27th meeting.

Don Perille

STATEMENT MADE BY DONALD P. PERILLE, CO-CHAIRMAN, SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
BEFORE THE ILLINOIS SENATE COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION & MISCELLANY - April 11, 1967

It is both a pleasure and a privilege to be appearing before this committee today. I am here as Co-chairman of the Skokie Human Relations Commission and speak for that body today. The Commission is an official arm of Skokie Village government, established by ordinance, as opposed to voluntary councils or committees. This does not necessarily make us better... only more official.

We are here to discuss Senate Bill 155. However, in judging the merits of this bill, you gentlemen must weigh the merits of similar bills now in the legislative hopper. Concerned as to how consideration of other bills might effect your thinking on Senate Bill 155, I believe it is pertinent for the Skokie Human Relations Commission to comment on one particularly prominent bill.

It has been alledged that House Bill 675, which allows a homeowner to discriminate in the sale of his home by so instructing his realtor, is patterned after the Skokie Plan for voluntary fair housing. In view of this the Commission must make two points crystal clear.

(1) The Skokie Plan, in extending this feature to the homeowner, simply recognized a legal right that existed, or at least was not specifically prohibited by any state or national law or court decision. We oppose this feature as a part of state law as it legitimatizes an act of discrimination which we believe to be morally wrong and contrary to the best interests of all citizens of this state.

(2) We take serious exception to the extravagant claims we understand are being circulated in Springfield as to the success of our plan. Such claims could not originate from anyone in Skokie who is knowledgeable.

I would like to be able to report that the Skokie Plan has been unequivocally successful, but I cannot. We believe that it has had great value in making fair housing official village policy and as the basis for education in the continuing discussion on the need for fair housing generated by the publication and mailing to every homeowner in Skokie, this booklet, "Your Home And Skokie's Future". But to say that our plan has opened up our village or that we have fair housing is simply not true.

Having completed the first year of our experiment in voluntary fair housing, we would recommend the educational phase of the plan to all Illinois communities. Our records indicate an unmistakeable trend in Skokie homeowner attitudes toward selling on an open basis or at least away from selling on an discriminatory basis. Regretably, during this same period of changing homeowner attitudes, not one home in Skokie was sold to a Negro by a ^{sk}Realtor, *not broker*.

In view of this experience, the Commission believes that while voluntary plans have educational value, they cannot, by themselves, bring about open housing. They require the support of law, on as wide a geographical basis as possible. The Skokie Human Relations Commission, by unanimous vote, recommends enactment of a comprehensive state fair housing law with enforcement provisions. We feel that Senate Bill 155 contains the features such a law should embody.

I think it important to point out that the Commission is representative of our village. Several members are Republicans, long active in local community affairs. Three of those are precinct captains, two of which, including myself, were area chairmen for Senator Goldwater in 1964. A few of the fifteen members might be portrayed as active integrationists, but all of us are practical men who recognize the need for change.

Many of us have opposed fair housing laws in the belief that the individual should have the right to dispose of his property as he saw fit, within the confines of public health, safety and welfare. But we realize now that the real abridgement of this right is not in the law itself but in the absence of law. We do not find that it is the seller who fears fair housing legislation. It is the one who is staying that fears it. In the absence of law, he joins with others, including many real estate brokers, to coerce the seller to do his bidding. A viable, workable law will eliminate this abuse of freedom and permit both buyer and seller to exercise their God-given right to acquire, hold or sell real property in a fully free manner.



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60078

MARCH, 1967

REPORT FROM REALTORS TO THE SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

The Skokie Human Relations Commission asked some realtors to check into the prices of homes located in the immediate vicinity of where Negro families have moved in the North Suburban area; in other wise all white neighborhoods.

These realtors were to investigate homes located one or two doors away on either side, four or five homes directly across the street, and three or four homes directly behind the Negro resident. Evanston was not included because it would be difficult to make the proper conclusions.

No Shore

The Negro families, as defined above, are located in 11 different communities. x However, 80% are in Highland Park and Skokie. Of these 35 Negro families, three rent and 23 own their homes. Ten out of the 23 home owners were knowingly involved with realtors. Three of these home owners have since moved from Northbrook, Northfield, and Skokie.

Out of the 350 white families involved in the immediate area mentioned above, 36 to 41 have moved and sold at a fair price in the last three years. Two of these cases were due to the Negro families that moved into the neighborhood, while the other sellers had various other reasons. 41

Four or five of these sellers seemed adversely affected due to over improvements or otherwise difficult to merchandise situations; which made it difficult to assess.

The County records were not searched for this information, most of which came from real estate brokers and neighbors.

There have not been sufficient resales for these remarks to have much statistical reliability, but they will furnish some data to be accepted more or less on a case study basis. Perhaps the very absence of sales and offerings has some significance of itself.

IMPORTANT

STEPS FOR EVALUATING THE SKOKIE PLAN ON APRIL 27 (REGULAR MEETING)
(See criteria in the February 9 minutes)

- 1) Each Commission member to give his opinion of what the Plan has accomplished.
- 2) If we are able to reach a consensus, this concensus will be reduced to a written report to be distributed to Commission members for editing.
- 3) Submit corrected report to the Board of Trustees in May.
- 4) If no unanimous opinion is reached,, a majority and one or more minority reports will be submitted to the Board of Trustees.
- 5) Mr. Tuohy and his committee should submit their recommendations on possible legislation to the Commission/

ALL COMMISSIONERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING, OR SUBMIT THEIR VIEWS IN WRITING IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

Dr. Bloch received a list of the bills to be presented at the Senate and House hearings and feels one of the Commissioners should appear on behalf of bill 155 (Partee Bill) April 11.

Mr. Perille's Report:

A chart is being prepared on real estate sales adjacent to Negro homes in white areas.

Mr. Perille and Mr. Moore attended a meeting given by the Illinois Committee for Fair Housing Laws. House Bill 676 repeals all existing fair housing laws and forbids passage of any fair housing bills. H.B. 675 is the Smith Bill which incorporates features of the Skokie Plan. The Illinois Commission is for H.B. 155 and against 675 and 676. Mr. Curtis Heason of I.C.F.H.L called to request appearance on April 11 for H.B 155. Mr. Perille said that our evaluation of the Skokie Plan will not be completed unti, late in April.

IMPORTANT

SPECIAL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS H.B 155,
COMMITTEE MEETING WITH MR. TUOHY AND MR. NIMER'S REPORT.

Rabbi Weiner's Report:

On the question of Police Interrogation, Chief Chamberlain will replace "national origin" with "race" and this can be determined without articulating the question.

Other Reports:

Dr. Bloch appointed Mr. Moore to assist Re. Roseberry with certain problems arising from relationships between a gentile German-immigrant landlord and Jewish tenants.

Mr. Gremley presented a report on Integration, School District 65.

(Mr. Gremley's report attached to minutes)

Rev. Roseberry moved that the Commission endorse the action of the Board of Education of District 65. Mr. Gitles seconded for the adoption of Proposal A. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Larry Martin of the Niles Township Human Relations Council reported the planning of a day-long youth conference with local high schools to discuss the inner city, racial integration and interfaith problems in Skokie. He invited our Commission to help in the planning and implementation of this student conference. Mr. Nimer moved that the Commission co-sponsor this conference. Mr. Nimer seconded and the motion was unanimously passed. Mrs. Gorell will work with the planning committee for this youth conference.

Rabbi Jacobs Report (attached)

The small interfaith home meetings have been provided with more leadership from the Clergy Forum through appointment of Rev. Eugene Henrikson to chair the project.

Chief Chamberlain requested that the in-service Human Relations programs be re-instituted in the Police Department.

Rabbi Jacobs requests that the Commission approve the attached letter to Archbishop Cody on behalf of the C.I.C, who was so helpful during the first Negro move-in. Mr. Moore moved to table the Report, seconded by Mr. Perille and passed.

A motion was made to adjourn to executive session (10:30).

After reconvening, a motion was made to confirm the action taken in executive session to forward a complaint to the Illinois Commission. This motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and passed.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE THE SPECIAL ONE ON APRIL 5.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 27. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Executive Secretary

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MARCH 23, 1967

On the Hamlin Avenue matter, the brokers and home owners involved have agreed to cooperate. One of the three homes has been sold to a white couple. A fourth home, across the street, was also sold to a white couple by Kruger Realty. This salesman sent notices to some of the neighbors informing them of their new neighbor from the "South Side"! Mr. Perille will call Mr. Kruger to question him on this matter.

Mrs. Millman's Report:

The Hummons complaint against M.G.M Realty: The call sheet was checked out and proved to be correct. This was checked out with three of the salesmen listed. Mrs. Ryan's contention was that M.G.M brought her no customers to see her home. Mrs. Millman and Mrs. Gorell went to see Mrs. Ryan on February 23. Mrs. Millman read Mrs. Ryan's statement in which she insists that she told M.G.M that she was willing to sell to sell to Negroes. M.G.M still insists that Mrs. Ryan instructed them not to sell to Negroes.

A motion was made to table, not passed.

A motion was made to forward the Hummon's complaint to the Illinois Human Relations Commission. Mr. Gitles seconded, passed 5 to 4.

Mrs. Millman read another complaint against M.G.M Realty and Mr. Green. A copy of this complaint will be sent to Mr. Green along with a request for a statement. This complaint involved a Negro married to a white girl. At the present time they are living with the girl's mother in Skokie. The complaint states the problems they encountered with M.G.M while seeking a home in Skokie.

Mr. Moore moved to reconvene to regular session; seconded and passed.

April 3, 1967

CONFIDENTIAL MEMO

To: Members of HRC

From: Herman S. Bloch

Possible Alternatives for April 27 Meeting

In order to help crystallize our views on alternative recommendations to the Board of Trustees which may stem from our meeting of April 27 and our evaluation of our year's experience with the "Skokie Plan," I have listed a number of possibilities below. It would be helpful if anyone who cannot attend the meeting would check the list and send it to us before the meeting.

Yes No (Check one)

- ___ ___ 1. Continue Skokie Plan as presently constituted for a further trial period.
Suggested period (if "yes"): _____ months.
- ___ ___ 2. Continue Skokie Plan for a further period, but only if every broker agrees to participate and consents to accept only written instructions.
- ___ ___ 3. Continue educational portion of Skokie Plan but abandon portion which attempts voluntary compliance by owners and brokers to procedure which permits discrimination.
- ___ ___ 4. License all persons who sell, rent or otherwise deal in real estate in Skokie.
- ___ ___ 5. Pass strong anti-block-busting law. Penalty, loss of license or even more severe.
- ___ ___ 6. Prohibit discrimination by licensed dealers in real estate, on penalty of losing license. (Similar to Chicago ordinance).
- ___ ___ 7. Prohibit discrimination by owners as well as dealers.
- ___ ___ 8. Prohibit discrimination by owners with following exclusions:
- ___ ___ a. None
- ___ ___ b. Single-family dwellings
- ___ ___ c. Rooming houses (rental)
- ___ ___ d. Town-houses
- ___ ___ e. Co-ops, condominiums
- ___ ___ f. Owner-occupied two-flats (rental)
- ___ ___ g. Owner-occupied three-flats (rental)

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REPORT ON HOME SALES
IN VICINITY OF NEGRO FAMILIES IN NORTHERN SUBURBS

Late in 1966, a survey was made on behalf of the Skokie Human Relations Commission of the sale of homes close to Negro families in otherwise all-white neighborhoods of the northern suburbs of Chicago. The survey was conducted by experienced real estate brokers thoroughly familiar with the area. Although an attempt was made to include every Negro family living in the areas covered, it is probable that some sales and some resales were missed; none was knowingly omitted, however.

Of the 18 communities considered (Evanston was not included), 10 were found to contain Negro families in otherwise all-white areas: Glencoe, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, Riverwoods, Skokie, Wilmette and Winnetka. Only those areas of these communities were included in which there was a dispersed pattern of Negro settlement.

The sales surveyed were those of homes within two doors on either side of a Negro family, the four or five directly across the street, and the three or four directly in back. Approximately 350 dwellings occupied by white families and adjacent to 36 Negro families fell within this group.

Of the 36 Negro families, 80% were located in Highland Park and Skokie; 13 were renters and 23 were owners. Real estate brokers were knowingly involved --representing either seller, buyer or both -- in 10 of the 23 sales. (Three of the home-owners have since moved from the communities involved. In the two cases where resales have been effected, the purchasers were white families.)

Of some 350 neighboring dwellings checked, about 40 were sold after the Negro families had moved in. Two of the approximately 40 owners indicated that they sold because of the proximity of Negro neighbors; the reasons given for all other sales appeared normal and valid, and bore no apparent relationship to the Negro families. A few other homes, after being offered for sale, were withdrawn from the market.

~~Of the approximately 40 homes sold, all but 5~~ sellers appear to have obtained a fair current price, and the sales occurred within a normal period of time. In some instances, this result was achieved through cooperative efforts of the owners, brokers, and human relations groups. Selling prices ranged from the low twenties to the high fifties.

Five sellers experienced some difficulties involving either price or selling time. In each of these five cases, factors other than the Negro neighbors affected the sale, such as "over-improvement" of the property so that the asking price was out of line for the area, or specific inadequacies or peculiarities of the property. In these cases, it was therefore difficult to assess the effect, if

any, of the presence of a Negro neighbor.

The overall conclusion was that the presence of Negro families in the dispersed pattern of settlement prevalent in these areas had little effect on the number of homes offered for sale, and little, if any, on the selling price or the period of time required for sale.

Note: The above data were obtained by interviews with brokers who were involved in the sales or who had some knowledge of the sales, and/or with neighbors of the homes sold. The conclusions are therefore based on the subjective judgments of these people and of the brokers who conducted the survey. While the knowledge and experience of the latter give some assurance of the validity of the conclusions, the absence of control groups and of objective numerical data make it necessary to consider the results as indicative only.

March, 1967

Attach this Copy for minutes

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Report:

Citizens Advisory Commission on Integration, School District 65 - Evanston

The schools within District 65 include schools within the village boundaries of Skokie - Timber Ridge, College Hill, and Walker.

Explanation:

On December 14, 1964, the District 65 Board of Education adopted a resolution declaring its intention to eliminate de facto segregation in the school district. A statement was as follows:

- A. That District 65 is concerned with the welfare of all children in the district.
- B. Continuing to subscribe to the neighborhood school concept which recognizes that psychological and sociological disadvantages exist due to the de facto segregation.
- C. That the segregation is a total community problem and that the Board resolves to eliminate de facto segregation and to develop a plan and timetable to achieve this end. Certain developments have occurred since the adoption of the resolution:
 - 1. Appointment of a Citizens' Advisory Committee on Integration (9-20-65)
 - 2. Creation of a Kindergarten Center at Foster School and the establishment of a Laboratory School to open in September, 1967.
 - 3. Redistributing of pupil assignments to school districts, taking into consideration (a) capacity of school (b) racial balance, (c) walking distance, (d) displacement of Foster School, (e) barriers and safety factors, (f) flexible boundaries.

As far as the schools located in the Village of Skokie are concerned, the resolution shows the following negro mix:

	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>School Population</u>	<u>% Negro</u>
College Hill	405	371	24
Timber Ridge	459	452	25
Walker	432	420	25

Proposal:

- A. That the Skokie Human Relations Commission endorse the action of the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Integration and the Superintendent of Schools.
- B. That the Skokie Human Relations Commission implement a plan of action in cooperation with the Evanston Community Relations Commission to explain to civic organizations the Resolution as adopted.
- C. Organize and enlist involved community leaders in the implementation of this plan.

Rabbi NILES TOWNSHIP JEWISH CONGREGATION
Sidney J. Jacobs

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Date March 23, 1967
To Skokie Human Relations Commission
Subject CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL COUNCIL OF CHICAGO

The Catholic Interracial Council was established in 1946 with the encouragement and blessing of the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch. ARTICLE II of the Constitution of the Council states that "...the Catholic Interracial Council, as a Catholic organization, freely embraces the official teachings of the Catholic Church and in accordance with these teachings, pledges loyalty and respect to episcopal authority."

On Friday, March 3, 1967, the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Chicago announced it no longer recognizes the Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago.

The action was disputed by the CIC executive committee.

Simultaneously the move was criticized by the Christian Century, Chicago-based independent Protestant weekly journal of national circulation.

The Christian Century carried an editorial which criticized the Most Rev. John P. Cody, archbishop of the archdiocese, for not being represented at the CIC dinner January 24 which honored the Very Rev. Msgr. Daniel M. Cantwell, outgoing chaplain of the CIC, and for deleting the CIC from the recent 1967 official directory of the archdiocese.

The editorial said the CIC "is now being chastised by the archbishop because it dared to criticize some of his methods and to persist with programs he had criticized."

Shortly after the Century's editorial became known to the chancery office spokesman, he issued an official statement which said:

"The Catholic Interracial Council is not an officially recognized archdiocesan agency. Rather, it is an interdenominational council with no official chaplain of the archdiocese since the resignation of Msgr. Cantwell. There is no apparent reason for listing it in an official directory, inasmuch as other similar agencies are not listed."

John A. McDermott, CIC executive director, in a statement approved by the council's eight-member executive committee, called the chancery office statement "incredible."

The CIC "has been a recognized Catholic agency in Chicago for more than 20 years," McDermott said. "Surely, in the postconciliar (Second Vatican Council) church, such recognition cannot be withdrawn without cause. There has been no substantial change in the structure of the Catholic Interracial Council since Msgr. Cantwell relinquished the chaplaincy."

McDermott said the council is "an authentic Catholic organization" whose constitution stipulates that members of the policy-making board of directors must be Catholics, while "its membership is interdenominational and we are proud of this, because we believe it expresses the open spirit of the Catholic church in terms of readiness to work with Protestants and Jews on issues of common concern."

The archdiocesan directory lists as Catholic organizations similar groups to the CIC, McDermott said, which "have a genuine commitment to Catholic doctrine but which receive no financial support from the archdiocese and which are not controlled by the archdiocese in their policy-making process."

The Catholic Church is presently in a period of great change, with inevitable tension and misunderstanding, he said, but "with charity on both sides, between the institutional leadership and the laity, the church can emerge stronger and more vital because free men will be able to commit themselves more readily to her mission."

"Our Catholicism comes from a much deeper source than the archdiocesan directory," McDermott said. "We intend to continue our work."

The CIC director said also he was grateful for "the sympathy and concern of our Protestant brothers as expressed in the Christian Century editorial."

The Century's editorial asserted: "When Archbishop Cody came to Chicago from New Orleans he brought with him a good reputation for devotion to the rights of Negroes. The attacks he has received from Chicago segregationists prove that he still deserves that reputation. In withdrawing support from the Catholic Interracial Council he acts not as a racist but as an autocrat. The archbishop will discover -- soon, we hope -- that Chicago's problems are big enough to require shared work and shared glory."

The CIC was established under the patronage of the late Samuel Cardinal Stritch who made financial contributions to the council's budget in its early years. Msgr. Cantwell was one of the founders, with other priests and laymen, and was officially appointed to the chaplaincy. He resigned as chaplain, effective with the January 24 dinner, because of increased responsibilities as pastor of St. Clotilde Church, 8400 South Calumet.

Archbishop Cody designated a vice chancellor, the Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Hagarty, as his representative at the 1966 CIC award dinner which honored the Rev. Richard F. Morrisroe, Chicago priest severely wounded by a segregationist's gunshot attack in Alabama.

Among CIC actions which may have antagonized Archbishop Cody, is the CIC executive committee's declaration last August 11 that the archbishop was "unfair and unrealistic" when the prelate requested the civil rights movement to halt its neighborhood marches because the demonstrations evoked violence among white onlookers.

In 1961, the first non-Catholic clergy received the Thomas J. Crowe Award of the Catholic Interracial Council, when the late Rev. Ray Bond of Central Methodist Church in Skokie; Rabbi Karl Weiner of Temple Judea, and Rabbi Sidney J. Jacobs of The Niles Township Jewish Congregation - together with Rev. Arthur Sauer of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Skokie - received the human relations citation for their joint efforts in easing the integration of the first Negro family to purchase and move into a home in the village.

(D R A F T)

Most Rev. John Patrick Cody, D.D.
Archbishop of Chicago
P.O.Box 1979
Chicago, Illinois 60690

Your Excellency:

Considerable concern was expressed by the Human Relations Commission of the Village of Skokie at its regular meeting on March 23 over the crisis which exists in the relations between the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Catholic Interracial Council.

We in Skokie feel particularly close to the work of the Council and its executive director, John A. McDermott, because of the close cooperation and invaluable counsel given to us ever since the first Negro family moved into their own home in Skokie in January of 1961. No only in the instance of the move-in of the Jones family (who happened to be Roman Catholics) but on many subsequent occasions the Catholic Interracial Council and its director have provided resources, guidance and encouragement without which our Commission could not have established the reputation which it now enjoys throughout the country as one of the most effective local governmental agencies in the field of human relations.

We are proud of the fact that three non-Catholic clergymen of Skokie, a Protestant minister and two rabbis - together with Rev. Arthur Sauer of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church received the Thomas J. Crowe Award of the Catholic Interracial Council in 1961 for their joint efforts in easing in the integration of the first Negro family to purchase and move into a home in the village.

Aware of the courageous role you have played both in New Orleans and in your new seat in connection with the rights of Negro and other minority groups, we urge your reconsideration and re-admission of the Catholic Interracial Council as an official member of the Archdiocesan family of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

DR. HERMAN BLOCH
Chairman
Skokie Human Relations Council

March 4, 1967

Mr. Walter E. Keir,
Assistant Village Manager
Village of Skokie
Skokie, Illinois

Dear Mr. Kier:

Enclosed herewith are the budget request forms completed as per your request of January 18th. I trust that they are in satisfactory form; if you require additional information or clarification, please let me know.

An explanation of the increase in total requested budget from \$2300 for 1966-67 to \$17,700 for 1967-68 is in order. You will recognize that the major items responsible for this increase are a proposed full-time Executive Director and a full-time secretary to serve him and the Commission. Minor adjustments in the other budgeted items reflect the assumption that such staff will be provided.

The decision to request full-time staff for next year was made, after discussion of the community's and the Commission's needs, by unanimous vote of the Commission at its February 9th meeting. It was recognized that until now, Skokie's Human Relations Commission has concerned itself mainly with emergency or crisis situations. Although it has from time to time formulated programs designed to prevent such crises from occurring, limitations of time and manpower have not permitted effective implementation of such programs. We now believe that Skokie has reached such size, and the complex interactions of the various groups constituting Skokie's population have reached such a stage, that a full-time human relations program under competent professional direction is required. Our extensive community planning oriented toward the physical structure of the village must be supplemented by people-oriented planning, if Skokie is to continue to develop as a harmonious, desirable suburban community.

The functions which the Commission would expect its Executive Director to carry out would include:

- Assisting the Commission to develop broad plans for community education in the field of human relations. ✓
- Organizing and administering projects of the above type approved by the Commission. ✓

- Maintaining liaison with other human relations groups in the suburban and metropolitan area, with a view to making our program more broadly effective.
- Maintaining liaison with business, professional, industrial, fraternal, church and educational groups in the community, so as to promote the Commission's objectives via these groups.
- Receiving and investigating complaints, and preparing reports and recommendations thereon for Commission action.
- Rendering prompt assistance to persons in need of emergency help because of violation of their rights within the village.
- Handling inquiries and correspondence of the Commission, in accordance with previously determined Commission policies.
- Participation in development of training programs for police and other village employees in the area of human relations.
- Preparation of reports, surveys, and analyses for Commission committees, and providing staff support for such committees.

It should be pointed out that current developments in the area of open housing and of civil rights generally, and Skokie's strategic location between Chicago and the more outlying industrial northern and northwestern suburbs, make it highly probable that Skokie will be a focal point of human relations problems in the future, and make it imperative that we begin now to prepare to handle such problems adequately.

I hope that this request will receive favorable consideration from the Trustees and Village Manager, and am prepared (as are other members of the Commission) to expand on the above justification if requested to do so at the budget hearings. If the budget is approved, I should like to develop a job description with the Village Manager to cover the functions of the Executive Director.

Very truly yours,

Herman S. Bloch, Chairman,
Skokie Human Relations Commission

cc: Mayor Albert J. Smith
Mr. Sutker

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MARCH 23, 1967
8:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- ✓ 1. Roll call
- ✓ 2. Approval of minutes of meeting of Feb. 9, 1967
- ✓ 3. Statements from visitors
- ✓ 4. Reports
 - A. Chairman Bloch
 - (1) Budget request
 - (2) Home Values in vicinity of Negro homes
 - (3) Other
 - B. Co-chairman Perille
 - C. Mr. Nimer - Real estate listings
 - D. Rabbi Weiner - Police interrogation form
 - E. Mrs. Millman
 - F. Others *Roseberry, Benley*
5. Other old business
6. New business
 - A. Rabbi Jacobs- Clergy Forum program
 - B. State housing bills
 - C. Other - *Cath. Int Council*
7. Adjournment to Executive Session

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Further information on the two items discussed last month will be reviewed. If any actions are to be taken, we will reconvene into regular session.

List Negroes in Skokie for Tues Mtg

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

BUDGET REQUEST

(1967-68)

(Submitted to Mr. Keir March 4, 1967)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>Request</u>
Executive Director	-	\$12,000
Secretary	\$700	4,000
Consulting services	500	500
Printing and binding	500	500
Postage	400	400
Membership dues	20	50
Reception and entertainment	80	100
Expenses	-	100
Secretarial services	80	-
Office supplies	20	50
Total	\$2,600	\$17,700

2300

REPORT ON
HOME SALES IN VICINITY OF
NEGRO FAMILIES IN NORTHERN SUBURBS

Prelim. Draft

Late in 1966, a survey was made on behalf of the Skokie Human Relations Commission of the sale of homes close to Negro residents of northern suburbs of Chicago. The survey was conducted by experienced real estate brokers thoroughly familiar with the area.

A three-year period in ten suburban communities was covered -- Glencoe, Highland Park, Kenilworth, Niles, Northbrook, Northfield, River Woods, Skokie, Wilmette and Winnetka. Only those areas were included in which there was a dispersed pattern of Negro settlement.

The homes investigated were those within two doors on either side of a Negro family; the four or five homes directly across the street; and the three or four homes directly in back. A total of 350 dwellings occupied by white families and adjacent to 35 Negro families fell within the areas covered.

Of the 35 Negro families, 80% were located in Highland Park and Skokie; 13 rented their homes and 22 were owners. Of the latter, 10 had bought their homes directly through real estate brokers. (Three of the home-owners have since moved from the communities involved, and in each case the home was purchased by a white family.)

Of the 350 neighboring dwellings, 41 were sold during the period surveyed. Two of the 41 owners sold because of the proximity of Negro neighbors; the reasons given for the other 39 sales appeared normal and valid, and bore no relationship to the Negro families.

Of the 41 homes sold, 36 sellers obtained a fair current price, and the sales occurred within a normal period of time. Selling prices ranged from the low twenties to the high fifties. Five sellers experienced difficulties involving either price or selling time. In each of these five cases, factors other than the Negro neighbors affected the sale: "over-improvement" of the property so that the asking price was out of line for the area, or specific inadequacies or peculiarities of the property. In these cases, it was difficult, therefore, to assess the effect, if any, of the presence of a Negro neighbor.

The overall conclusion was that the presence of Negro families in the dispersed pattern of settlement prevalent in these areas had little effect on the number of homes offered for sale, and little or none on the selling price or the period of time required for sale.

Note: The above data were obtained by interviewing brokers involved in the sales and/or neighbors of the homes sold, and the conclusions are therefore based on the subjective judgments of these people and of the brokers who conducted the survey. While the knowledge and experience of the latter give some assurance of the validity of the conclusions, the absence of control groups and of objective numerical data indicate that the results should be regarded as qualitative only.

March, 1967
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SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 1967

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

Commissioners present: Rev. Arthur Sauer Mr. James Tuohy
Mrs. Jackie Gorell Mr. Don Perille
Rabbi Karl Weiner Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. Daniel Nimer Rev. Gerry Roseberry
Mr. Robert Gremley Mr. Bob Moore
Mrs. Betty Quinn
Dr. Paul Hundy, Consultant, Mrs. Myrna Millman, Secretary

Observers present: Mrs. Blanche Hersh, L.W.V.; Mrs. June Michaelson, L.W.V.;
Mr. & Mrs. Goodstein, Mr. Lawrence Martin, N.T.H.R.C.
Mrs. Belle Sanders, N.T.H.R.C.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved as written.

Chairman Bloch's Report:

The North Suburban Organization for Fair Housing wrote a letter of apology for the misstatement that the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race had withdrawn their support for the Skokie Plan.

On January 24, a letter from the Commission went out to all the cooperating realtors. (Copy attached to minutes.)

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is having a Seminar, February 14 to March 14, on Open City-Chicago.

Rabbi Weiner's Report:

At a recent meeting, Chief Chamberlain explained the reason that the police question the national origin of persons that come to their attention. The police try to receive as much information as possible which they feel might aid them in apprehending someone who may commit a crime. If a false name is given, the person may be caught in the area where others of the same nationality live. Rabbi Weiner pointed out that such a person might also give a false nationality, and these types of characteristics are not necessarily identifiable. Dr. Bloch felt a physical description for use as identification would be legitimate. Mr. Perille and Mr. Gremley felt we should not interfere with police interrogation which is an aid for identification. A representative of the Police Department is, at the present time, in Washington and may be able to bring back additional information on this question. Rabbi Weiner will report further on this matter after receiving this information.

Dr. Bloch reported that Mr. Tuohy is making contacts with other commissions in other cities to learn their experience with open housing laws. Dr. Bloch appointed the following committee to work with Chairman Tuohy: Mr. Moore, Mr. Gitles, Rev. Roseberry, Rabbi Jacobs. This committee will report April 27, 1967 on an evaluation of legislation in other cities; and will also make a recommendation respecting legislation for Skokie in the event the Commission decides to recommend discontinuation of the Skokie Plan. Legislation on open housing embodies many degrees of coverage- from President Johnson's proposed legislation of last year, Maywood's law under which brokers may not accept discriminatory listings; to the Chicago Fair Housing law which makes it illegal for brokers to discriminate; and then to laws

that simply license brokers. All these gradations, from mild to all-embracing type should be examined in order that this Committee may make recommendations to the Commission based on its evaluation of this mass of legislation.

Dr. Bloch explained that in the Commission's special meeting last November, on whether we should recommend the continuation of the Skokie Plan or legislation, the following points were brought out as criteria in judging the success or failure of the Plan: (1) A trend in the percentage of open listings, (2) the results of our check on the good faith compliance of brokers, (3) the number of Negroes who moved to Skokie during the Plan's operation, and (4) the number of sales to Negroes through brokers.

Rabbi Weiner moved that these be adopted as our criteria. Mr. Gites seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Dr. Bloch raised the question of a budget request for next year. The Commission discussed the hiring of a full or part-time director. Many activities lie dormant because the Commissioners do not have the time to devote to them. The Evanston Commission has a budget of \$30,000, Richmond, California \$32,000 and University City, Mo. \$30,000. Dr. Bloch explained that voluntary commissioners are not able to act as promptly as a situation may demand. Mr. Marsh was, in effect, a full-time director since for several years he was acting chairman of the Commission. Father Sauer felt we must work toward a full-time director and that we should draw up documentations of our needs and present this to the Board of Trustees to act as they see fit. A full-time director would also have appropriate authority to act on formal complaints. Dr. Bloch will prepare a case for the budget increase and a director to be presented to the Trustees. This was put into motion by Mr. Perille, seconded by Father Sauer, and unanimously passed.

New Business

Mrs. Millman received a call from a Negro who wants to buy a home in Skokie. She referred him to three of the cooperating brokers. Another call came from a home-seller who informed her that he had received the booklet on the Skokie Plan and was in complete agreement with its policy. The home-seller informed her that he placed his home on the open listing with his broker. This is a three bedroom home in the low \$30's.

Dr. Mundy reported on the Conference that will take place for the West Side Area, directed by Mr. James Cook. Its purpose is to generate sentiment for open occupancy legislation. Governor Kerner and some Legislators will be there to get flavor of sentiment involved. (N.A.A.C.P reports of 225 Negroes working at Argonne, 223 must commute because of lack of housing.) Similar conferences for other areas will take place in the near future.

Mr. Harvey Schwartz, who has made a study of the Supreme Court's decision on Chicago's open housing legislation, will report to the Commission at a later date.

Dr. Mundy reported on Archdiocesan meeting at the Hales High School, where social studies groups discussed intergroup relation programs for Catholic Schools. WPTW will have a series of programs on "Myths and Misconceptions on Race" Thursday nights.

Reverend Roseberry reported on a meeting with the Vice-President of Teletype, where they discussed industry's role in fair housing.

Mr. Nimer's Report:

Eight of the realtor's reported no new listings month after month. From September to January of 1967, 37 listings were restricted either in writing or verbal, 19 were without instructions, and 2 were on the open listing. Mr. Nimer felt that some of the realtors are not cooperating, according to the monthly returns. Mrs. Millman suggested that this may be due to the fact that only a handful of realtors receive Skokie listings, while others deal with homes outside of our area. Mr. Nimer will have a more detailed report, along with recommendations, distributed to the Commissioners before the next meeting. Mr. Tuohy requested a list of title transfers from the County Recorder's office.

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission adjourn the meeting and go into executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEXT MEETING---THURSDAY, MARCH 23.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative
Secretary

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 1967

Dr. Bloch reported that three of the homes adjacent to the home purchased by the Saunders Family are for sale. A meeting has been arranged with the three homesellers to set up priority of sale. Mr. Moore suggested that one realtor handle all three homes to avoid problems and keep control of the situation.

A complaint has been received, in the form of an affidavit, against M.G.M.Realty. The complainant, Mary Ellen Trottner, describes a series of events which involves this realty firm "who refuses to show multiple listings to Negroes and refuses to show homes, although home seller has indicated no objection to selling to Negroes". The Negro couple involved are Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hummons. M.G.M submitted a sworn statement of their side of the story, which contradicts the complaint. Mrs. Millman spoke to the homeseller, who stated she was willing to sell to Negroes, and that M.G.M had not brought any prospects to see her home. M.G.M submitted a copy of the appointments they had made for this home (31 in all). Mrs. Millman will try to get a written statement from the Homeseller, and will check with the agents listed on the "Prospect Sheet". A complaint will not be forwarded to the Illinois Commission until this information is received and discussed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Copy for minutes



VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60078

January 24, 1967

To: Brokers Participating in "Memorandum of Agreement" on Fair Housing.
From: Skokie Human Relations Commission.
Date: January 24, 1967

The trial period authorized for Skokie's voluntary plan for fair housing is scheduled to end on April 30, 1967.

During the one-year period ending then, our Commission will have tested whether such a voluntary plan, based on education and persuasion of Skokie's home-owners and on the cooperation and good faith of participating real estate brokers, can provide adequate fair housing opportunities for Negroes seeking homes in Skokie.

The Commission has been collecting statistical data on the type of listings during this period, and has conducted spot-checks to determine whether listings reported by brokers truly reflect the wishes of the owners.

During the remaining three months of the test period, we ask that you continue to provide the information periodically requested, and that you make an intensified effort to find suitable housing for Negro home-seekers. The degree to which such home-seekers have been served by Skokie brokers during the past nine months has been disappointing. If the Skokie program is to succeed- if we are not to be forced to conclude, at the end of April, that a voluntary plan such as ours cannot work- we must look for a marked increase in service during the final three months of the test period.

During the coming months, we expect you to have an opportunity to serve Negro families seeking both rental and purchase of homes in connection with the move of a number of Fifth Army employees to Fort Sheridan. The extent to which these and other families are served satisfactorily during this period may well determine the fate of voluntary fair housing programs, since our Skokie program is considered a key test and is being widely watched. We urge your utmost cooperation during these final months.

Herman S. Bloch, Chairman

Herman S. Bloch
Skokie Human Relations Commission

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Jan. 26, 1967

Feb. 9, 1967

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Roll Call
- ✓ 2. Approval of minutes of Dec. 15, 1966 Meeting
- ✓ 3. Statements from visitors
4. Report of Chairman
 - a. Fair Housing Com. letter of 12/23/66
 - ✓ b. NTHRC letter 1/6 (Mtg 2/1/67)
 - ✓ c. Letter to brokers - meeting date?
 - d. Central Des Page Program for Better Living
 - e. Mtg. Saturday in Springfield - called off
 - f. Des Moines Editorial
 - g. NCCG Seminar 5 Tues. 2/14 - 3/14
 - h. Teachers Inst. 2/3
5. Other Reports
 - a. Don Perille
 - b. Dr. Mundy
 - c. Mrs. Millman
 - d. Rabbi Weiner - mtg w. Chief Chamberlain
 - e. Mr. Nimer - Listings, recom. for checking (see (g))
 - f. Mr. Tushy - Legislation
Add: Giths, Roseberry, Jacobs, Moore - Rept. 3/23
Possibilities: (1) Voluntary
 - (a) Continue program as is
 - (b) " " only if all brokers participate, agree to accept only written restrictions.(2) Legislation
 - (a) Licensing
 - (b) Antiblockbusting
 - (c) Evanston Ordinance (Skokie Plan in law)
 - (d) Chgo. Ordinance - Brokers may not discrim.
 - (e) Maywood (Keney) - " may not accept "list"
 - (f) No discrim. sale by brokers or owners(i) Exceptions

4 mos.
37 Rept
19 minutes
2 of them ✓

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g. Criteria for evaluation Skokie Plan

- (1) Increasing % of open listings?
- (2) Good-faith compliance by brokers?
- (3) More Negroes moving into Skokie?
- (4) No. sales to Negroes via brokers?

6. Other Old Business

7. New Business -

a. Budget

1964-5	\$665
1965-6	680
1966-7	1600 + 700 = 2300

Request
exp. dir

Consult.	500
Prtg, Binding	500
Postage	400
Mem. Dues	20
Receipt., Ent.	80
Supplies	20
Secret.	80 + 700

cf Richmond, Calif.; Univ. City, Mo.; ~~Rich~~ Evanston
 \$32,000 \$30,000 ~ \$30,000

Activities of Evanston Com; needs if legislation adopted

b. Other New Business

8. Next meeting Feb. 23 ?

March (23)

9. Adjourn to Executive Session

10. Executive Session

a) Hamlin Ave. - Date

b) Complaint

11. Adjournment

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 1966

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M.

Commissioners present: Rev. Arthur Sauer Mr. James Tucky
Mrs. Jackie Gorell Mr. Don Perille
Rabbi Karl Weiner Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant Mr. Daniel Nimer

Correction to the minutes of October 27: "Mr. Gitles and Mr. O'Connell were not present".

Correction to the minutes of November 10, Special Meeting: Move the following from last paragraph, page 2 up to last line of Paragraph 3, page 2; "Reverend Roseberry was asked to communicate with Rev. Davis on this matter".

Chairman Bloch's Report:

Members of the Fair Housing Committee asked the Niles Township Human Relations Council to declare the Skokie Plan a failure. Such a resolution was passed by the Council. Dr. Bloch called Mr. Martin, Chairman of the Council to request a meeting whereby the Commission could relate their side of the story. The Council refused to allow Dr. Bloch to speak on behalf of the Commission.

The Fair Housing Committee also sent a letter to the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race asking them to withdraw support of the Skokie Plan. They also informed the Conference that the Skokie Human Relations Commission now consider their Plan a failure, and proposed a joint conference to plan local legislation.

On November 22, Dr. Bloch first heard of the proposal that the Fair Housing Group had made to the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race. He informed Mr. Smith, of the C.C.R.R., that we do not consider our Plan a failure, as was alleged by the Fair Housing Group.

On November 23, the North Shore Fair Housing Group sent a letter to all Chicago area commissions which stated, that the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race had withdrawn their support of the Skokie Plan. Dr. Bloch, Dr. Mundy, and Rabbi Jacobs met with the Chicago Conference on November 29, and discovered that the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race had not withdrawn their support, and were outraged that such a release was issued. Reverend Coe, of the Fair Housing Group, promised that a letter of retraction would be sent out. The C.C.R.R. has taken no action on the Fair Housing Committee request.

Recently, an article appeared in the Tribune stating that no Negroes have moved to Skokie this past year. Actually, four Negro families have moved into Skokie in the year ending December 1. This information had been given to the Tribune by a representative of the Fair Housing Group.

On December 7, Dr. Bloch and Mr. Perille met with the Board of the Niles Township Human Relations Council to discuss their resolution calling the Skokie Plan a failure. The Council had based their resolution, in part, on the alleged withdrawal of the C.C.R.R. endorsement of the Skokie Plan. The Council Board voted to reconsider its motion, and is planning a new statement of position. As of today, December 15, no retraction has been issued by the Fair Housing Group.

Mr. Perille reported that he participated on a panel with Mr. Howard Smith, of the C.C.R.R., who spoke well of our Plan.

Mr. Tuohy agreed to write to the N.A.A.C.P or Human Relations groups in Maywood, Peoria and other cities which have local fair housing legislation, and request their opinion of the legislation in those cities.

Dr. Bloch appointed Mr. Gremley as a liaison to the Evanston Commission to work out some mutual problems which have arisen due to the new busing program that the Evanston Schools have adopted. Areas of Skokie such as Timber Ridge and the College Hill sections are included in this program and have shown some signs of discontent.

Dr. Bloch asked for volunteers from the Commission to attend a preliminary meeting with The Evanston Commission to discuss a joint program in the field of fair housing.

Dr. Bloch reported a complaint that he recently received. A young man from Glenview was stopped and questioned by a Skokie policeman, who thought he was acting suspiciously. The young man was asked his nationality. The parents of the young man complained of this to one of the Commissioners. Dr. Bloch, in checking with Chief Chamberlain, discovered that the standard form contained a question about "national origin", and had been in use for four years with no complaints till now.

Mr. Perille moved that the Commission invite Chief Chamberlain to a meeting to inform us of the usefulness of this question on nationality. Mrs. Quinn seconded the motion.

Mr. Gittles suggested an amendment to the motion; that a representative of the Commission meet with Chief Chamberlain and report back to the Commission. This amendment and the amended motion unanimously passed. Rabbi Weiner was appointed as the representative.

Dr. Bloch reported that two of the five school districts, plus the high school, have requested copies of our booklet.

At a meeting of the Mundelein Commission on November 29, Dr. Mundy discussed the Skokie Plan.

Mr. Perille would like to attend the next meeting of the Clergy Forum, in order to request that Commission members be invited to address their various church groups. He would also like to encourage the Home Owners Council to support the Plan. Mr. Perille suggested that a group from the Commission meet with the real estate people for a discussion on the Plan. (All three suggestions fall in line with the Educational Program.) A letter will be sent by Dr. Bloch inviting the brokers to a meeting.

Mr. Nimer's Report: (Brokers' response to weekly and monthly forms)
for a two month period.)

Some brokers show no listings month after month. Out of a total of 53 listings; two are open; 15 have no instructions (which is an assumption that the homes are "open") 13 are restricted in writing; 23 have oral restrictions. Mr. Nimer suggested a revision of the form to make it simpler. Also, he will make a more detailed report at the next meeting, along with some recommendations on checking procedures and conclusions.

Dr. Mundy suggested that we point out to the brokers that if they wish the voluntary program to continue, we should be able to see some homes sold to Negroes by brokers.

Father Sauer, Dr. Mundy and Mr. Gittles attended the Chicago Commission Luncheon. The pressure on the city must be relieved. The suburbs should assume their responsibilities on the matter of integration. Mr. James Cook, one of the speakers at this luncheon, hoped that the suburbs would absorb half the Negro population by the year 2000 in order to maintain the economic stability of the metropolitan area.

Dr. Bloch told the Commission that Mr. Waldo Graton, Executive Director of the Evanston Human Relations Commission, suggests that the Skokie Human Relations Commission expand its budget to employ full time paid staff in order to implement more Commission programs. We should also think about coordinating our program with that of other near-by communities. Dr. Bloch asked that the Commission think about making a larger budget request from the Board of Trustees in order to hire a full-time executive director, about least half-time, along with some staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 26, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Commission

Dec. 15, 1966

Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes of Oct. 27 + Nov. 10 meetings
3. Statements from visitors

4. Report of Chairman

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cont.

- Oct. 27 - last Com. Mtg.
~~Oct. 31~~ - Presentation to Village Bd by Skokie F. H. Com.
 1st wk. Nov. - " " NTHRC " " " " "
 Nov. 8 - " " CRR " " " " "
 Nov. 10 - Special Mtg. BHRC
 Nov. 12? - Request mtg. w. L. Martin
 Nov. 21 - Board Mtg. CRR to consider 11/8 complaint
 Nov. 22 - Call from Howard Smith - mtg. 11/29
 Nov. 23 - L. Martin: cannot meet us; letter from Ho. Sh. F. H. C.
 Nov. 26 - Mtg. NTHRC Board - confirm action 8/4
 Nov. 28 - Rept. SHRC to Board Trustees - saw 11/23 letter
 Nov. 29 - Mtg. w. CRR (Jacobs, Mundy, Roseberry)
 Eve: Called CG - undertook to reconvene NTHRC Bd.
 Nov. 30 - NW Prop Owners Assoc - Davis - letter out Fri 12/2
 Dec. 7 - NTHRC (Perille; Turton, Roseberry) [Form]
 Dec. 15 - Davis - letter "hung-up"

✓ A. Fair Housing Com.

2 Open
15 noinst.
56 total
13 R-Written
43 " Verbal

Letter to Coe (3)

Letter to brokers (2) stress corp.

Mtg. w. Chmn of R. B. Bd. (4) CRR Bd. Mtg.

✓ B. Glen Ellyn

✓ C. Graton Easton - Grealey Appt. - mtg. of Com.

✓ D. Letter 73 1/2

5. Other Reports - Mundy, Perille, Roseberry, Millman {Nimer

6. Other old business

7. New business

✓ A. Police questioning - Rabbi Weiner

8. Next mtg. Jan. 26 (Nimer Repts)

9. Adjournment
Eve Director? Share? Two framed

(1) Letter to RW

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Clery Forum
North Owners

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES OF THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10, 1966

Dr. Bloch called the meeting to order at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioners present: Rev. Roseberry Mr. Gremley Mr. Turton
 Mr. Tuchy Rev. Sauer Rabbi Jacobs
 Mrs. Gorell Mr. Perille
 Rabbi Weiner Mr. Gitley
 Dr. Mundy, Consultant and Mr. Thorn, Village Manager

Dr. Bloch explained the events that lead up to this meeting.

On October 31, at a Village Board meeting, a statement was read from the Fair Housing Group which recommended that the Board denounce the Skokie Plan as a failure.

(This was not the same statement read at the regular meeting of the Human Relations Commission of October 27)

✓! Mayor Smith told Mrs. Adler, spokesman for the Fair Housing Group, that he would refer the matter to the Human Relations Commission. Later that week, the Mayor suggested that a meeting take place in his office to discuss the results of the survey which was being criticized by the Fair Housing Group. Mrs. Millman, Mrs. Gorell, Mr. Thorn and Mayor Smith met on Monday, November 7. Mrs. Millman gave a detailed report, which explained how she and Mrs. Gorell had checked not only with the homesellers in question, but also, with the realtor. Both Mayor Smith and Mr. Thorn were satisfied that the survey showed the homeseller discriminating and the brokers cooperating with the Commission. Mayor Smith requested a formal report, along with recommendations, from our Commission showing the status of our project. The questions which need to be discussed are; should we, the Commission, request approval for the original plan or should the voluntary plan be discontinued and consider the suggestions made by the Fair Housing Group in their statement to the Board of Trustees?

Mr. Perille reported that the Fair Housing Group went before the Board of Directors of the Niles Township Human Relations Council and read the statement of the October 27th meeting. The Council voted to accept the statement of the Fair Housing Group, and also, to take action by writing letters to the Skokie Human Relations Commission, the newspapers and the Mayor. To date this action was temporarily stopped by Dr. Bloch and Mr. Perille, who spoke to the Chairman of the Human Relations Council.

Dr. Bloch explained that the Maywood law is in the courts at the present time. We should consider the effects of legislation; if proposed and fails to pass, or if passed, could this law be enforced? He pointed out that some changes have occurred since the "Plan" went into effect. A year ago, a Negro was unable to see the listings from the realtors. Today, homes and listings are being shown to Negroes. We should be able to realize improvement in the number of homes sold to Negroes by next year. The Fair Housing Group has some valid points. Since our "Plan" is experimental, we should avoid misleading or deluding other communities. Also, if progress does not continue, the Commission should consider State legislation.

Mr. Perille is opposed to dropping the Skokie Plan, and is in favor of giving it a legitimate test for the one year period ending April 30, 1967.

Dr. Mundy suggested that as a matter of logic, we say the "Plan" is not a success; but, the Fair Housing Group should not say it is a failure.

Rabbi Jacobs felt some trend or significant progress needed to be accomplished by the April 30th deadline. Today, we are being forced in a position not consistent with a governmental body, by being placed on the defensive. We are in no position to question, neither do we accept that the "Plan" has failed.

Mr. Perille motioned that the Commission ask the Village Board of Trustees to reaffirm their approval for a voluntary Fair Housing Plan. Mr. Gremley seconded the motion. It was suggested that a report accompany this resolution, giving a statement of history for a two month period; a resume of the tests that were made, relate the progress we think has been made, along with, the brokers attitudes; admit the shortcomings; state that we cannot judge the success at the present time, not can we accept failure, and that we need to have the original length of time that was given, so, we therefore ask the Board to reaffirm their approval. Mr. Gremley added that the statement of the concluding date be emphasized. Mr. Perille urged that the report be made on November 28th. We have an obligation to get together with the Niles Human Relations Council. It is important we receive their support.

Rabbi Weiner questioned whether it was necessary for the Human Relations Council and the Fair Housing Group to be at odds with our Commission. We should attempt to sit down with them and come to better relations. He asked if Mrs. O'Bannion could help in this endeavor.

Mr. Gtles felt that the "Plan" had failed. Self regulation does not work and realtors will pretend to comply. He recommended licensing.

The motion made by Mr. Perille for reaffirmation passed with nine votes for, one vote opposed, and one member abstained.

Dr. Bloch pointed out that we need cooperation, and the Fair Housing Group must work with us. Rabbi Jacobs suggested we be prepared to speak on Legislation, local or state-wide. (A sub-committee has already be appointed)

Mrs. Gorell reported that there are meetings taking place in the Village with speakers from the Fair Housing Group. She suggested that representatives from the Commission be present at such meetings. Reverend Roseberry was asked to communicate with Rev. Davis on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Myrna Millman
Administrative Secretary

Reverend Roseberry objected to point 2, in the Guidelines submitted by Dr. Bloch. He does not believe brokers can detect false testers. In point 4, are brokers to ask the salary of the buyers? (Commission members agreed that this was not an unusual question) In answer to point 11, the Fair Housing group will be testing other communities.

Dr. Mundy commented to the "Fair Housing Statement" saying he felt something more imaginative than legislation should be tried. The Skokie Plan is an effort at educating the public, and this is needed. People do not have the legal right to discriminate, but there is no authoritative opinion to support this. Fair Housing groups should challenge this right in courts. The Skokie Plan does not assert the right to discriminate. It only recognizes that homesellers can do it now. Citizens do have rights, and the color of skin does not determine these rights.

Reverend Sauer commented that all we are asking is to "try" the Skokie Plan, we are not sure we're right.

(Mrs. Millman's report on the list of homes submitted by the Fair Housing group is attached to the minutes.)

Rabbi Jacobs suggested that the Commission should not wait for the one year expiration date of the Skokie Plan. The Commission has a duty to study the next steps now, and discuss what procedures need to be taken beyond the Plan. He recommends that Dr. Mundy be asked to evaluate what has been done and suggest what should be done.

Mr. Perille suggested that if the voluntary approach fails, State law may be the answer; only after we give our own Plan a fair chance to operate.

Report from Mr. Perille:

Mr. Perille was invited to attend a conference on Race and Religion in Joliet, where tremendous problems exist. A representative of the Association of Commerce and Industry spoke on the economic costs of segregation. Negro workers are badly needed and cannot obtain housing. Joliet is trying to formulate plans for open-housing. They were interested in hearing about the Skokie Plan, and Mr. Perille answered questions for two hours. Joliet is sharply segregated, with 10,000 Negroes out of a population of 70,000.

Reverend Roseberry announced that the Clergy Forum of Niles Township is beginning a program on Inter-Faith Dialogues.

Report from Dr. Bloch:

As a result of letters to the Superintendents of five school districts, 190 copies of the Skokie Plan was given to District 68, 120 copies went to District 69, 45 copies to St. Peter's Parish for distribution to teachers. The Catholic Interracial Council requested 65 copies. A charge of ten cents per copy is requested from outside groups, if funds are available. Dr. Bloch and Dr. Mundy attended a meeting with the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race. They discussed the role of the suburbs in helping the city to solve its problems.

Dr. Bloch received a complaint which involved a Negro who opened a beauty and barber shop, and was unable to obtain permission to open his establishment. It was discovered that a certain amount of spaces were needed for off-street parking before the Village could give him a permit. Another complaint received was an alleged anti-semitic incident. A Jewish occupant of an apartment felt she was being harassed by the new owner, a German immigrant.

Reverend Roseberry investigated and concluded that this was not a case of anti-semitism, but rather, a misunderstanding between the two persons involved.

Reverend Roseberry moved that the Commission thank Dr. Bloch and Mr. Perille for representing the Commission in their speeches throughout the area. Mr. Tuohy seconded the motion.

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1966.
(Please note the change in schedual due to the holiday)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Secretary

Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

ARC Meeting - Oct. 27, 1966

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Roll Call - introdu. Goell + Moore
- ✓ 2. Approval minutes of 9/29 meeting
- ✓ 3. Statements from visitors
- ✓ 4. Announcements + reports
 - ✓ A. HSB
 - ✓ (1) Primus Case
 - ✓ (2) Letter to 5 Elem. School Supts.
Dist. 68 (190), Dist 69 (120), other org (65)
 - ✓ (3) Mtg. w. Fair Housing Group (10/11)
DP, Fr. Sauer, KW
 - ✓ (4) Mtg. w. Conf. R+R (10/17)
HSB, PM
 - ✓ (5) Talks at UAHC Leadership Inst, Soc. Action Com. Bnei Jehoshua (16)
Oct. 2 Oct. 23
 - ✓ B. D. Perille
 - (1) Joliet - others
 - ✓ C. P. Mundy
 - (1) Glenn Ellyn
 - (2) Summit Plans
 - (3) F. H. Com. Plans?
 - ✓ D. M. Millman
Survey of brokers (complaints), repts from brokers
 - ✓ E. P. Roseberry - Parking discrim.
5. Other old business
6. New business
 - A. Next mtg - Dec 15? Nec. mtg?

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 1966

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Herman Bloch at 8:10 PM. Commissioners present: Mrs. Gorell, Mr. Himer, Mr. Moore, Mr. Gitle, Mr. Perille and Mrs. Millman.

Those from the Fair Housing Committee were: Rev. Davis, Mrs. Chaitkin, Mr. Vickers, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Adler.

Dr. Bloch made a few introductory remarks to the Fair Housing Committee, and thanked them for their efforts. He discussed the misunderstanding that seems to exist, on what does or does not constitute discrimination on behalf of the broker. He explained to the Fair Housing Committee that the Commission has not met to discuss the letters that they have been sending for investigation. Dr. Bloch also explained that the suggestions he was about to give for the observers who visit the brokers with Negro buyers, were his own and have not as yet been discussed with the Human Relations Commission. He pointed out some of the attitudes and actions on behalf of the observers, that could bring about hostile feelings from the realtor. Mr. Vickers raised the question of the Skokie Plan and what it was. Rev. Davis questioned how the Commission could establish a picture of what the brokers were doing if their Committee did not send observers and report back to the Commission.

Dr. Bloch explained, that through the weekly and monthly forms that the brokers are answering, a pattern can be developed which will show what the broker is doing. This information must be gathered over a period of months. Due to a lack of a secretary, there has been some delay. One of the goals mentioned some time ago, was for the Negro home seeker to be able to go through the multiple listings with the broker, and this is being accomplished today.

Rev. Davis stated that it was a general practice for a white escort to be present when a Negro home buyer visited a broker. The Negro is sensitive, and assumes he will be mistreated.

Mr. Gitle requested to go on record as not approving the guidelines presented by Dr. Bloch. He felt the Commission should attempt to verify the complaints.

Mr. Vickers explained that the Fair Housing Committee is presenting this information to the Commission in order to determine if the Skokie Plan is working. He suggested an Educational program, if 80% or so, of the community is discriminating. Mr. Perille explained that the Commission is reaching out to various organizations to discuss this area. Rev. Davis suggested material for the newspapers and the use of movie houses.

Dr. Bloch made a plea for cooperation between our two groups. He pointed out that we need to encourage others to adopt the Skokie Plan.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Myrna Millman
Administrative Secretary

SUGGESTIONS FOR OBSERVERS WHO ACCOMPANY NEGROES
TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS

1. Observers should be screened and instructed with regard to normal brokerage procedures. They should not be hostile, belligerent or over-aggressive, since such attitudes induce similar reactions in the broker and invalidate observations which might gauge his normal behavior.
2. Only genuine home-seekers should be used. Brokers can readily sense or detect the "fake" tester, and the knowledge that his time is being wasted influences his response. *Especially exchange w. other communities (Fair Housing)*
3. The observer should let the Negro home-seeker do the talking, and should not inject his own views -- or hostilities -- into the discussion, or speak for the home-seeker when the latter is questioned.
4. Questions regarding salary, financial standing, amount of down-payment available are normal and are frequently asked of white home-seekers. Such questions are not per se evidence of discrimination; they should be answered fully and not made the subject of bickering.
5. If the broker says he is not the primary lister of a specific home of interest to the buyer, the latter should request that the broker contact the primary lister and seek an appointment to see the house. Only if the primary lister reports, through the inquiring broker, that the house is restricted, does it become a valid subject for checking by the Commission.
6. We cannot check "shot-gun" lists; each selected address must have been specifically declared to be restricted by the broker. It must be realized that each such check is potentially a center of discussion and rumor, and that unnecessarily excessive checking could easily start rumors of impending Negro inundation. Our checks will therefore be spotty and only sufficient in number to determine the good or bad faith of the broker.
7. It is pointless to send us addresses outside Skokie. Our jurisdiction is local, and we will not check homes in other communities.
8. Letters of complaint should be confined to objective, verifiable facts, not impressions, attitudes, conclusions or judgments.
9. Letters of complaint should contain all the facts, and should not omit those which are inconsistent with the preconceived notions of the complainer or which might explain the broker's actions on a basis other than discrimination. Quotations should be accurate.
10. The observers should be straightforward and above-board in dealing with both brokers and the Commission, and should not use subterfuge or entrapment. (Comparison of the treatment of white buyers and Negro buyers is legitimate procedure, not entrapment.)
11. If one of the objects of the testing campaign is to determine the effectiveness of the "Skokie Plan," some other comparable village which does not have such a plan should be similarly tested as a "control." The influence of our plan on both brokers and residents might then be established.

MEETING NOTICE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Oct. 11

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, AT 8:00 P.M IN VILLAGE HALL.

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING, WHICH WILL BE ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF THE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE, IS TO REVIEW COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FROM THE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE AND TO DEVELOPE GUIDELINES WHICH WILL MAKE INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE MORE USEFUL FOR THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION.

VERY TRULY YOURS

MYRNA MILLMAN

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 1966

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Bloch, Chairman, at 8:10 P.M.

Commissioners present were: Mr. Donald Perille Mr. James Tuohy Dr. Paul Mundy
Father Arthur Sauer Rev. Gerald Roseberry Mrs. D. Quinn

Guests present: Mrs. Jean Karp, Niles North P.T.E. and Mr. Richard Harwood, Glencoe Human Relations Committee.

The minutes of the August 26th regular meeting ^{were} approved as written. Corrections to the minutes of September 8th "Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M, not A.M." "Publicize open housing, instead of ~~subsidize~~ open housing. Also, ~~entire~~ paragraph on motion to be moved up to show that motion was made in regular session. The minutes of the September 8th meeting ^{were} then accepted.

Due to his moving out of Skokie, Commissioner Raach has resigned. At the present time, our Commission is in need of three members. Mrs. Myrna Millman has been appointed to the position of Administrative Secretary, and will assume the duties of Miss Sanders.

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONER PERILLE:

At the present time Mr. Perille is working toward promulgating the Skokie Plan to other interested organizations. He met with the Niles Township Human Relations Council to convince them that the Skokie Plan must be tried before it is ^{deemed} a "failure". The Council decided to cooperate with our Commission. Mr. Edwin Simon, of the Skokie Home Owners Council, was also contacted and will be discussing the Skokie Program with his Council members. Mr. Perille spoke to the Crawford-McCormick Home Owners group and was very well received.

REPORT FROM DR. BLOCH:

The Real Estate Appraisers Organization is going to make a study which will show ^{the trend in} houses that have been sold to whites (a one block radius is to be covered) where ^{value of} Negroes have settled in Skokie.

After a meeting, at the Niles Township High School, Dr. Bloch suggested to Dr. Parker that copies of the Skokie Plan be distributed to teachers as a follow-up. Dr. Parker requested 400 copies. Present at that meeting were: Dr. Green, who is a member of Dr. Martin Luther King's staff; Howard Smith, from the Chicago Conference on Religion and Race.

A complaint against a broker who initially refused to show a home to a Negro couple, then showed the home to the couple and made no attempt to consummate the sale, was referred to the Illinois Commission, ^{were not so referred because} along with two other complaints. ^{of insufficient showing of} The follow is information received through correspondence: ^{discrimination.}

The Chicago Freedom Movement goal in marching is to end slums.

The Freedom of Residence group ^{requested} a liaison from our Commission to their group, who seeks Fair housing legislation in the State.

The University of Chicago is offering a series of workshops for training in the area of Human Relations.

Friendship House invites us to participate in Home Visits to Negro homes in the city.

Mr. Perille reported on an injunction against Mr. George Lincoln Rockwell which prevented him from marching in Skokie during the Jewish High Holidays. Judge Perry granted the injunction which was obtained in Chicago.

REPORT FROM DR. MUNDY:

Chief Chamberlain is beginning a new training program which includes the area of human relations.

Twenty-two western suburbs have met to form plans in order to meet future demonstrations.

The first Negro family has moved to Arlington Heights.

With no further business to be discussed, Dr. Bloch adjourned the meeting at 10:30P.M.

NEXT MEETING _____ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27 _____ 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Quinn, Recording Secretary
Myrna Millman, Administrative Secretary

HRC Meeting - Sept. 29, 1966
Agenda

✓ 1. Roll call

✓ 2. Approval minutes of 8/25 + 9/8 meetings

✓ 3. Statements from visitors

✓ 4. Announcements

✓ A) Resignation John Laasch

5. Reports

A. Chairman

✓ (1) Replacement for Miss Sanders

→ ✓ (2) Distrib. booklets to Nileski Faculty - Grade Schools?

→ ✓ (3) Liaison w. NTHRC - Don Peille + Belle Sanders*

→ ✓ (4) Proposal to Conference on Race + Religion *

✓ (5) Mtg. with MGM, Kreyer - letters to

Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. Chaikin + Ill. Com., Mr. Wilson

✓ (6) Meeting w. Bykes 9/8 - listings; guidelines

✓ (7) R. E. Apperson's Survey

✓ (8) Communications

→ ✓ (a) West Side Christian Parish (also Freedom Movement - photo)

✓ (b) AGC mtgs - volunteer?

✓ (c) WofC Workshop

✓ (d) Friendship House

→ ✓ B. Co-Chairman ~~Schuman~~

✓ (1) Crawford-McCombs, Mtg 9/28

✓ (2) Other - George Lincoln Rockwell

6. Other Old Business

7. New business

Next mtg Oct. 27

MINUTES OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 8, 1966

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. Don Perille
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Mrs. Betty Quinn
Mr. Robert Gremley
Mr. Emanuel Gitles

OBSERVERS:

Mary Ellen Trottnor, Niles Township
Human Relations Council
Ernestine Cofield, Skokie Fair
Housing Committee
Arthur Simmons, of Arthur E.
Simmons, Inc.
Mr. Arvidson, Sr., Arvidson Realty
Mr. Neil King, A.D. King, Inc.
Robert B. Green, MGM Realty
Miss Sarah Sanders, Administrative
Secy.

Dr. Bloch gave attending brokers a brief summation of the Skokie Plan for those who were not sure of what was expected of them. He also gave the status of the Skokie Plan since the Governor's order is under temporary injunction. A guideline for Real Estate Brokers was given to attending brokers. He also requested home listings from brokers after which the Commission would send a copy of the pamphlet after which the seller would state whether he ~~wanted~~ wished to sell "open" or "restricted." This plan would remain in operation until April, 1967 after which the trustees will decide whether to continue the plan or seek other means of implementing Village policy on open housing.

Mr. Simmons said he sees problems in bringing up the subject of whether listing is open or not. He is assuming, if not told otherwise, that the listing is open. He asks if he sells to a Negro will he be considered a blockbuster.

Mr. Perille answered No. A blockbuster would be one who would deliberately panic white homeowners buying their homes at low prices and reselling to Negroes at premium prices. We see no such situation in Skokie.

Dr. Bloch stated for the present we would not want a broker to sell a home to a Negro where a Negro family already lives to allay white fears that there will be an inundation and the fear of loss of property values.

Rev. Roseberry questioned what does the lack of attendance of brokers indicate of their attitude toward the Skokie Plan?

Mr. King: The proof is that the brokers are sending you reports. The reason there are few in attendance is because they don't feel directly involved, but they are cooperating so they probably feel they don't have to attend a meeting too.

Rev. Roseberry: Suggested documenting - that white buyers are buying where negro families already live.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 ^P M.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Quinn

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING WILL BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th - at 8:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

AUGUST 25, 1966

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Donald Perille
Emanuel Gitles
James C. Touhy
Robert Gremley
Robert Turton
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Daniel A. Nimer

OBSERVERS:

Bernard Marsh, Manager
Sarah Sanders
Tom McElligott
Richard Harwood
Rosalie Feit
Ernestine Cofield
Mr. Morrison
Bob Moore (Skokie News)
Mrs. B. Hersh (LWV)
June Michaelson (LWV)

The Minutes of July 21, 1966 were approved as read.

Richard Harwood commented on the helpfulness of Sarah Sanders to him in his work with Glencoe Human Relations Commission.

Dr. Bloch reported that a number of requests for housing have been directed to the SHRC.

Richland, Washington requested data about Skokie Human Relations Commission. Dr. Bloch reported that information had been sent.

The SHRC is invited to attend a meeting on Human Relations with the teachers & administrators of the Niles Township High Schools September 1 at 9:30 P.M. . . . The meeting will be held at Niles North.

The Commission has received a communication from the United States Department of Justice concerning a Human Relation Ad Campaign. They suggest that we seek cooperation of local media to ~~subsidize~~ publicize open housing programs with free advertisements.

Dr. Bloch asked that SHRC members report to him and the police any incidents of intimidation. Several members have already received phone calls.

Dr. Bloch reported on the latest "move-in" rumor which had caused some concern.

Don Perille spoke to Skokie Rotary Club. He received a hospitable welcome and was well treated by his audience.

Dr. Bloch discussed the status of Gov. Kerner's Executive Order on Open Housing. At present, Gov. Kerner's order is under a complete injunction. The State has an appeal of the injunction pending. The Village Corporation Counsel feels that the injunction will stand for considerable period of time.

Don Perille made a motion to re-instate Skokie Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Turton and unanimously approved.

Dr. Bloch suggested that a meeting be held with the realtors to inform them that SHRC again expects reports on their home listings. The meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 8 at 8:00 P.M. at the Skokie Village Hall. The Commission, realtors and the Skokie Corporation Counsel will attend.

Mr. Nimer made a motion to hold executive session. Mr. Gremley seconded the motion.

Complaints have been filed against three brokers in the Village. SHRC has complaints and responses on file.

1. It was moved and passed that SHRC request from Kruger Realty a signed statement that it will comply with the Skokie Plan. In addition, the Commission will request that members and employees of that firm be instructed to comply with our Plan. Our SHRC files and all information relating to complaint will be filed with the Illinois Human Relations Commission. If Kruger signs the statement requested by the Commission, that also will be forwarded to the Illinois Commission.

2. It was moved and passed that the SHRC try to get M.G.M. to sign an agreement of fair housing practices. We will not send complaints on to Illinois HRC. The motion was made by Mr. Nimer and seconded by Rabbi K. Weiner.

3. It was moved and passed that the SHRC investigate to see if Mr. Vermeyen's activities require a license. If a license is required, the Commission will continue its investigation. If a license is not required, we will advise Mr. Wilson that we are unable to determine whether or not racial discrimination was involved. The motion was made by Don Perille and seconded by Mr. Nimer.

A motion was made and passed to reconvene in public session. ✓

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

JT/SES

HRC Meeting - Aug. 25, 1966

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Appointment Sec. Pro Tem (Gitter?)
- ✓ 2. Introduction new member - Robt. C. Greenley, 4300 Emerson
- ✓ 3. Roll Call
- ✓ 4. Approval minutes 7/21/66 meeting
- ✓ 5. Statements from visitors
6. Reports
 - A. Chairman
 - ✓ 1. Requests for housing - memo to brokers for open listings
 - ✓ 2. Vandalism - BM memo
 - ✓ 3. Thanks to June Michaelson
 - ✓ 4. Request from Richland, Wash.
 - ✓ 5. Nalchi meeting on 9/1. 10 AM - North
 - ✓ 6. Gen. Rel. Service Ad Campaign
 - ✓ 7. Rumors - Community jittery?
 - ✓ 8. Talks - 7/24 - Chanel (Forum); 8/24 - NCHOA
 - ✓ 9. A/C meeting 9/7 - 3:30 PM
 10. Marysok
 11. Schum
 - ✓ B. Miss Sanders
 - C. D. Perille, ^(Rotary) others
- ✓ 7. Status of "Skokie Plan" - Mtg w brokers if reinstated
Sept. 8
- ✓ 8. Other old business
9. New Business
 - a. Executive session on complaints or open, anonymous?
 - a. Thanks to Sarah Sanders - request for substitute

→ Mtg w. Kruger, Green

→ Imp. to det. whether "bachebi" genuine.

→ Sociologist as field worker or part time job. Letter to trustees for help.

MINUTES OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

JULY 21, 1966

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rev. Arthur Sauer
Dr. Herman Bloch
Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. Daniel Nimer
Mr. Robert Turton
Mrs. Donald J. Quinn
Mr. Manuel Gitles
Mr. James Tuohy
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant

OBSERVERS:

Bernard Marsh, Manager
Sarah Sanders, Skokie Mgr. Intern
Jean Doney, News
Charlene Louis, Life
Rev. Buckner Coe
Rev. Emory Davis
Louis Shapera, Property Owners Assn.
Mrs. Barbara O'Banion, Ill. Human
Relations Commission
Richard Harwood, Glencoe H.R.
Mrs. June Michaelson, LWV
Fair Housing Committee:
Mr. & Mrs. Morrison
Mr. & Mrs. Sanders
Mrs. Adler
Mrs. Chaiken

Minutes of June 23, 1966 approved as read.

Dr. Bloch gave an expression of regret at Mr. Marsh's departure, and much appreciation and thanks for his help.

Chairman's report:

June 27, 1966 - Report to trustees on Fair Housing Program as follows:

1. one-half time staff member was granted in person of Miss Sarah Sanders
2. appoint three more members to Commission
3. Call meeting with neighboring officials - will wait on clearing up Governor's open housing order.

Second printing of ^{10,} 7000 copies of Housing Program

July 11, 1966 - Spoke to Wheaton Commission on our program. Will try to adopt program for Wheaton.

July 13, 1966 - Gov. Kerner issued his Executive Order on open housing. No longer require listing from brokers until lawfulness of governor's order cleared up.

Will be to broker's advantage if Commission can convince community to sell on open occupancy basis.

ROBT. C. GREMLEY
4300 EMERSON

Mr. Marsh advised us not to drop our plan to go ahead because Governor's Order will probably be halted by courts.

Mr. Tuohy asks that we get statistics on homeowners selling via ads or whatever since this order has been in effect.

Dr. Bloch said This is what we would like to do.

Miss Sarah Sanders report: requested brokers send us every listing they have so we can send pamphlet and whether these listings open or restricted-- either orally or in writing. Out of 22 brokers under our agreement, we got responses from 18. Nine had no listings in Skokie, the other 9 had 38 listings for one month. 84% restricted, 16% unrestricted. Of these 58% in writing, 42% were verbal.

Dr. Bloch said some brokers are influencing their clients.

Mr. Marsh commented it was encouraging, though, that many are not biasing the outcome.

Dr. Bloch mentioned of the 22 brokers, 4 struck out portions of their ~~report~~ ^{agreement}.

Miss Sanders says these incomplete reports hamper our educational program.

Rabbi Jacobs suggested we make a pilot project on those brokers who report restricted sales without names.

Dr. Bloch said some brokers say this reporting violates broker-client confidentiality.

Motion: Anyone who strikes out portion or amends program before submitting agreement to Commission will not be considered as having signed the Agreement

Rabbi Jacobs seconded the motion.

Rev. Sauer said we should table this motion until temporary injunction (granted today) cleared up.

Dr. Bloch - we will tell brokers, ^{if} since executive order not in effect, we ~~should~~ continue program. [until we know status of executive order one way or another.]

Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Bloch - we are trying to take burden off broker by making forms and reporting easy as possible. We will ask the brokers who have signed agreement if they would mind this information being made available to the others who have signed so they will know from whom they can expect cooperation. We will defer this for later, however.

End of Miss Sander's report.....

Visitors' Statements:

Mrs. Chaitkin: Complaint submitted to Commission (Append Complaint to official minutes for Village file).

Dr. Bloch: Commission will send photocopy of the complaint, ^{to broker} and ask his view. We can only try persuasion since injunction precludes punitive action. Will try to get broker to agree to our procedures rather than ^{to} ~~by~~ his amended agreement.

Rev. Coe: Ask for a Village ordinance, as he believes our plan will not work.

Rev. Davis: Should he send prospective buyer to Skokie realtor in view of treatment in this complaint?

Dr. Bloch: Have prospective buyer call Manager Marsh. Premature to say our plan can't work.

Mrs. O'Banion: What does Commission plan to do in case of direct action?

Dr. Bloch: Nothing we can do except "battle for men's minds i.e. educating the public."

Mr. Sanders: Proposes that a member of the Commission accompany a prospective Negro home seeker to a broker to give official sanction to cooperation.

Dr. Bloch: Feels that would not be necessary when a Negro goes to a cooperating broker.

Rev. Roseberry: Thinks Commission members should have a list of signer-brokers.

Executive Session:

Rabbi Jacobs: Question of Procedure--dissatisfied with length of meeting caused by visitors. Suggested one hour open for public, then retire to executive session.

Dr. Bloch: We have to allow the public time. In the future we shall try to limit same. Dr. Bloch reported Miss Sanders is compiling information of home prices of homes in areas where Negroes live.

Rev. Roseberry: Feels such matters as the letter of July 14 should be discussed before action for Commission be taken.

Mr. Tuohy: Suggests we be polled in advance by Miss Sanders before such action be taken.

Dr. Bloch: What happens to Skokie Plan if Governor's Order goes into effect? Emphasis will then shift to education.

Meeting adjourned 11:30 P.M.

Mrs. Donald J. Quinn

Secretary

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION WILL MEET ON AUGUST 25, 1966, at 8:00 P.M. at the Skokie Village Hall.

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Audience to visitors.

Rev. Emory Davis (N. Shore F. H. Com)

Mr. Harwood } General
Capt. Morse } Winnetka NR Council
Mrs. Chitkin
Mrs. O'Banion

HSB Rept. Since mtg of 6/23

1. Rept. to trustees (6/27)
1/2 time staff asst - SS -
Mtg w. officials of neighboring villages
2. Press conf. with Chgo. Conf. Rel + Race (6/29)
3. Wheaton Mtg. (7/11)
4. Kerner Exec. Order (7/13)
5. Letter to brokers (7/14 or 7/15)

SS Rept. - Modified agreements
Leviton sale

Other Repts - BM, PM, DP

New Bus.

Amusing calls?
Mike Bigoff prog.

Complaints - Wilson

Kudos - Dobroth, Blumenthal, King

Ground Rules

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letter to

MINUTES OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

June 23, 1966

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. Donald Perille
Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Rev. Arthur Sauer

OBSERVERS:

LWV - Blanche Hersch
Skokie Fair Housing Committee:
Marilyn Glubok
Evelyn Chaikin
Muriel Adler
Carol Mrowka

Minutes of last meeting to be accepted with the following correction:
Strike last sentence (P.2) of minutes of May 26.

Mr. Perille reported he gave talk at Walker School PTA (75 attendance) and they were impressed by "Plan". Edens-Terminal-Dempster Property Owners Assn. were not pleased with "Plan" but see the logic of it. Mr. Perille gave resume of talk he gives.

The June 4 Ill. Commission Meeting was attended by Dr. Bloch, Dr. Mundy and Mr. Marsh. Major topic of conversation was Skokie's "Plan".

On June 9 and June 14 - Dr. Bloch, Rev. Roseberry, Dr. Mundy and Mr. Perille attended the meeting of Chicago Conference on Religion and Race. Resolution passed commending Skokie's Plan. 5000 copies of the pamphlet have been requested. A second printing of pamphlets is requested to fulfill orders.

Twenty-three (23) realtors have now agreed to "Plan" according to Mr. Perille.

Dr. Bloch : (1) asked Fair Housing Committee to spot check complaints of refusal by brokers to show housing. (2) Keep Commission informed of negotiations seriously undertaken between seller and Negroe buyer. (3) Cooperate with Commission to avoid clustering. Fair Housing Committee agreed although they stated their goal differs from the Commission goal of peaceful-dispersion move-in of Negroes. The Committee goal is to eliminate all discrimination by broker, they said.

Rev. Sauer suggests Corporation Council check legal competency of our Commission -- what are our powers? Do we have supoena power, for instance

Re High School Board and Local Committeeman Election Matter: Dr. Bloch and Rev. Roseberry called on Mr. Lerner and Mr. Erier who said they would scotch any attempts by their workers to inject religious matters into

the campaign. Mr. Krier cracked down on a precinct captain who was doing this.

Dr. Bloch wrote to Superintendents of School Districts to do two things: Reassess curriculum so (a) students get constitutional background of legal rights of all peoples, (b) students respect all races and creeds, (c) courses for teachers on the same items. Two responses were received: one from Niles Township High School and one from Mr. Gibbs of District 68 -- who will inaugurate such a program for students and teachers.

Dr. Bloch will write a letter on behalf of Commission to Clergy Forum for Baccalaureate Service.

Dr. Bloch will investigate possibility of staff member to assist Manager Bernard Marsh in checking complaints in regard to Skokie's "PLAN".

Dr. Bloch will try to establish formal liason with our neighboring villages on matter of the "Plan". The Mayor will ask the Mayors of the other villages to discuss this.

Dr. Bloch will ask the Mayor to appoint three (3) more members to the Human Relations Commission.

NOTICE: THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING FOR HUMAN RELATIONS WILL BE
JULY 21st.

Mrs. D. J. Quian

HRC Meeting - June 23, 1966

Agenda

1. Roll call
2. Approval Minutes 5/26 meeting
3. Statements from visitors.
4. Reports
 - A. Progress in Fair Housing Plan
 - ✓ (1) June 7 mtg. of Ill. Com. Human Rel.
 - ✓ (2) June 9 mtg. Chgo conf Rel & Race - June 14 Resolution - 2nd Printing of Pamphlet
 - ✓ (3) Article by Art Winter in Nat. Catholic Reporter (115 E. Arrow, Kansas City, Mo.) 6-22-66 interview
 - (4) Report on response from brokers (Ben Marsh), initial data from brokers
 - (a) Letter outlining procedure, Form to fill out?
 - (b) Martin + Marbury letter
 - (5) Handling of complaints - motion from table
 - (a) Complaint forms to Fair Housing Com.
 - (b) Discussion w. Fair Housing Com.
 - (a) Spot-check brokers
 - (b) Notify HRC of serious negotiations
 - (c) Coordinate to "avoid" clustering - Payne + Crawford
 - ✓ (7) BM staff member - or member of police force assigned to HRC? Move date?
 - B. Lewton case - vandalism - mtg 6/17/66 - fact sheet
 - C. Election of 6/14 - Lerner + Krler visit - Clergy Forum letter
 - ✓ (8) Evanston Ordinance
 - ✓ (9) NAREB mailing
 - (10) Meeting w. officials of neighboring villages
 - (11) Make 3 more appts.
- D. Reports of other meetings - DP, PM, BM
 - (1) Invitation from Wheaton - Glen Ellyn - July 11
- ✓ E. Baccalaureate
- F. Old Business
- G. New Business
- H. Next mtg? July 21 - Mrs. Comas → call.

Request from Sacramento

HSB →
Cross for
8250 Miles East Rd.
Oct. 1st departure
Mr. Wilson
Letter from HRC

BM → Sus

HSB →

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING
VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

MAY 26, 1966

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Dr. Paul Mundy
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Mr. Ben Marsh
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Mr. Daniel A. Nimer
Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Mr. Robert L. Turton
Mr. John A. Raasch
Mr. James C. Tuohy

Observers:

Mr. T.D. Baine
5000 Elm, Skokie, Ill.
Mrs. B. Hirsh
League of Women Voters
Harold Williams
Community Relations Commission,
Western Springs, Ill.
Edward A. Boehm)
N. B. Groton, Jr.) Western Springs
Lawrence Martin, Chairman
Niles Township Human Relation Council

The meeting was convened at 8:10 P.M. The observers were introduced. There were no changes in the minutes of the preceding meeting.

Dr. Bloch: Reported that the Commission members have been invited to attend a Regional meeting of the ILLINOIS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS, to be held on June 4 at 10:00 A.M. at the Bismark Hotel in Chicago. This is a regional conference for members of official human relations commissions and the subject for discussion is "IDENTITY AND ROLE IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE."

Reported that the 18th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHT will meet in Estes Park, Colorado on June 30th.

Requested Mr. Martin to report on the June 2 meeting of the NILES TOWNSHIP HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL. Mr. Martin advised that the meeting will take place on June 2 at 8:00 P.M. at the Oakview Jr. High School and that there will be a panel discussion on "INTER-RELIGIOUS TENSIONS IN NILES TOWNSHIP." Three of the participants in the panel discussion will be Skokie Commission members, Rev. Roseberry, Mr. Turton and Mr. Perille. Election will be held for officers and board members for the coming year.

Among correspondence reported on by the Chairman were letters from Congressman Rumsfeld commending the Commission on its work, a letter from a Citizen of Skokie commending the Booklet prepared by the Commission and a Newsletter from the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Perille, Speakers Bureau: Mr. Perille reports that he and Dr. Mundy spoke before the CHICAGO COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS. Future speaking engagements are made for June, Walker P.T.A - Niles Township Human Relations Council - Edens, Dempster, Terminal Homeowners Assn. August, Skokie Rotary.

At this point a general discussion ensued regarding the subject of housing, employment and schooling for negroes.

Mr. Marsh, Village Mgr. reported: the booklets are running low and a re-printing will probably be needed. He will be in attendance at the meeting on June 4 of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations. He reported on a conference of Village Managers' meeting which he attended at which he ascertained that the fame of the "Skokie Plan" is spreading and being put to use. He reported that Mr. & Mrs. Clifton Saunders, Negro family without children, have purchased a home at 8241 Hamlin Ave. and are moving in on July 1. Mr. Saunders is a Postal Inspector and Mrs. Saunders is a writer.

Dr. Mundy: He will speak on the "Skokie Plan" before the Glenview Human Relations Commission on June 7. On June 15 he will participate in a panel discussion with the Lincolnwood Human Relations Commission on "Religious Tensions in the Last Election." He has conversed with the Village Manager and the Commission Chairman of Oak Park and has helped them prepare a statement regarding protest marches. He has visited the Mayor of Aurora and spoke to about 50 community leaders, including school representatives, real estate dealers and industrial leaders and for 2 hours discussed with them the "Skokie plan." The Real Estate representatives requested to meet with him and Skokie Realtors soon. He has had 14 students conduct 76 interviews of Arlington Heights residents who received a special mailing of the brochure with a covering letter. Reactions were - 3/4th good to excellent and 1/4th fair to poor.

Don Perille read a research report which in part stated that ghettoization is increasing in cities. Discussion was held regarding this report.

Mr. Marsh: Reported that his written requests to the two real estate boards requesting signatures of the individual dealers evoked the response that we make direct contact with the individuals. A direct mailing will be made. At this time a total of 4 signed statements are on file. He submitted a report of progress made regarding a specific complaint against the firm of MGM Realty. A copy of the complaint was sent to Mr. Green of this firm and a reply has been made as follows: Their company did not discriminate; they had no homes to show to the applicant at the time; they do have homes available now for negro purchasers.

General discussion was held regarding the methods to be used to determine the validity of complaints against real estate firms. Rabbi Weiner expressed the opinion that implementation of the "Skokie Plan" can only be accomplished by due process of law and made the recommendation that "the Skokie Human Relations Commission share information regarding complaints with the proper State Agencies." During the discussion it was learned that our efforts to obtain copies of the multiple listing of homes offered for sale have been unsuccessful.

MOTION: Rabbi Weiner moved that the Skokie Human Relation Commission pass on duplicate copies of every complaint of a violation to the Illinois Commission, with an indication of our findings. SECOND by Mr. Nimer.

MOTION: Rev. Roseberry moved to table the motion until the next meeting.
SECOND by Mr. Nimer. MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Marsh: Reported that the Village has hired a Negro parolee, age 28,
to work in the Public Works Dept.

Dr. Bloch: Requested that Mr. Tuohy ready a report from his Legislation
Committee in the event that sufficient signatures are not ob-
tained from the Real Estate Brokers.

Dr. Mundy: In reporting on action taken regarding the Sabin proposal to
research the recent religious strife in the School Board election
indicated that exploration of the possibility will continue
but probably may not start until the fall of the year.

Rev. Roseberry: Reported on the success of Inter-Faith parlor meeting
and stated that the Clergy Forum has a committee to continue
this work during the summer. Rabbi Weiner stated that the
Clergy Forum has received a report that discrimination exists
in rental housing and suggested that complaint forms should be
prepared for use in following up on such complaints. Opinions
were expressed that the current political campaign was fostering
religious tensions and it was agreed that a committee should call
upon the candidates and that they be requested to keep the
campaign free of bias.

Mr. Baime: Made the statement on the Citizens Committee who presented a
slate of candidates in the recent school board election,
denies having placed the controversial newspaper ad, they
didn't know about it, didn't see the copy, had nothing to do
with it and has so publically stated. [This statement was dis-
puted by the Chairman and lengthy discussion left some doubt
as to its validity.]

*Acknowledged,
however, that
Mr. Kearney had
offered full page
ad at no charge
to Cit. Com.*

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 P.M.

NEXT MEETING TO BE JUNE 23, 1966 - AT THE VILLA GE HALL.

Emanuel Gitles,
Acting Secy.

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✓ letters to brokers
Forms - neutral + bonus
✓ Scholarship to V. Co
W. Martin Rosebery → Kreis, Lerner
Next mtg: June 23

HRC meeting - May 26, 1966

Agenda

- ✓ 1. Appointment Sec. Pro Tem
- ✓ 2. Roll Call
- ✓ 3. Approval Minutes 4/28/66 Meeting
- ✓ 4. Introdu. of guests - Larry Martin, Western Springs
(Bahm, Grotan, Williams, Milow)
- ✓ 5. Announcements
 - ✓ a. June 4 mtg. Ill. Can HR - Branick - Reimbursement?
 - ✓ b. June 2 mtg NT/HRC - L. Martin
 - ✓ c. Ann. Conf. of Com. on H. Rights Estes Park 6/30 - 7/3
- ✓ 6. Correspondence
 - a. Scholarships for Encampment for Citizenship - To Youth Com
 - b. Unitarian Universalist Assn - Newsletter
 - c. Hermes
 - d. Citizens' Com. Candidates
 - e. Remfeld
 - f. Sigmund
 - g. Paphlet - How to Get Better Govt.
 - h. Letter to Supts. Schools re institutes etc
- ✓ 7. Reports
 - a. Perille + Mundy - ^(Mundy?) Speaking Activities - May 18
 - b. Marsh - Letter - 2 weeks ←
 - (1) Real estate brokers - report on agreement; monitoring?
 - (2) MGM - procedure in general in re complaints
 - ✓ c. Mundy - Sabin proposal? Fr. Small - Poly. Sci.
 - ✓ d. Clergy forum - "people to people" parlor mtgs? - ^{com. appts.}
 - ✓ e. Nink - employment - progress?
 - ✓ f. Troby (Russell, Gittel) - legislation?
- 8. New Business - Fair Housing Com. - Rental Discrim. -

PM - Rose Aug 19 - 36 lbs.
3/4 Good
1/4 Fair
Linc. Park
Aurora Com. Ldrs.
Interviews (15)

PM - June 15
July 1
824, Rankin
Clifton Saunders

FORM

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING OF APRIL 28, 1966

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. John Tuohy
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Mr. Donald Perille
Mr. Robert Turton
Dr. Paul Mundy
Mr. Ben Marsh
Mrs. Donald J. Quinn
Rabbi Karl Weiner

Observers:

Mrs. Barbara O'Banion,
Ill. Human Relations Commission
Mrs. Chaiken,
Skokie Fair Housing Committee
Mrs. Michaelson,
Skokie League of Women Voters
Mr. Arthur Simmons

Last meeting's minutes were corrected as follows:

National Association of Real Estate Boards, last paragraph, page one.
Real Estate Brokers - instead of Board
Page 2 - Mr. Cochran's quote is Dr. Bloch's
Page 3 - 1/3 way down name left blank should be Mr. Lacci
Page 4 - Line 3 from bottom - Mr. Tuohy feels that action on this
recommendation at this time is unwise.

Minutes were then passed as corrected.

Dr. Bloch announced the following:

Illinois Commission on Human Relations meeting June 4, 1966 to
which we are all invited.

U.S. Dept of Commerce Human Relations Div. will have ad campaign
promoting Human Relations Commissions - a public service of the
Advertising Council.

North Suburban group on Fair Housing is being formed and we are
asked to send observer to their May 3 meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Don Perille: Institute of Urban Life - sent Mr. Ducey copy of "Your
Home and Skokie's Future" and Mr. Ducey sent Mr. Perille a copy of a
speech he made on a similar topic. Addressed Human Relations Council
in Elmhurst who are working for a Commission "before the fact" rather
than after.

Mr. Marsh: Made talks to Greater Oak Lawn Human Relations Council and
to Dr. Mundy's graduate sociology class.

Mr. Perille: Talk in Niles last November when Niles trustees were con-
sidering a commission. A Rev. Maples is fighting the commission idea.

Reaction to pamphlet: Don Perille got 9 phone calls

Ben Marsh got one letter anonymous. Most reaction
good.

Mr. Tuohy got comments derogatory for villagers at
his place of work. Rest thought it good.

Don Perille was happily surprised at interest in

Roseberry

pamphlet. They were not disturbed by it. Had one adverse reaction from a Skokian at his place at work.

Dr. Bloch reports the Mayor is getting reaction two-to-one in favor of it.

Rev. Roseberry says reaction is generally good.

Dr. Bloch says North High School Sociology teacher is using booklet in his class.

Mr. Simmons: Some of it can't agree with. Agrees white or negro should be able to move where he wishes.

Dr. Mundy: Freedom consists in choice of alternatives and where one is denied alternatives on basis of color, he is less free.

Miss O'Banion: wants information - can booklet be ordered? (yes, through Mr. Marsh, 10¢ each) Can Ill. Commission have permission to use excerpts? (yes). Can we have statement on Skokie Policy on Dispersion for Ill. Commission newsletter? (Dr. Bloch & Don Perille will supply this).

Mr. Simmons: would like this statement too. Broker will have problem of not discriminating and yet not be a party to clustering.

Mrs. Chaiken: wants to know what action Commission will take if Negro is refused service of a broker.

Dr. Bloch: we would attempt to verify allegation.

Mrs. Chaiken: would we bring together broker, complainant and Commission to discuss matter?

Dr. Bloch: We haven't as yet worked out procedures.

Mr. Marsh: It seems a good idea.

Mr. Tucky: we must have specific facts before the Commission can be expected to act.

Mr. Simmons: In defense of brokers in rental units, our office doesn't handle rentals but if a Negro comes in and we tell him we don't have rentals, he may assume I'm saying that to avoid dealing with him. So be sure you have good case before making a complaint.

Consideration of Realtor Agreement modified at April 19 meeting with Mr. Pfaff, Mr. Orth, Mr. King, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Simmons, Dr. Bloch, Don Perille. Main point of brokers' objections: since agreement is voluntary; since there will be Skokie or outside Skokie brokers who would refuse to sign, the signers would lose sales to the non-signers. That seller should state his intention, in writing, to discriminate - what do we do if seller refuses to sign and seeks broker who wouldn't ask him to sign. Commission agreed this would put cooperating brokers at a disadvantage. In that case, broker should inform Commission of the seller's refusal. What, brokers pressed, if seller instructs broker not to inform Commission. Again Commission agreed this would put cooperating broker at a disadvantage. Unless broker instructed otherwise, sale would be considered "open". We want to get some idea of what per cent would and would not object to "open" sale. So agreement modified to remove these disadvantages to signing brokers.

Dr. Bloch: feels removal of written instructions from seller not too great a loss because 90% of sales would be sales to white buyers and where we get a complaint from Negro, we can simply verify with seller if the sale is restricted.

Mr. King: his firm would sign modified form.

Mr. Kaplan: thinks he may persuade members of his board to sign - and he would sign it himself.

Mr. Simmons: thinks he could sign - and live up to - modified form, if there are a substantial number of other signers. If only a few sign, the few will be at a disadvantage.

Rev. Roseberry: The program seems gutted - what are we left with?

Mr. Perille: We wondered (Dr. Bloch & I) if we had given too much - but on further thought I feel we have not gutted the program that much. The important thing is to get the program started.

Mr. Simmons: suggests the multiple listing service send the names and addresses of clients so Commission can send Booklet to seller.

Dr. Bloch: We have traded extra work for ourselves in exchange for brokers' agreement. This is what the modification of the agreement boils down to.

Dr. Mundy: Verbal instructions can be a problem to broker if seller denies later he gave instructions to restrict.

Mr. Simmons: This would be embarrassing.

Dr. Mundy: Everything else in real estate sale is so legally precise-- this verbal agreement would not follow the usual precision. If we don't have this precision, a year will prove what NSSP and Fair Housing groups have predicted--that voluntary programs do not work. In time, Commission will have to come to realization that law is needed.

Mr. Simmons: would like to see this program prove broker is not the scoundrel he is usually being painted to be. He feels most brokers will try to cooperate.

Rabbi Weiner: We will never know whether we have failed or not unless we know how many are willing to state whether they wish to sell restricted or open.

Dr. Bloch: Is the Commission ready to go along with this amended program-- where we call broker when we get listing from multiple listing service and ask status of sale: open - restricted - or "I can't tell you."

Mr. Turton: Motion that modified program be initiated as discussed and that each absent Commission member be polled. Mr. Perille seconded the motion. Passed by all members present.

SEPARATE NOTE TO BE ENCLOSED WITH MINUTES All members not present, please let Dr. Bloch or Mr. Marsh know what your vote on this Memorandum of Agreement is. Dr. Bloch's phone: OR4-8340. Please do so as soon as possible.

Miss O'Banion reports on municipalities passage of laws regulating realtors. A copy was brought of Markham Ordinance, Springfield, East Peoria Ordinances.

Dr. Bloch: Would like to license all brokers who do business in Skokie.

Next Agenda Item:

Dr. Bloch: Aftermath of prayer and election situation--asked clergy forum to institute a series of parlor meetings to help mitigate interreligious tensions. Would like to write to school boards in Skokie asking them to review their curriculum to include in it teaching on rights of all citizens, that students be exposed to understanding of American Freedoms, and also request a program along the same lines for teachers. If this teaching can be undertaken--that we have rights as individuals, not as a majority or a minority we may be able to obviate such interreligious problems in the future.

Rabbi Weiner seconded the motion.

Dr. Bloch's motion to authorize chairmen to ask school districts to include human relations, individual rights for students and teachers--offering them what help we can--

Motion carried by all members present.

Dr. Bloch read proposal from Dr. Sabin on breakdown of human relations in last high school board elections. Analysis of why it took place - a team to synthesize this and transmit this throughout community. Dr. Mundy suggests this be submitted to some university to do the research. Will contact some people at Loyola to see if they are interested. Rev. Roseberry moves to proceed to secure research professionals to investigate dynamics of human relation problems involved in prayer and school election along lines of Dr. Sabin's proposals. Rabbi Weiner seconds - passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD MAY 26, 1966.

→ Copy of memo of agreement
to BM

HRC Meeting - April 28, 1966

Agenda

1. Roll Call

2. Approval minutes 3/31 Mtg.

3. Announcements

✓ a. June 4 mtg. of Ill. Com. on H.R. - Bismarck

Rw. Roseberry

✓ b. No. Sub. Dir. on Fair Housing - appt. observer - May 3

✓ c. National advertising campaign re HRC

4. Subcom. Repts.

absent → ✓ a. Miner - Employment

✓ b. Turky - Legislation (members?) - { fresh bills

✓ c. Perille - speakers - Elmhurst - Miles (maples)

BM - Greater Oak Lawn, Loyola

✓ 5. Other Reports

11 Negro families now in Skokie

✓ a. Response to pamphlet

✓ b. Mtg. w. rectors on 4/19

(1) consideration of agreement

(2) Evanston ordinance

✓ c. Prayer + Election aftermath

(1) Letter to Clergy Forum

(3) Letter to Candidates

(a) Sabin proposal - grant? to PM - Loyola, then try N.H.

(2) Proposed letter to Boards of Ed. for

(a) Review of Curricula in re H. Relations + Indiv. rights

(b) Courses for faculty - PM - advisor

d. Housing complaints (Baker letter to BM)

e. Miscellaneous

Letters to
Sabin

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VILLAGE OF SKOKIE

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING OF MARCH 31, 1966

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Mr. John Tuohy
Mr. Donald Perille
Mr. Robert Turton
Dr. Paul Mundy
Mr. Ben Marsh
Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. Emanuel Gitle

Observers:

Mrs. Barbara O'Banion
Mrs. Blanche Hersh
Mrs. June Michaelson
Members of North Shore
and
North Suburban Realty Boards

Minutes of last meeting were incorrect as follows:

Date should have been March 3 instead of March 4.

Mr. Turton, Dr. Bloch and Mr. Perille were present - an omission.
Moved to accept minutes as corrected. Minutes as corrected passed.

Dr. Bloch: Real estate brokers felt letter should be changed because it suggested they had participated in its development. Covering letter in pamphlet has been replaced at considerable expense to Village in response to objections. Statements of brokers invited.

Mr. Louis Pfaff: Approves of improved letter. Would like to encourage implementation of this program in other villages. Concerned about Skokie being the only one doing this. Wants trustees' to announce this to other township villages.

Dr. Bloch: Commission concerned about that very point. When our program shows evidence of working, we could call together other villages to tell them of this plan working to give incentive to other villages to adopt same program.

Mr. Pfaff: Would like this implementation to take place 2 or 3 weeks after Skokie's educational program is begun. Have small committee of Commission and realtors to implement voluntary program.

Dr. Bloch: Would be happy to have such a committee set up. Our thinking is in line with National Realty Profession on this matter of voluntary open housing. We have complied with every suggestion of Real Estate Board of March 15 meeting so we feel we can cooperate together. *Arkus*

✓
✓

Mr. Kaplan: We can't comply because we feel it's not legal or ethical and we will consult with our attorney to see if it's legal.

Mr. Cochran: How many realtors have signed agreement.

Mr. Bloch: Prefer not to say at this time.

Mr. Hotchkiss: If we sign this agreement to carry out this program our customers will tell us to get lost and will open gates to Chicago brokers. Client is boss and doesn't want to sign..using us to get sellers to do what you want to do..Not do something to prevent us from doing business.

Dr. Bloch: We don't expect you to bring up matter. Will only come up if seller brings it up.

Mr. Simmons: Had 3 sales in past week and 2 clients didn't bring up matter. One said he wouldn't sell to Negro and he wouldn't sign anything. Do I have any choice? Do I have to refuse it or can I accept verbal agreement to sell restricted.

Dr. Bloch: Just give us name so we can verify it with owner and you will go ahead with sale. Main reason to keep pledges confidential is to protect homeowner. No attempt to harass home owner.

Mr. Cochran: I won't sign. Our records are open to public. This system reeks. I think you're not being fair in not giving names of signers. I don't like this secrecy.

Dr. Bloch: Why is it important for you to know how many have signed?

Mr. Cochran: No one from our board has signed.

Dr. Bloch: If commission wants me to reveal this, I will.

Father Sauer: It will ultimately be revealed. Sometimes more damage than good by revealing this prematurely. What is your reason for wanting this information now.

^{PSB}
~~Mr. Cochran~~: Much telephoning to check up on brokers. I get impression of a conspiracy to prevent signing. ✓

Mr. Turton: If this will be a stumbling block, I believe it could be revealed. Our objection is we don't know if you won't try to pressure these people.

Mr. Kaplan: Not true - we got together to oppose this thing.

Dr. Bloch: Three signed - one agreed but didn't sign.

Mr. Kaplan: Object to point #6 to conform with client's instructions and commission's instruction. What if they are at odds?

Father Sauer: More prudent to keep confidential certain things. Can't be open on all things. So your criticism that Commission not open not valid.

James Hansen: You are never going to get an answer to what you want us (realtors) to sign.

Dr. Bloch: Perhaps we can meet as a small group to ascertain if you are for or against this.

cancel
Hotch Kiss? If we do this (get signature to agreement seller signs) - we will be out of business.

Father Sauer: Integrity of Commission is being questioned. Are you against program only or against commission itself.

Mr. Kaplan: We all conform to real estate code, but you are asking us to go beyond this.

Dr. Bloch: If there is another way to accomplish our goal, we are willing to try it.

Mr. King: We do not question commission's integrity. We don't agree with its aim.

Father Sauer: We don't want to fight. We want good feeling with real estate group.

Mr. Rowe: When real estate industry was called on we cooperated in past with commission so you should not tie us down.

Next item: Report on Meetings attended:

Mr. Perille: Mr. Perille attended Niles Village Human Relations council discussing should Niles have commission. He attended as member of Skokie Commission. Des Plaines Commission was also there.

Dr. Bloch: Dr. Bloch attended Northfield Commission. They have 15 member advisory committee to Village Board. He proposed to attend Ill. Human Relations Commission meeting April 15 for commission chairmen. Dr. Mundy, Rev. Roseberry and Dr. Bloch carried out commission direction to play down interreligious issue in high school election. Six candidates have subscribed to Fair Election Practices in this election.

What do we do if we get complaints candidates are violating this? Investigate and try to eliminate violation.

Rabbi Jacobs: Should be disclosed to commission what responses were in meeting with Mr. Moore and Mrs. Doney. Sit down with Pickwick Papers and Lerner Papers in view of today's issues.

Dr. Bloch: Origin of statement "Chief objection to Caucus candidates that they were Jewish" - wanted to know if they were ^{Moore's} his or Citizen's Committee's statement. He said it came from Citizen's Committee Chairman in an interview. Mrs. Doney wrote her article before

formation of Citizen's Committee and without knowledge of other two articles on subject. He felt she would write corrective article but has not done so yet. Life expressed willingness to cooperate. Rev. Roseberry: We should set up guidelines. Today's Life was inflammatory in reporting Citizen's candidates were Protestant and Caucus candidates were Jewish.

Mr. Touhy: We should get Newspaper Code to them. Half of the people I have talked to don't even know there is election. Life tends to blow up issues.

Dr. Bloch: An American reporter misquoted Dr. Bloch to effect that "religion plus other insignificant issues should be kept out of election." Dr. Bloch did not say "insignificant." He said "irrelevant."

Mr. Kearney of Review put headline story in March 31 issue that "Human Relations" Chief Bloch calls Religion "Insignificant." So I set about to have American reporter verify that I said "irrelevant" so I could set Mr. Kearney to correct the headline.

Rev. Roseberry read statement to be published in 3 local papers to effect that religion not be an issue in high school election.

Mr. Cochran expressed willingness to sign statement.

Mr. Simmons stated he was for statement but would not sign because he feels it would not do any good and being a politician I feel I shouldn't sign.

Rabbi Jacobs: In past, failure to speak out has led to our problems of the last 30 years.

Then followed a discussion of the philosophy, the legal basis, the effect on the community of the prayer issue.

Dr. Bloch suggests Clergy Forum can be instrumental in dispelling interreligious ignorance. Intergroup religious meetings should be encouraged so inter-religious groups can get to know each other so this misunderstanding and ignorance can be mitigated.

Rabbi Jacobs thinks this is a positive suggestion.

Father Sauer's remarks Monday night expressed myth of Jewish conspiracy so we need such a small group basis meeting to overcome this myth.

Rental Discriminations: We have received some complaints and we have no procedure to handle these.

Move to amend licensing ordinance in two ways: Rabbi Jacobs suggested

1. all brokers doing business in village be licensed whether having office in village or not,
2. Charge of discrimination, after hearing by Commission, be grounds for revokation of license

and send this recommendation for amendment to the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Tuohy feels ^{action on} this recommendation ^{at this time} unwise. We should study it first. ✓

Rev. Roseberry seconds motion.

Rabbi Jacobs wants motion tabled until we get more information.

Rev. Roseberry moves to submit this matter to a committee for study and recommendation.

Father Sauer seconds.

Passed unanimously.

Dr. Bloch asks Mr. Tuohy to chair this committee and select 2 other commission members.

Dr. Mundy suggests Mrs. O'Banion provide relevant information to this committee.

Dr. Bloch: nothing we can do in absence of law. Dr. Bloch reported resignation of Mr. Harrison Backus for reasons of health and

business reasons. Regret was expressed at Mr. Backus' resignation.

Rev. Roseberry and Dr. Bloch commend Mr. Moore for his contribution to peace of community.

Next meeting Thursday, April 28, 1966 at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. J. Quinn

Mtg w. Life Friday

Agenda

Thurs March 31

Roll Call - Minutes 3/3 Mtg

1. Pamphlet - mtg w. rectors on 3/15 - 2nd letter writing
a) Statements of visitors

2. Election - Mtg w. Doney, Moore

Calls to Life, Review

Calls to Ritter, Rasmussen, Goodman

Fair election practice pledges - handling of violations.

3. Report on Prayer Service

Ask Clergy Forum to

a) Induce acceptance of Brod. Decision

a) statement by HRC? small

b) Start continuing intergroup parlor mtgs.

to discuss ideas about each other, dispel ignorance, prejudices.

c) Fr. Sauer's statement of 3/28

4. Report on mtgs attended; invitation to Ill. Conv. Conference 4/15?

D.P. Niles, _____

HB - Northfield

5. Handling of individual complaints - procedure (anonymous)

6. LWV mtg. - Jerome Lanet, ASC - Mtg of April 6

letter to Clergy Forum

Tuesday 2

Amend licensing ordinance
1. Incl all brokers
2. Detention of license
for loss of license

Ordinance - licensing law not now enforced.

See Village of Markham ordinance

Fr. Saver's Remarks 3/28

1. J. Community responsible

- a) Original complaints from indiv - perhaps $\frac{1}{2}$ doz. Even if all J. (not known) - cannot speak for com. of 30-40,000. Spirit of Lidice.
- b) Orig. complaints did not ask for removal of prayers, but for non-sectarian working. The spec. objected to "J.C." "European ghetto mentality"
- c) Reason to remove prayer came from Prot. Supt., was approved by SJ, with $\frac{3}{5}$ majority Prot., reaffirmed by $\frac{4}{3}$ with $\frac{2}{4}$ Prot. How J. responsibility?
- d) Part of attempt to picture J. as godless, anti-religious, atheistic, communist - classical anti-sem. "line" - Fr. Saver played right into hands.

- 2) J. should realize that in Twp. they are minority, ~~not the~~ act accordingly, not attempt to force their views on majority - strikes at heart of Am. concepts of human rights + liberties
 - a) Majority rules $\frac{1}{2}$ truth; other $\frac{1}{2}$ - under due process of law, with protection of rights of individuals + minority groups of individuals. "All men created equal, endowed by Creator w. certain unalienable rights..."
 - b) To say that minority group should know + hold its place implies that

- (1) Negroes should give up Civil Rights movement.
- (2) Pres. Eisenhower was wrong to force m. g. children into Little Rock schools against wishes of maj.
- (3) Pres. Kennedy should not have used might of U. S. govt. to force 1 minority group member, James Meredith, into U. Miss. against wishes of majority.
- (4) Catholics should stop trying to force majority to assign Federal educ. money to Catholic children.

Concept that WASP_N can at any time and on any issue, without regard to law, ~~impose its will~~ ^{impose its will on min. gr.} ~~impose its will on min. gr.~~ ^{impose its will on min. gr.} or whitemaj. min. group members is mob rule; & shocking to hear a ~~well known~~ Cath. priest who has gained reput. as liberal & worked long in hum. rel. sport line of Ku Klux Klan.

REGULAR MEETING
NILES TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SKOKIE, ILLINOIS

Monday, March 28, 1966

AGENDA

- I Call to order and roll call
- II Disposition of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 1966
(see pp. 1-6)
- III Prayer at commencement exercises
 - A. Correspondence
 - B. Visitors' Statements
 - C. Superintendent's Statement
 - D. Board of Education Members Statements
- IV Other correspondence
- V Visitors' Statements on other topics
- VI Reports and statements from members of the Board of Education
- VII Superintendent and staff statements
- VIII Reports and action where necessary
 - A. Resignations and terminations of employment
 - 1. Marlene Neslund - on Maternity Leave - North Division
 - 2. Rose Yach - clerk-typist - West Division
 - B. Tabulation of bids and awarding of contracts on the following:
 - 1. Bleachers for the North Division (see pp. 7-8)
 - 2. Repair and/or replacement of coils at the North Division School
 - C. Consideration of the request of Rabbi Shapiro of the Congregation B'Nai Jehoshua Beth Elohim for rental of West Division Auditorium for High Holiday services for the fall of 1966.
(see p. 9)

IX Old Business

A. Consideration of the recommendations from the CCPD on the following: (see pp. 10-11)

1. Student Teaching Program (see pp. 12-13)
2. In-service Training Program (see pp. 14-15)
3. Personal Leave for Teachers (see p. 16)

B. Consideration of items of unfinished business

1. Special Education building needs
2. Freeze-up at North Division
3. Emergency lighting in high schools
4. Further budget considerations and salary decisions
5. Development of junior college citizens committee
6. Consideration of recommendations of Skokie Fire Prevention Bureau
7. Science Room remodeling at East and West Divisions
8. Life-Safety survey of the East Division building
9. Resubmission of proposals under Titles I and III
10. Review of policy statements

C. Miscellaneous items

X New Business

A. Appointments (Certificated) (see pp. 17-20)

1. Ruth Ann Casdin - Mathematics - West Division
\$6550
2. Judy Wilde - Physical Education - West Division -
\$5800
3. Albert Zachwieja - Industrial Arts - West Division -
\$6000

B. Appointments (Non-certificated)

1. Lucille Redford - clerk-typist - East Division - \$300

C. Consideration of the approval of a teacher to work with students with learning disorders (see pp. 21-25)

D. The Niles Township Council of School Boards Meeting to be held at Nilehi North May 7, 9:00 a.m. (see p. 26)

E. Miscellaneous items

Pro Anti Neut
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1. Wm. Boyce 8017 Keating - Pro P.
2. Ray Thompson 8045(?) Lotus - " "
3. Richard Boone 10103 Old Orchard Court " "
4. Howard Gilbert 3909 Four Winds - Anti " (ACLU)
5. Rev. Carl Lusk, St. John's Evang. Lutheran Church - (Clergy Forum)
6. John W. Hard Pro Prayer
 Cong. Sec. 1/10/66
7. Rev. C. James Reigel (?) Baptist Church " "
8. Carl H. Taze (?) Norton Grove - " " Am. Legion
9. Mrs. Herscher - 7650 Laverne Anti - " Emma Lazarus
10. Fr. Arthur Sauer - St. Peter's Cath. Church Pro "

Comp. by J. Community - minority
 Dr. Parker - Discuss - began 7/22/65

" Anti 9/15 → Clergy Forum
 Dec. 8 - Supts invited by " " Prayers discussed
 Dec 13 - thin prayer from school sponsored functions.

ASA - "Rel. in Pub. Schools" (1964)

- K. Littell - Follow legal guidance - Pro-prayer - Move to reconsider
- J. Block - Eustach board
- F. Saunders - 1) Legal 2) Rights of individuals on both sides 3) personal conscience
- R. Osborne - Grad. permissive, not mandatory - not part of school year
 Rescind 12/13 motion, remove invoc. & bened. from grad. ceremonies
 Inspirational prayer, moment of silence
- J. Mau -

The Miles Township Council of School Boards Meeting to be held at Miles North May 7, 9:00 a.m. (see p. 26)

Miscellaneous items

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING

March ³ 1966

Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. Daniel Nimer
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Dr. Paul Mundy
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Mr. James Tuohy

HSB
Don Perille

Observers:

Mrs. Barbara O'Banion - Ill. Human
Relations Committee
Mrs. Rosalie Feit - Skokie Youth
Commission
Mrs. Nimer and June Michaelson -
League Womens Voters
Mr. Alex Averbach - NTHRC

Mr. R. Bernard has resigned effective 2/17/66.

Asked to endorse petition from Mr. Donald Frey. Commission thought not appropriate to sign as a Commission.

No one has information on reported negro family moved on 4037 Simpson - Sullivan family.

Names of present Commission members:

Mr. Harrison Backus
Dr. Herman Bloch
Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. Donald Perille
Mr. John O'Connell
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Rev. Gerald Roseberry

Rev. Arthur Sauer
Mr. Robert Turton
Mr. James C. Tuohy
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. John Raacsh
Mr. David Nimer

Mrs. Carol Macwka of Skokie Fair Housing Committee offered to cooperate with Commission. Their function is to accompany Negroes to realtors and homes.

Would like to have complaint form if they get reception contrary to Commission form.

Mayor sent invitations for 3/15/66 at 3:30 P.M. Village Hall, to all realtors for meeting with Trustees and Commission. 22,000 copies of Commission pamphlet ordered and expected to have mailing by March 11. Between now and the 15th, plan to meet with some half-dozen realtors to elicit their cooperation. Have draft of agreement we would like realtors to sign.

Dr. Bloch reported Evanston has similar program to Skokie pending. Outside realtors would have to be licensed to operate in Evanston.

February 2 - Youth Commission meeting on how we can cooperate with them i.e. youth and teachers

February 15 - Prayer issue meeting - Lincolnwood & Morton Grove Commissions, Niles Committees. Other Villages not willing to act jointly with us because they said it is a Skokie problem. But some good because established precedent for joint meetings.

February 18 - D. Perille attended Chicago & Ill. HRC meetings on Fair Housing - also Dr. Mundy attended.

March - Three invitations from other suburbs to meet with their HRC or councils in Highland Park, Deerfield and Niles in March.

March 11 - Dr. Mundy invited to meet with Oak Park Commission and Trustees.

Alex Averbach of NTHRC on Fair Employment Committee - asks Commission support for NTHRC Fair Employment program.

Rev. Roseberry suggests Mr. Averbach prepare detailed program and proposal to present to Commission. Mr. Nimer will work as liason with NTHRC.

Dr. Bloch says we could write to Skokie firms urging this - also schools.

Dr. Bloch - interreligious occurrence re high school caucus.

Rabbi Weiner suggests refocusing problem: American way of life is jeopardized by asking religious qualifications. Can't accept there must be "quotas" for office.

Dr. Bloch: When question of 3rd candidate (after two who were Jewish were selected) being Jewish was questioned by other Jews sensitive to this, warned of repercussions. Non-Jews in the Caucus audience said that should not be a factor - that qualifications alone should be the criteria. No objection to independents running - objection is to double-standard for Jews not being able to run because of their religion.

Mr. Raacsh suggests talking to News & Representatives of Caucus and citizens' group at separate meeting to tell our concern of inflammatory news reports - the tone of which opposes candidates - not because they are unqualified, but because they are Jewish.

Dr. Mundy: Would there have been objection had the slate been all Christian.

Rev. Roseberry: Since buildup over prayer issue may have conditioned this, suggest fair campaign reporting.

Rabbi Weiner: Fair campaign standards - if Citizens' Group said what paper quoted re question of candidates being Jews.

Mr. Tuohy: suggests we see if newspaper has a code and ask them to adhere to this in reporting election news rather than sending them fair campaign code. We must not overlook we are looking for qualified board members without introduction.

Rabbi Weiner: Moves: (1) we invite Mr. Moore and Mrs. Doney to appear to discuss their 3/24/66 columns in the News, (2) write to other papers appealing to them to abide by good human relations standards in reporting, (3) Invite opposing sponsoring groups to appear separately to advise them of proper human relations standards and fair campaign practices - also opposing candidates plus independent, (4) Determine if statement re Jews is a News' statement or if it is a statement of Foley group, (5) Newspapers asked to abide by newspaper code both in news reporting and editorials.

Mrs. Feit believes meeting with News people would be more effective with small group rather than full commission.

Mrs. O'Banion suggests we apprise Trustees of our plans so we can obtain their support. People outside are looking in on Skokie - so another reason to ameliorate the problem.

Dr. Mundy: Element of volatility which smaller group could keep in check. Rabbi Weiner's Motion, he suggests, be split in two - first with the news media and later with the sponsoring groups and candidates. Robert Turton seconds the motion - passed unanimously.

Next meeting March 31, 1966

Meeting adjourned 10:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Donald J. Quinn

cc: Trustee Sutker

Call Doney, Moore, Graton, Marsh
Draft of agreement to BM

Skokie HRC

Agenda for Mtg. 3-3-66

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of Jan. 27 Mtg.
3. Announcements
 - ✓ a. Resignation Bernard
 - ✓ b. Free petition
 - ✓ c. Move-in Sullivans
 - ✓ d. Foundation Skokie Fair - Housing Com.
(Mrs. Carol Morocz ^{Mrowka} - OR 6-4208) - will accompany
 - ✓ N. Lomax - Complaint form - offer to cooperate to avoid ghettoization
4. ✓ Report on pamphlet, plans for mtg. w. reactors (3/15)
 - a) Evanston proposal
5. ✓ Report of mtgs.
 - 2/2 Youth Com. (HSB)
 - 2/15 Special Mtg. prayer issue w. other Com., Councils
(defa statement unless needed, see what effect Clergy Forum program does)
 - 2/18 Chicago HRC - Ill HRC (DP & PM)
 - 3/8 Highland Park (DP)
 - 3/16 Deerfield (HSB)
 - 3/25 Niles (DP) } Scheduled
6. ✓ Equal Opp. Employment - A. Averbach
 1. Mtg w. Moore, Doney - 2 PM, ask trustees to sit in - reappointed is fillers.
 2. Ask all papers to adhere to reporting consistent w. (enclose code)
 3. Ask candidates, to adhere to fair election practices + standards of H.R. write electronizing
 4. If Foley group quoted, ask them also to do likewise. separately

Sat. aft.
separately
Call Life,
Nearney

3/5 - Bob Moore
W. PM, 9GR

J. Droney
H. Hite

K.W. - phone
A. Riter "

3/6 Caldwell - Phone

A. Rasmussen - "
Carol Goodman

J. Medak

V. Medak

Mike Kamen

3/7 Al Reznick

Mrs. Kearney

Robt S. Jacobs

R. J. Kosberry

Bob Moore

724-6721

March 15

Opening Remarks - Mayor Smith

Statement of Objectives + What we Expect of Brokers HSB

Q & A - D.P., P.M., B.M.

Avoid N.E. Section

Passing out

Get copies of Evanston Ordinance

PM Away 3/10 to 3/13

mtg. w. small group of realtors 3/10 4PM.

Special
HRC Meeting of Feb. 15, 1966

Purpose: Assess
 status of prayer
 issue, detm. role
 of HRC.

1. Review of origin and status of issue.

2. What has been done -

HSB - (a) Conferred with Mayor, V. Nyr., Dr. Mundy, to keep alert to ^{any} worsening situation, ~~and~~ activate influential people to urge calmer approach.

(b) Urged Supts. to formulate, issue joint statement if poss.

(c) Via PM & A/C, obtained background documents, circulated to HRC, U.S. Board. More from Presidency of Chgo. coming.

(d) Offered services of HRC to HS Bd. if needed (hesitated to take overt action - A.S. pointed out jurisdictional difficulties, interference in affairs indept govt.)

(e) Conferred w. L. Martin (NTHRC) by phone - he sent letters to all clergymen, asking them to urge reasonable approach via pulpit.

3. Two separate problems -

(a) High-school prayer issue itself

No Consensus of HRC
 Jurisdictional limitations, interference w. ^{affairs of} indep. govt. body
 Would we merely keep pot boiling which might otherwise simmer down - press is already doing this.

(b) Emotional, hate-filled approach to problem - evidence of deep-seated hostilities bet. groups in community - attempt to make this issue bet. J & C.

- Possibilities:
- (1) Do nothing, keep alert, leave to ^{H.S. Bd.} clergy forum
 - (2) Issue statement - approve now, use if necessary joint?
 - (3) Call in Ill. Com., ask them to take initiative.
 - (4) Call conf. of community leaders - take initiative ourselves
 - (5) Call conf. of apparent leaders of hate-movement, other influential people, attempt direct mediation (private).

W. RANKIN
 (Life)
 761-7200

Resolution
Thurs.

- L. Martin (both)
- Mrs. Kersch
- Fr. Kline
- Mr. Miller (MG)
- Mr. Dahl (L)
- Mr. Hartzell (Niles)
- Mrs. Kersch
- Truby
- Rosberry
- Perilla
- Block
- Mundy
- Weiner
- Mine

Martin - Extremists on both sides beyond reach.
Asking High School Bd. to move up decision.

Hartell - make political issue - 3rd speaker (student) own prayer.

Miller - Com. should examine motivation of both sides, publish views - ventilate problems.

* PM: 1) Approach editor, ask to de-emphasize - ask mayor to call in ^{local} ^{adv.} metrop. reporters
2) Rel. leaders, newspapers emphasize accept. of law
3) Baccalaureate sponsored by Forum.

Argo. papers have agreement with Argo HRC to embargo

Public's fact that people of all faiths on both sides.

L.M., KW: Meet with leaders of various ^{civic org.} groups, seek to reduce intergroup tensions on long-range basis. Accept other's views.

Present:

Mr. Don Ferille
 Rev. Gerald Roseberry
 Mr. James Tuohy
 Mr. Robert Turton
 Mr. Emanuel Gitles
 Mrs. Betty Quinn
 Dr. Paul Mundy

Observer:

Mrs. Blanche Hersh - LWV

~~Mr. Ferille~~ ^{Rev. Roseberry} moved to approve letters and pamphlet to be sent 2nd class to all residents and 1st class to individual homesellers. Rev. Roseberry seconded. Passed unanimously.

Homeseller letter included in package would be marked "Sample" to avoid confusion.

~~Mr. Ferille~~ ^{Rev. Roseberry} moved to remove Dr. Bloch's name from preface so he won't bear brunt of any complaints. All commission members names will appear in pamphlet. Second: Mr. Turton - Passed unanimously.

Mr. Ferille moved to send other villages complete package on request with explanatory letter by Ben Marsh. Second: Mr. Tuohy - Passed unanimously. Mr. Gitles suggested pamphlet package be given to incoming residents. Rev. Roseberry suggested using Welcome Wagon as a means of distributing these. Utility company lists may be a good source of obtaining names of newcomers. Rev. Roseberry moved to subscribe to real estate listing service as source of sellers in Skokie. We would then send the pamphlet package to each homeseller thereby relieving realtor of this job and taking him "off the hook". Tuohy seconds - Passed unanimously.

Mr. Ferille then gave a budget report noting that Dr. Mundy had not submitted a bill for services for some time. Out of our \$680 budget, more than \$600 remains at the end of the year. Mr. Ferille reports that Rabbi Jacobs could not accept the commission's public relations post. Mr. Ferille accepted the speakers bureau post. Read letter from U. S. Community Relations Service commending us for our pamphlet and asked that we keep them informed of our progress.

Meeting adjourned 10:35 p.m. Next meeting Feb. 24...

HRC Agenda for Jan 27, 1966

1. Roll Call, introductions

2. Minutes

3. Distribute:

x a) Presbytery Survey

x b) Fair Emp. pamphlet to those who have not previously received it.

4. Approval HRC Pamphlet Text & Format (incl. Pufau)

a) How much should be sent in general mailing?

b) Should reactors be asked to give copies to sellers, or merely send names & addresses to HRC for mailing? (Meeting w. reactors to be late Feb. - after pamphlet is out.)

x 5. Petition to Congress prepared by Don Frey. Approve?

x 6. Budget report (ask Dr. P. Mundy why not paid yet)

7. Public Relations Com. - Rabbi Jacobs unable to accept chairmanship - any volunteers or suggestions?

8. Speakers Committee - activate to prepare outline of talk, HSB has already addressed Home Owners Council (12-30-65) & Census Party Mtg. (1-19-66). Scheduled for Youth Com. (2-2-66). Request for speaker at Fairview North H.O. - Feb, or March (after pamphlet issued). Two talks already given indicate general approval of HRC plans.

x 9. Correspondence - U.S. Dept. Com. - B. March - Wheeling PTA

HR C - Agenda for 1/27/65

Letter Com. Rel. Serv. - US Dept Com.

✓ Petition to Congress - Donald Frey - Endorse?

✓ Distribute Presbtery Survey
FE Pamphlet

✓ Budget Report

✓ Approval Pamphlet Test + Format.

What should be given general distribution?

✓ Pub. Rel. Com - Rabbi Jacobs unable accept -
Should letters dist. to sellers, or send name + add. to Vill. Hall for mailing by us?
any other volunteers?

✓ Speakers Com - Prepare outline

H.S.B - Have spoken to Caucus Party Mtg (1-19-66), Home Owners
Council (12-30-65) - Scheduled for Youth Com (2-2-66)

Request for speaker from Fairview W. A. O - Feb or March
(after pamphlet appears)

Minutes of the December 16, 1965 Human Relations Commission Meeting

Those present:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. Donald Perille
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Mr. John Raasch
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Mr. James Tuohy
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Dr. Paul Mundy
Ben Marsh
Trustee Calvin Sutker

Observers:

Mrs. Rosalie Feit, Youth Com.
Mrs. June Michaelson, LWV
Mr. Louis Hennes

Dr. Bloch reports that Commission report was accepted by Trustees Nov. 22 and that subcommittee will reedit report for final pamphlet form. Subcommittee members are Dr. Bloch, Mr. Perille, Dr. Mundy, Rev. Roseberry, Ben Marsh and Harvey Schwartz.

Dr. Bloch gives Mr. Louis Hennes the floor to express his views on Commission report. Mr. Hennes fears our program will result in homeowners being forced to sell to Negroes against their will, will bring crime, deterioration of the community, etc.

Commission members point out report is designed to prevent the very things he fears. Mr. Marsh pointed out that Negroes moving to Skokie or other northern suburbs will be on par economically, intellectually, morally, socially with those already here. Dr. Bloch pointed out open occupancy will prevent ghettoization, fear and panic. Mr. Perille pointed out notoriety of Deerfield's opposition to Negro Move-ins brought property values down without ever having had a Negro move in. Mr. Perille went into what Skokie has done to prevent downgrading of property values via zoning and planning. Mr. Tuohy emphasized that home prices are such in Skokie that those Mr. Hennes feared could not afford to move here.

Mr. Shucker of the Ill. Human Relations Commission distributed report and informed us that he and Barbara O'Bannion will work with commissions in the North Shore suburbs.

Mr. Marsh and Dr. Bloch report on reception our report has been receiving from other suburbs. 12 suburbs have requested our report so far. Mayor plans to call meeting of realtors in January to seek their compliance. Our aim is to distribute the reedited pamphlet to all homeowners - about 25,000 copies - plus extras to be distributed at cost or a little over cost. Pamphlet will be in 2 parts: educational for those not selling and a 1 or 2 page insert for homeowner planning to sell.

Mr. Perille suggests that either the commission or Realtor Board send out pamphlet to take realtor off hook who, in handing pamphlet directly to seller, would be tempted to put in his bias. Dr. Bloch: This has been discussed but no decision yet. This pamphlet distribution should begin about Feb. if realtors agreeable. Should have some results in 3-4 months. Could ask Mayor to get together with neighboring villages to explain program and ask them to adopt same idea to take pressure off any one suburban area.

Rough estimate of cost of pamphlet 7¹/₂¢ and may charge 10¢ to defray cost. As part of our educational program I propose:

1. provide speakers to homeowner, PTA and other groups
2. since our public relations is somewhat sketchy I would like to appoint a public relations subcommittee to prepare releases for publications. A subcommittee of the speakers' group would prepare outline of presentation to be used by all and would provide manpower for the requests the commission receives.

Rabbi Weiner seconds Dr. Bloch's resolution and it is passed unanimously.

Dr. Bloch also proposed to have Harvey Schwartz prepare a report on what sort of legislation a village can take if necessary in re open occupancy or panic selling...licensing.

Mr. Tuohy asked to have ways to protect us from outside dealers who may cause trouble looked into at the same time.

Date of regular meetings set for the 4th Thursday of every month from now on.

Mrs. Feit, Mrs. Michaelson and Sol Herman (Dr. Bloch informed us) volunteered to help in educational program of commission.

Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Next meeting - January 27, 1966.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. D. J. Quinn

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

Meeting of
October 14, 1965

Commission Members

Dr. Herman Bloch	Mr. Bernard Marsh
Mr. Donald Perille	Mr. Gordon Thorn
Rabbi Karl Weiner	Dr. Paul Mundy
Rev. Gerald Roseberry	Mr. John Raasch
Mrs. Donald Quinn	Mr. Emanuel Gitles
Mr. James Tuohy	

President and Board of Trustees

Mayor Albert J. Smith	Mr. Herman Schmidt
Mr. Calvin Sutker	Mr. John Banghart
Mr. Bernard Kaplan	Mr. Robert Morris

Observers

Mrs. Charlotte Goodstein - Skokie Valley PTA Council
Mrs. Blanche Hersh - Skokie League of Women Voters

Report of the Commission for consideration by the Trustees and review of thinking that led to report.

Dr. Bloch gave background leading to report of North Shore Summer Project and Realtors views **irreconcilable**, so commission felt it should show way both could live together peaceably and for peace in the community - government should lead the way to a solution.

Elements that appeared essential:

1. Long-range solution lay in an equal housing policy which would make for peace and mitigate fears of loss of property values.
2. Only solution for long-range good of village.
3. Essential to place responsibility of who should be the buyer of a home on shoulders of seller. Neutralizes influence of realtors in deciding who buyer might be - making him simply agent in selling home.

We propose to ask realtors to abide by policies of its national body and not influence seller.

Procedure will be acceptable if seller can make free choice without stigma. We expect realtor to sell home as seller stipulates.

Important that procedure be voluntary on trial basis for a year. If violations on part of realtors occur, we would ask for a review of the matter for corrective action . . . perhaps licensing.

Effects:

1. Takes realtor off the hook - will be free of pressure from the prejudiced and the project people. He would like backing of Village to get him out of center of controversy.
2. Commission can help sellers - speaking with neighbors - get seller off hook and place on this commission.
3. Avoid creation of ghettoized area.

Offers best chance of orderly influx of Negroes into suburban area with least upset to community.

Skokie has opportunity to show way to other suburbs; and if this is adopted widely, lessens the likelihood of Skokie bearing brunt of change.

Requests of Trustees:

1. Give us date we can present report officially.
2. Finances enough to print booklet of report.
3. Mayor call meeting of realtors.
4. Get together with other communities.
5. Ask help of PTA's, League of Women Voters, Fair Housing Groups and other volunteer groups to present this policy.
6. At end of year, undertake to evaluate results.

Questions by Trustees:

Mr. Sutker: Why only 10 voting?

Dr. Bloch: Unanimous vote of those present. All members not present

Mr. Schmidt: Is this report original or derived from elsewhere?

Dr. Bloch: To best of my knowledge, it's original.

Mr. Kaplan: Likes report - is package in most acceptable form? Since group to whom it must be acceptable, commission should consult with realtors on its form on language. A courtesy to consult with them better than confronting them with a loaded pistol.

Mayor Smith: Complaint of realtor is they're not determining agent - they just carry out sellers' wishes and N.S.S.P. wants realtor to tell seller not to be restrictive - a role realtors do not wish to accept. Commission says make seller make decisions.

- Mr. Kaplan: Asking realtors to give brochure and acceptance form - so we should determine their willingness to do this.
- Dr. Bloch: Consulted with one realtor who went through it with fine tooth comb and found it acceptable. Send copies of this to realtors and invite them to Trustees meeting at which report will be considered.
- Mr. Kaplan: Would rather have you meet with all and get acceptability before meeting.
- Mayor Smith: Mr. Kaplan doesn't want realtors to be able to say you never gave us a chance, before this was in public spotlight.
- Dr. Bloch: Realtors would have to take report to their board which may result in dilution.
- Mayor Smith: I could send a letter that they must attend a meeting at which this report would be presented without delay - an open hearing with the commission. Those who don't attend, we have fulfilled our obligation to them. Executive session to which individual realtor would come - not a public, open meeting.
- Mr. Raasch: Would be Skokie Realtors - can't be that many. Better able to get compliance
- Mayor Smith: Invitation would have more weight coming from me.
- Dr. Bloch: Suggest meeting within 3 weeks with realtors.
- Mr. Marsh: Many people feel neighbors opinion vital in sale to minority groups and we ought to make it clear neighbors' opinions should carry no weight.
- Mr. Morris: Would hurt realtor's business.
- Mr. Schmidt: What would prevent realtors saying "Go to Chicago to get house you want."
- Mr. Bloch: We would invite them to Trustees' meeting at which report is considered and invite their compliance. Licensing would help compliance.
- Mr. Gittles: Commission recommendations are close to N.S.S.P. aims, are they not?

- Dr Bloch: No, because they did not want realtor to handle restrictive sale, and they did not want dual listings.
- Mr. Perille: Made box score: 12 points in favor of N.S.S.P. aims - 7 points in realtor's favor.
- Mr. Sutker: Don't you think we ought to have meeting with N.S.S.P. also?
- Dr. Bloch: We could
- Mr Sutker Asking us not to induce law but persuasion.
- Mr. Perille: We are only asking realtors to do this - not N.S.S.P., and they will not and should not compromise. Would be mistake to have NSSP meeting
- Mr. Sutker: They may feel strong enough to demonstrate so they must be consulted, too. Realtors will be as purist as NSSP.
- Dr. Bloch: Being purist, we put NSSP in position of being consulted, but in not accepting their opinion, we put them in untenable position.
- Mr. Kaplan: Mr. Perille is right - since we are asking realtors to do something, we are justified in seeking their consultation but not NSSP.
- Rabbi Weiner: If realtors say we cannot accept this, we are in same position as if we had never had hearing.
- Mr. Kaplan: "This is what we plan to do, we want your suggestions" is what we are saying to realtors. We are seeking their compliance, and we can do this better with a hearing before Trustees, consider it.
- Rabbi Weiner: If they were Skokie realtors only, we might be able to get agreement, but they will hide behind their real estate board.
- Mr. Kaplan: If you accomplish nothing, if they want to dodge, you will at least have given them the courtesy of a hearing and you can proceed.
- Mr. Tuohy: Set a bad precedent if we invite NSSP. If Skokie group doesn't like our work, it's their privilege being residents. People outside not qualified to sit in judgment on Skokie.

- Rev. Roseberry: NSSP would be gratified at this report and do not have to invite them. If you wish to do so as a courtesy yes, invite them.
- Rabbi Weiner: We are ahead of everyone else because Mayor Smith made possible civil~~ian~~ encounter.
- Mr. Raasch: Is there urgency because this problem has been before commission for some time?
- Dr. Bloch: Would like it in effect by January 1 and forestall any activity by Dr. King's people in suburbs .
- Mr Sutker: Since you proposed hearing with realtors, I suggested meeting with NSSP. I am against meeting with either group because report is masterful as it stands.
- Dr. Bloch: We could send copies to all interested parties.
- Mayor Smith: Even those who don't come at may invitation, Dr. Bloch's suggestion will fill this contingency - takes away need for another public hearing, and realtor's can't say they didn't know what report involved.
- Dr. Bloch: Then if realtor wants to get up before Trustees and object, can do so and Trustees can evaluate objection.
- Mr Kaplan: Will go along with a letter (stating date of meeting of trustees where this will be considered) and report being sent to realtors.
- Mr Morris: Suggests special meeting for consideration of this matter.
- Mr Kaplan: Consult public relations expert to aid in selling this package.
- Dr. Bloch: Agrees - asks reation of Mrs Hersh and Mrs. Goodstein.
- Mrs Hersh: Interested (as League of Women Voters position) in having commission creating climate of opinion mitigating discrimination. Feels members are in favor of this. May be too long.
- Mrs. Goodstein: Speaking as individual and am impressed with this report; moving when it is necessary to move, doing the right thing at the right time. PIA change of attitude reflected in invitation to Rev. Emory Davis. Would hesitate to leave out Dr. Mundy's words - but if you feel it should be cut, cut it.

- Mr. Raasch: Couple of doubtful statements: number of Negroes in Chicago? Might you turn sections of suburbs into ghettos?
- Dr. Mundy: Only 1/3 can afford suburban housing - talking of a potential of probably 100,000 Negro homebuyers. Important symbolically that the few who can be persuaded to buy be able to do so. Offsets mounting anger of Negroes if freedom of movement allowed.
- Mr. Raasch: When one Negro moves in, no one upset. If more move in, there is a concern. Value of real estate tends to go down because of this concern.
- Dr. Bloch: Laurenti report deals with this problem - result:
38% - no significant change in price
47% - relative gain in price
15% - loss in value. . . population in Laurenti's report was 3-75% non-white.
- Mr. Perille: In free market, no need for ghettoization.
- Dr. Bloch: Clustering of Negroes is imposed
- Mr. Marsh: Even if Negroes cluster, would be involuntary in eyes of world.
- Mr. Kaplan: Zoning and building code laws can be enforced to avoid deterioration of housing.
- Mayor Smith: Community Goals Commission has as goal to keep what we have, code enforcement to prevent deterioration
Lack of conservation, not people, - but lack of code enforcement contributes to deterioration
Exploitation of occupancy causes decrease in property value.
- Mr. Perille: Concerned about public relations booklet being too slick. Homeseller would be more likely to read and reread this report because it so directly affects him.
- Mr. Sutker: Try capsule form which would attract seller to read complete report.
- Mr. Kaplan: Quote realtors code of ethics in pamphlet. Appropriate quotation may be included. (from President Kennedy or someone whose quote would carry weight.)

Mayor Smith: Convene special Trustees meeting.

Next meeting for Monday, November 22, 1965 - 8:00 P.M. - Trustees meeting to consider report of Commission.

Trustees leave at 10:20 P.M.

Send copy of minutes of this meeting to all Trustees.

NOTE: Future minutes to be sent to Trustee Sutker at his request. He would also like copies of past meetings, if available.

Dr Mundy reports: 1. Prioli home sold to Lester Davis (Negro) next to Henderson family (also Negro).
2. Negro family has bought delicatessen on Dempster and plan to change it into a beauty parlor. Family plans to live in back. Davis sale handled by Willoughby - Realtor, Crystal Anderson.

Mr. Tuohy: Do Negroes realize fears of bunching?

Dr Mundy: Leaders realize it but not necessarily those not leaders.

Mr. Perille: Will probably have anti-blockbusting law.

Dr. Mundy will keep Commission informed of developments.

Mr. Raasch: Get realtors of homes for sale on Simpson to meet with Barsamian to assure him no third or fourth Negro family will be moved in.

Meeting adjourned 10:52 P.M.

Next Commission meeting November 18, 1965.

Those present were:

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. Donald Perille
Reverend Gerald Roseberry
Reverend Arthur Sauer
Mr. Robert Turton

Mr. Daniel Nimer
Mr. James Tuohy
Mr. Harrison Backus
Dr. Paul Mundy
Mrs. Donald Quinn

Mr. Gordon Thorn.

Observers:
Mrs. Daniel Nimer
Mrs. Herbert Hersh, LWV

A quorum being present discussion began on proposed report to Board of Trustees (drawn up by Dr. Bloch, Dr. Mundy and Mr. Perille).

It is to benefit of village and its residents to have long-range goal of open housing. Something must be done to educate public (homeselling public) of the value of this. Cannot rely on realtors or volunteer groups to do this. Best approach--commission take responsibility for this, laying case before homeseller. Next to convince residents of value of equal housing opportunities in way to neutralize realtor as a convincing agent against equal housing. Realtor will hand resident booklet of village's position and the seller will return form to realtor for file. No classing of open occupancy or restricted in advertising by realtor. (Summary of remarks by Dr. Bloch)

Objection was raised by Mr. Turton that this would, in effect, set up dual listing which is immoral.

Dr. Bloch: As long as seller has legal right to choose buyer, this is all we can do.

Mr. Tuohy recommends we educate not sellers alone--but the whole community.

Mr. Backus recommends we make clear files of sellers wishes not be misused. Assure signer these files will not be used for publicizing or perusal by any agency or private individual. Will only be used by realtor is effecting sale.

Points of objection were discussed and incorporated into report. Rev. Roseberry, Rabbi Weiner, Mr. Perille made suggestions for changes which were made.

New setup of report will be an introduction (which was formerly Appendix B), discussion and recommendations to Trustees, Appendix A--new exhibit 1 will be added; present exhibit 1 will become exhibit 2; exhibit 2 will become exhibit 3.

We will discuss with Trustees at one of our Commission meetings these presentations. If accepted by Trustees, would suggest Mayor call meeting of realtors to urge them to accept proposals. Trustees must do:

1. Accept report
2. Provide money for pamphlet
3. Ask village attorney to check ordinances on population density & maintenance of dwelling

Reverend Roseberry made motion to adopt report with changes and present to the Board of Trustees. Rabbi Weiner seconded. Passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be September 30 with Trustees to discuss report...8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Donald Quinn

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August 27, 1965

TO: Members of Skokie Human Relations Commission

FROM: Herman S. Bloch Chairman

The next meeting of the Commission will be held on Thursday, September 9, at 8:00 P.M. in Village Hall. The principal item of business will be consideration of the proposed Report to the Trustees on the Sale of Homes in Skokie. You are urgently requested to attend.

In order to reserve maximum time for discussion of proposed changes which involve matters of policy, I would like to make all necessary minor changes and editorial corrections prior to our meeting. Will those of you who have not yet returned your comments to me therefore please do so in time for them to reach me by September 3? To save time, please send them directly to my home address, 9700 Kedvale.

Herman S. Bloch
Herman S. Bloch (H.S.B.)

cc: Commission Members
Mr. Bernard L. Marsh
Dr. Paul Mundy
Ex-Officio Members

Skokie Human Relations Commission Meeting - July 21, 1965

Those present were:

Dr. Herman Bloch	Mr. Harrison Backus
Mr. Donald Perille	Mr. Robert Turton
Rabbi Karl Weiner	Mrs. Donald Quinn
Rev. Gerald Roseberry	Mr. Ben Marsh
Dr. Paul Mundy - Consultant	

Discussion began with impending rental of 8538 Lotus apartment to Negro couple - husband a physicist at Argonne, wife a school teacher - moving in next week. Rev. Roseberry thinks it might be advisable to talk to tenants, but Mr. Perille thinks because it is a new building with many vacancies, it may not be necessary. Dr. Mundy suggests having a fact sheet ready if needed.

Dr. Mundy said he received a call from Mrs. Lester Davis last Friday morning. The Davises are from South Greenwood in Chicago. Mrs. Davis works in Hubbard Woods for Norman Korff. Husband from British West Indies works as butler, houseman and also sings. They are in process of buying home on Simpson from Mrs. Prioli. Davises learned later that Hendersons live next door. Dr. Bloch, Dr. Mundy, Mr. Marsh met with them. Dr. Mundy said move would involve no danger to Davises but concerned about effect of moving next door to another Negro family. Davises reported they wondered about fence topped by barbed wire. Mrs. Prioli said it was erected as protection against burglars. Since fence was on one side of property only, Davises thought this did not make sense. Dr. Mundy suggested Davises seek elsewhere than next to Hendersons for home. Dr. Mundy called Mrs. Conant in Glenview who gave him list of \$25,000 homes. Davises will check Evanston, Glenview, Northfield, Skokie. Their reaction was that they did not want to be contributory to difficulty in Simpson area. They received information on Prioli home from Crystal Anderson, an Evanston real estate broker. Mrs. Anderson got location from Willoughby Co. Dr. Mundy said there was no company by that name in suburbs. Mrs. Prioli is suspected of doing this as a spite sale. Davises may get out of commitment to buy home if mortgage is turned down. Combined income is \$8700, and they are applying for a \$20,000 mortgage. Dr. Bloch suggests Mrs. Prioli be advised not to sell to a Negro. Rabbi Weiner thinks this might be a contradiction. Dr. Bloch thinks it might be best at first to have move-ins scattered until people have had exposure to Negroes and lose fear of them. At a later time fear of Negroes side by side could be ignored. Rev. Roseberry doesn't want it a written policy, but wants commission to use good offices to prevent clustering. Rabbi Weiner said if suggest to Mrs. Prioli that she not sell to a Negro, she may blow it up to an explosive situation. Dr. Mundy told of house across street from Hendersons being advertised in Chicago Defender. He went to see woman to ask why she determined to sell to Negroes rather than on open market. She answered "because so many are here already." She thought there were 75-100 families here. Dr. Mundy told her exact number. Dr. Mundy thought unreasonably high price she was asking for house indicated another reason she was selling on Negro market.

Summary on NSSP-realtor meeting July 20 given by Mr. Perille. No new points brought up--two sides are probably further apart than ever. NSSP insists realtors not accept discriminatory listing; and realtors insist on right to refuse open occupancy listings. This is stand of Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board; not North Suburban Real Estate Board. ?

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Talked of possibility of commission publishing report to trustees and giving copies to realtors and NSSP--asking them to keep it in confidence. NSSP representative said steering committee must be consulted. Evanston Human Relations Commission observer said to Mr. Perille after meeting that this might create problems and suggested our commission not give copies out beforehand. Said commission is not beholden to realtors or NSSP and nothing to be gained by submitting advance copies to them.

Dr. Bloch said our report will be aimed mainly at Skokie realtors. We have no control of NSSP. Report will be in 3 sections:

- 1) Explanation to public of past actions of NSSP and realtors.
- 2) Report to trustees which may be published if they want it. This section will concern itself with future action.
- 3) Dr. Mundy's paper on statistics and sociological factors.

This report should come without delay--by August 1. Rabbi Weiner concerned with what recommendations would be--we recognize NSSP looks for perfect goal; realtors will extemporize. Recommends realtors list housing that is discriminatory rather than listing "open occupancy" as the exception. Realtors actions take stand against non-discriminator rather than discriminator.

Discussion of agenda items mailed to commission prior to last month's meeting:

Commission has 11 appointees--8 is quorum. We seldom have a quorum. Should meetings be conducted? Dr. Bloch: According to Illinois law meetings should be open to public. Mr. Marsh says there are specific exemptions--personnel and proposed real estate purchase. Executive sessions held when subjects, if made public, would run counter to public interest. Rev. Roseberry said discussion of long range plan could be open to public. Mr. Backus asks Mr. Marsh and Dr. Bloch to determine ahead of time what is public or not public.

Press policy: Mr. Perille thinks press should be allowed if, in certain cases, we can ask them to leave or be "off the record" as we did during recent NSSP-realtor meetings.

Dr. Bloch thinks it preferable to have one person on commission speak in public statements. (In the past, the chairman has been commission spokesman.) X

Policy on minority reports:

Mr. Perille thinks privilege of minority reports should be honored if that is wished by minority dissenter. Thinks names of members should not be listed individually on any commission reports, but reports should be issued as a commission. Rabbi Weiner thinks this is way reports should be issued, too; as he may disagree with something but not strongly enough to issue a minority report.

Secretary should hit middle ground in notes--not word-for-word--but not bare listing of motions only.

Mr. Marsh reports that Ed Marciniak of Chicago Commission on Human Relations said Skokie's fair housing resolution passed last week was best any group of trustees had passed.

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customer by King. Dr. Bloch will seek Mr. King's answer to allegations and send it to NSSP. ←?

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m. after setting date of next meeting for September 9 at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Donald Quinn, Secretary

Skokie Human Relations Commission's Working Committee for North Shore Summer Project meeting minutes - July 20, 1965.

Those present were:

Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant, Skokie Human Relations Commission
Dr. Herman S. Bloch, Chairman, Skokie Human Relations Commission
Donald Perille, Co-Chairman, Skokie Human Relations Commission
Harrison Backus, Member, Skokie Human Relations Commission
Reverend Emory G. Davis, Chairman, Steering Committee, North Shore Summer Project
William H. Moyer, Member, Steering Committee, North Shore Summer Project
Louis Pfaff, President, Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board
William C. Orth, Member, Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board
Irving Kaplan, President, North Suburban Real Estate Board
Arthur E. Simmons, Past President, North Suburban Real Estate Board
William Wagner, Student, Northwestern University (observer)
Walter Graton, Executive Director, Evanston Community Relations Commission (observer)

Mr. Graton was introduced as an observer at the invitation of Dr. Bloch.

Reverend David asked that the minutes of the July 6, 1965, meeting be corrected to read that the Evanston Negro is a broker, but sought membership in the Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board.

Dr. Bloch asked the North Shore Summer Project people if it was true that a vigil was planned for Skokie for Thursday (July 22) and was told that there have been some changes scheduled, but that Skokie would have a vigil although the date might change. There will be vigils in Highland Park, Skokie and Morton Grove - in some public place, one mentioned was the Village Hall, although the press mentioned Lincoln and Oakton.

Mr. Perille asked for discussion on Paragraphs #2 and #4 of the North Shore Summer Project letter of June 29, 1965 (see minutes of June 29, 1965, meeting). He indicated that Paragraph #2 was the nub of the matter and asked for comments and suggestions as to how this could be accomplished, if at all. Mr. Perille asked Reverend Davis if he felt that it is practical from a business man's point of view to attempt to get equal service for all buyers in this specific manner. Reverend Davis felt that if the seller's decision as to whom to sell his house was made upon confrontation rather than questioning by the broker that this would remove any suspicion that the realtor had been any part of the decision. Mr. Perille compared this to public accommodation and asked if the North Shore Summer Project wasn't expecting the realtors to go one step beyond when he knows full well the position of his customer, the seller. Reverend Davis asked how the realtor would know this and Mr. Perille replied that some people volunteer this information. Dr. Bloch asked Reverend Davis what he thought the realtors should do if, for whatever reason, they do know the customer's views and Reverend Davis replied that the North Shore Summer Project's view is that the realtor should refuse to accept the listing that specifies race or religion. Mr. Perille pointed out that the North Shore Summer Project

people agree that the seller has a right not to sell his home to a Negro, and that asking the broker not to accept a listing would deny his rights. Reverend Davis disagreed, but Mr. Simmons pointed out that a contract is binding, when Dr. Bloch asked him if the broker should try to break the contract if, upon showing a home to a Negro, the seller then said he would not sell to a Negro. An amendment to a contract of this type is only binding when both parties agree to it.

Mr. Simmons asked the North Shore Summer Project people how many qualified Negro buyers have approached the suburban realtors and been treated discourteously or unfairly. Mr. Moyer indicated he had a statement of a Negro woman who had approached a Skokie realtor last Friday (July 16) looking for a thirty thousand dollar home. The realtor indicated he had only one house listed for open occupancy in that price range in the area. After making some calls, the realtor allegedly said that he could not sell a home to a Negro family in Skokie at the present time, was afraid to do so, even though he drove the prospective buyer past the home. Mr. Pfaff repeated his offer to thoroughly investigate any complaint sent to him by letter at the Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board office, detailing the situation. Mr. Perille indicated that the Skokie Human Relations Commission would also investigate such a complaint thoroughly.

Dr. Bloch asked the North Shore Summer Project people for a definition of the word "show" in Paragraph #2 of their letter - did this mean show the listing to a prospective buyer or show the home. Reverend Davis replied that it meant whatever was the practice of the realtor with all his customers.

Mr. Perille asked the realtors if there has been a change in the attitude of the realtors and Mr. Pfaff replied that there has been a great change, most of it occurring in the past six to eight months as opposed to the last twenty-five years. He also mentioned that he felt the realtors change of attitude was stronger than the sellers, at this point. Reverend Davis disagreed and said that to his knowledge there has been little, if any, change in the attitude of the realtors. Dr. Bloch questioned whether the North Shore Summer Project would hear about successful cases or only those where service was not given. Reverend Davis felt they would hear good news as well as bad.

Mr. Perille mentioned a Mack Robinet who came to a Skokie Human Relations Commission meeting with a confusing presentation of having been denied service. The Commission found out later that he had been accompanied by a newspaper photographer and wondered if this was a bona fide complaint. Mr. Moyer indicated that this was a bona fide case and that the family had been afraid to go to realtors for two years, had attempted three purchases through "straw" buyers, each of them being stopped by realtors. Mr. Kaplan asked how a realtor could stop a sale and Mr. Moyer reported that the contracts had been broken. Again Mr. Kaplan questioned how the realtor would know it was a nominee sale. Dr. Bloch mentioned that when the Jones family moved to Skokie their home was purchased through a nominee and nothing could be done to break the contract.

Discussion ensued as to the attitude of the Negro buyer if he was treated discourteously when brought to see a home without prior questioning of the seller and while Reverend Davis said the Negro was used to smiling and saying thank you even in the face of discourtesy, others present cited examples of their experience indicating this was not always the case. Mr. Simmons wanted to know if some of the possible ill feeling after such an experience wouldn't be laid to the realtor and Reverend Davis didn't agree - he said no, that in fact, he personally, would think more of the realtor for attempting the sale in this fashion.

Mr. Simmons would leave the decision of confrontation or a telephone call to the prospective buyer and Reverend Davis indicated that the North Shore Summer Project's position is that no question be asked of the seller as to whether or not a prospective Negro buyer can be shown the house.

Discussion ensued regarding the Chicago realtors who do not have offices in the suburbs, but who do sell here occasionally. It was determined that these were more or less isolated cases and would not come under the North Shore Summer Project's program.

The by-laws of the Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board were discussed and, unlike those of many other industries, these do not set forth rules of conduct for real estate offices.

Reverend Davis asked if the Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board's answer of July 7 reflected the opinion of the Board or just its President. Mr. Pfaff replied that it was the Board's answer.

Mr. Perille asked both sides for comments on his suggestion that if the Skokie Human Relations Commission prepared a report for the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Skokie would they review it in strictest confidence or would it be necessary for them to share it with their boards, thereby possibly resulting in its being made public before presentation to the Board? Reverend Davis indicated it would be held in the strictest confidence but if comments were to be made by him they would have to have his board's approval. Dr. Bloch questioned whether or not the representatives of the three groups present could not comment as individuals. He further stated that he felt the Skokie Human Relations Commission's role had changed somewhat with the North Shore Summer Project being "plaintiff" alleging unfair practices of the real estate boards and suggested that the Skokie Human Relations Commission might well present a statement to the Skokie Village Board regarding procedures for the sale of real estate and homes in Skokie consistent with the conditions.

Mr. Graton indicated that the Evanston Community Relations Commission might well take the same type of action. He suggested that if such a report is prepared, it be shown to the attending principals as a courtesy, under strictest confidence, for any comments they desire to make as individuals.

Mr. Pfaff wondered if the statement would reflect the views of the 70,000 residents of Skokie or just the Commission's views, possibly just to pacify the groups present. Mr. Moyer wondered if there wouldn't be some implication that the North Shore Summer Project people and real estate board people had had a part in preparing it, but Mr. Perille reiterated Dr. Bloch's assurance that this would not be the case. Mr. Orth said he could see no objection to those present reviewing the proposed statement individually, in confidence. Reverend Davis said he would ask the Steering Committee tomorrow (July 21) whether or not they will expect us to make any comment to them when it is made available to us on a confidential basis.

Mr. Moyer turned over the report previously mentioned to Mr. Perille who gave it to Dr. Bloch for investigation.

Dr. Herman Bloch
Mr. Don Perille
Harrison Backus
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Mr. Robert Turton
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Mr. Richard Kaegi, Ex officio
Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultants

In attendance for advice:
Mr. George Kavina, Principal
of Walker School
Mrs. Lynn Cloud, President of PTA
Walker School

Mr. Kavina: Reported on poor human relations situations going on for 2 years --alleged vandalism and possible anti-semitism by Joan of Arc children against Walker children. Sought John McDermott's advice. McDermott asked about how many cases. Believed the few were not enough for action. Mr. Kavina said he would try to document future cases to see if this is vandalism alone which would make it a police problem -- or (as Rabbi Weiner said in his remarks) whether it a general mood of anti-semitism, which would call for a different approach.

Some suggestions by Commission members which Mr. Kavina can use to alleviate the situation:

1. Approach Father Cortesi with names of children involved in past incidents
2. Ask Father Sauer to approach Father Flynn
3. Approach parents of children involved
4. If parents uncooperative, juvenile officers can handle it; if Father Flynn uncooperative, Dr. Mundy will approach Chancery office.

Perille put forth Bob Moore's request for picture of commission. Dr. Bloch suggest we do not assent at this time due to lack of full commission attendance.

Mr. Perille reports on sub-committee: NSSP presented May 7 letter with NSSP demands to Ev.-No. Shore Real Estate Board with deadline of July 7. Request by ENSREB that deadline be extended. Second sub-committee meeting brought reply from Rev. Davis that deadline would not be extended. 2nd meeting unproductive. Next meeting of sub-committee July 20. Mr. Perille stated he believed contract with realtor which obliges seller to pay 6% commission if seller does not want to sell to bona fide Negro buyer is behind realtor's haste to amend sales contract to keep up with change in seller's wishes and not, as realtors say, to open up listings to Negro buyers. Mr. Perille reported on various meetings of NSSP in which he and Mr. Pfaff participated.

Dr. Mundy reported on Sunday, July 11 program on WBBM Nightline (radio) dealing with NSSP. Realtors and NSSP are talking but not communicating. Says Mr. Pfaff insists Negroes are getting equal treatment.

Dr. Bloch: Race of majority buyer is not mentioned, but race of Negro is mentioned by realtor to seller and on listing--so not equal treatment.

Dr. Mundy presented resume of polar positions of NSSP as represented by Bill Moyer's stand that discrimination be wiped out now and that realtors should do it--and the realtors claim they subscribe to NAREB code of ethics and abide by sellers wishes.

Dr. Bloch: Letter from Rev. Davis to effect NSSP will not ask Commission to mediate before vigils (if any), but (and Dr. Bloch views this as contradictory) Rev. Davis goes on to say Commission has continuing mediating role. Dr. Bloch observed we cannot mediate if we don't know about vigils before they take place.

Rev. Roseberry: We may mediate what results from vigil.

Next Dr. Bloch brought up for discussion NSSP request (via letter) that Mayor and Trustees pass resolution similar to Feb. ad re the right of all people to live where they choose. Mayor referred matter to us for recommendation. At first discussion was to suggest postponement on passing resolution until commission had time to prepare its own position paper and recommendations.

Mr. Kaegi said this would be unwise because any suggestion for delay might be misinterpreted. Suggested we send resolution to trustees with recommendation it be passed.

Dr. Bloch suggested some tentative points to be considered:

- a) mediating role that would be acceptable to realtors and NSSP
- b) temporary concessions to be made if we are to be mediators
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- h) NSSP will agree if seller, after seeing policy statement of Skokie, still wishes restrictive sale that realtor can sell it
- i) commission to come up with method of operation that is fair, just, legal, moral and prepare pamphlet on behalf of village which realtors will agree to show seller.

Mr. Perille: Policy statement should explain how seller would benefit.

Dr. Mundy: Must take into account that sale of home carries other implications for peace of our community besides contract between buyer and seller. Restrictions in home sales grew up in 20's under mistaken impression by realtors they were being practical. Between 1920 and 1950 Negro population grew from 120,000 to 500,000, but they were still confined to almost same ghettos. Spillover to adjacent areas caused exodus of 600,000 whites. 1950 population density per sq. mi. was 2000 for whites, 4000-6000 for Negroes. 75% of all employment in Chicago. By 1980, 80% of metropolitan population will be living in suburbs, and 60% of job opportunities will still be in city. Thus suburbs cannot disassociate itself from city. 1/3 of negro population is middle class but still locked in ghetto. If we keep walls up, violence may result. Self-interest tells us we must recognize rights of all.

Rabbi Weiner: Doubts pamphlet will be effective because realtor concerned with making living; individual seller will probably not read it; it will not square itself with his relations with his neighbor. Doubts we can mediate because NSSP not in business to sell homes to negroes. It is an action program in field of education; NSSP willing to take risk of losing public opinion as long as they stir up public opinion. Compromise not what NSSP wants; wants people stirred by basic moral issue. Realtors want noise to die down; willing to prove reasonable to public but not willing to change. Realtors are segregationists who have done doublecross job. When realtors call listing re NSSP and open occupancy, they give an editorial. They have created double listing.

We should state two irreconcilable positions and then take our stand

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through an official statement of policy.

Dr. Mundy: Our objective to go beyond NSSP to long range effect. We must interpret to public what this is all about. Commission should identify what is legitimate and illegitimate on both sides.

Reverend Roseberry made motion that we send NSSP request for trustees resolution on freedom of housing to the trustees with recommendation to pass resolution, and we will draft fuller statement of position for a later time. Mr. Perille seconds. Passed unanimously by members in attendance.

Next meeting--July 21 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Donald Quinn, Secretary

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*off the record
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7-8-65

Mr. Kavira, Mrs. Cloud (Walker School)

Article in St. Joan paper

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Kavira will talk to Cortesi

Park Dist. put up sign proclaiming public park

Document specific names - to Cortesi, then juv. office
Dr. Mundy would talk to chancery if no coop.

June 28, 1965

Mr. Richard Kaegi, Assistant Manager,
Village of Skokie
Skokie, Illinois

Dear Rich:

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1. Obtain copies or resumes of
 - a. Chicago law regulating operations of real estate brokers.
 - b. Evanston Council action on open occupancy passed, I think, on May 17.
 - c. Public policy statements on equal housing recently passed in Galesburg, Danville, Joliet, and Freeport.

All these were recently referred to in a letter to the Evanston Review, and I believe it would be helpful to the Commission to learn what other Illinois communities, some neighboring us, are doing. Could you come prepared to report on the above?

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distributed to members?
Should the Commission have a public relations
committee?

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Report by Mr. Keel on political situation in regard to
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Chairman Perille, after discussion, allowed William Wagner to sit in on the meeting as observer under the following conditions: that no tape recorder be used; that everything be kept confidential, nothing should be made public; if anything is printed or published and a name or direct quotation is used, written permission must be obtained. Mr. Wagner agreed to these conditions and thanked the Committee for allowing him to sit in.

Dr. Bloch felt agreement was needed on the following items:

General policy regarding sale of homes to minority group members.
General policy regarding list with reference to minority groups.
General policy of advertising with reference to minority groups.
Procedure for seller-buyer contact with reference to minority groups.
Are policies agreed on to cover rentals, as well as sales? What about sales of multiple dwellings?

This elicited the following question from Dr. Mundy:

What is the nature of the right that flows from licensing by a state to a person, or an incorporated group, that permits them to carry on a public business? What is the nature of the grant of privilege that protects them and what responsibilities are implicitly conveyed?

Mr. Pfaff asked each group to honestly state its goal(s) and he thinks progress can be made if sincere (not publicity-seeking) motives are used. He said he could not and would not comment on how many, if any, families would be moved into the North Shore, but that his group would work within its Constitution and By-laws and code of ethics to effectuate these sales.

Reverend Davis indicated that his group's goal was the same as when it was announced on May 7, 1965 - equal treatment to all persons regardless of race, creed, color or national origin. We felt that the suggestions in our original letter were suggestions, not commands.

Dr. Bloch asked the realtors what policy they are following now and was

told by Mr. Pfaff that it was the "NAREB Policy on Minority Housing", a copy of which is made a part of these minutes.

A suggestion was made that when the "facts and figures" of the "survey" were in, then perhaps some action could be taken, based on the results.

Mr. Moyer indicated that no polls or surveys were being made - this has been done over the past three years - now action is being taken.

Mr. Pfaff said that if there were cases of realtors not acting in good faith that the details (dates, times, names, etc.) be supplied him by letter and that he would take appropriate action.

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Mr. Moyer suggested that all listings show "restricted" or "open occupancy". Mr. Pfaff said this would be practical if the listings were 50/50, but with the present ratio of 98/1 or 2, this would not be practical. Mr. Kaplan commented that asking the question for the listing would be a public referendum.

Again Chairman Perille asked Reverend Davis to delay presenting the letter to Mr. Pfaff, but Reverend Davis (and Mr. Pfaff) asked that the letter stand and that he would discuss the deadline with his steering committee June 30. Then Chairman Perille asked Mr. Pfaff if he would keep the letter strictly confidential, but Mr. Pfaff indicated it would be presented to his Board at their regular meeting on June 30.

The date of the next meeting was set for Tuesday, July 6, 1965, at 8:00 P. M. in the Conference Room of the Skokie Village Hall - there might be a slight delay as the Village Board of Trustees uses this room from 7:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.



NAREB Policy on Minority Housing

(The following is the complete text of the statement of policy adopted by NAREB's board of directors on the rights and duties of members in real estate transactions—particularly those pertaining to the housing of racial, creedal, and ethnic groups:)

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REAL ESTATE BOARDS is cognizant of the fact that its members and member boards have been presented with many questions pertaining to the housing of racial, creedal, and ethnic groups, and, therefore, the Association adopts the following statement of policy and conduct concerning the Realtor-client relationship in our free market regardless of any racial, creedal, or ethnic group problems, whether existent or not:

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6. Upon acceptance by the Realtor's client of any offer, the Realtor should exert his best efforts to conclude the transaction irrespective of the race, creed, or nationality of the offeror.

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force of law to withdraw from property owners the right freely to determine with whom they will deal with respect to their property, irrespective of the reason therefor, and any law or regulation which would operate to prevent a real estate broker from representing any property owner or faithfully abiding by the terms and conditions of any agency stipulated by the property owner.

9. Realtors should continue to condemn any attempt by persons, licensed or unlicensed, within or without the real estate business, to solicit or procure the sale or other disposition of real estate in residential areas by conduct intended to implant fears in property owners based upon the actual or anticipated introduction of any racial, religious, or ethnic group into such areas. In the event that a Realtor's counsel is sought by a client with respect to property situated in an area or neighborhood which is undergoing or which is about to undergo transition in terms of occupancy by members of racial, creedal, or ethnic groups, the Realtor should take particular care to render objective advice and to urge upon the client that the latter decide with respect to the disposition of his property without undue haste and only after sober reflection. On the other hand, Realtors may properly oppose any measures or efforts, which have, or may have, the effect of censoring or abridging the right of a broker fully to advise his client, in such matters, as to all factors which the broker in good faith believes to be relevant to an informed decision by his client.

10. Realtors should endeavor to inform the public, religious, and civic groups that enhanced opportunity for the acquisition of private housing by minority groups must of necessity depend upon the attitudes of private property owners and not upon real estate brokers, who are the marketing media; that the right of property owners freely to determine with whom they will deal is a right fundamental in the American tradition; that the real estate broker cannot fairly be utilized in his agency function as a means for accomplishing the withdrawal of the right of free decision from the property owner; that the broker fully performs his legal and social responsibilities when he faithfully engages to find a purchaser acceptable to his principal; and that real estate brokers should not be expected to inhibit or promote "open occupancy" housing, this being a matter to be resolved between prospective buyers and sellers of private residential real property and not by real estate brokers functioning as the marketing intermediary.

6/29/65

Dr. M.: 1) What is nature of licensing grant?

2) What is nature of principal agent contract?

3) Restrictive covenants in 75% of Chgo dec. 1920-1930. Sup. Ct. ruling in 1948.

7/6/65

Perille, Simmons, Mundy, Orth, Pfoff, Kaplan, Meyer, Davis, Bloch, ~~Sauer~~

In re 2 quest. of 6/20, SP will give authorities names + locations of houses, but voted not to notify Com. of intended demonstration - but will notify

Vill. officials on morning of demoust., will notify REB; would try to get together w. offending reactor to settle complaint before demonstrating. will write, & send copy to appropriate REB.

Sun. 7/11
10:20-12PM
WBBM

LP delivered letter to Rev. D in reply to SP letter.

AS - opposed to questioning seller on listing. Couple on Sat. aft. big mtg. wanted Ev-HS house at \$25-35000 - could not get together till end of mo. - found 2 houses (1 Ev., 1 Sk) - O.O. -

REB - dif. concepts of "equal treatment" - NSSP = standard; REB = equal acc. to estab. procedure, specs. of seller. If contract does not specify restrictions, does RE dealer waive com. if he finds Nabuyer to which seller objects? Normally, yes - seller given right to verbal change in qualifications. Orth: House in Northbrook sold to Dr. McFarland of ^{Abbot Labs.} Northbrook

Dr. M. - in contracting (writ or verb) to discrim clause, reactor enters into unethical agreement - NSSP asking them not to participate in such contracts. P: Concentrate on seller

AS: How do you avoid creating Negro areas?

M: We're talking about 250,000 who can exercise economic choice - if given free choice would migrate in random pattern. would be no flood. Furthermore, whites are

creating Negro metropolis. Chicago 75% job opp, 57% pop.
Subur. 25 43

By 1980, city will still hold preponderance of job opp., suburban pop. will work in city, face Negro m. j., full of resentment + hostility. Only answer is free society.

Q: Plans for N. broker? D: 1 in Evanston trying to get Broker's license. laws control human behavior, regardless of what is in hearts. Seg. housing violation of rights of citizens. Fr. Sauer - Open occup. law may be answer.

Pfaff - NAREB Policy must be "sold" to members on merit - not enforceable acc. to bylaws. Members would not accept incorporation into bylaws.

Rev. Davis - True integ. housing achieved in Eckhart, Ind.

ASB: SP should concentrate on sellers - RE men willing to conform to wishes of seller.

Next mtg. - concentrate on Pts. 2 + 4 of Davis's 6/29/65 stg.

OP - Import. to have exposure - to have few N's at first.

LP - Let NSSP propose what steps specifically might be acceptable.

SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 20, 1965

Those present were:

Mr. Herman Bloch, Chm.
Mr. Donald Perille, Co-chm.
Mr. Robert Turton
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Rabbi Sidney Jacobs
Mr. John O'Connell
Mrs. Donald Quinn
Dr. Paul Mundy, Consultant
Mr. Harvey Schwartz, Village Attorney
Mr. Richard Kaegi, Assistant Manager.

Press: Hollister Papers
Chicago Sun-Times
Mrs. Alice Lendhoff,
NSSP Press Rep.
Skokie News, Mr. Moore
Skokie Life, Mrs. Charlene
Louis

Mr. Arthur Simmons, Representing North Suburban Real Estate Board
Mr. Louis Pfaff, Representing Evanston-North Shore Real Estate Board
Rev. Emory Davis, North Shore Summer Project
Mrs. Henry Moore, " " " "
Rev. Buckner Cee, " " " "
Mr. Bill Moyer, " " " "

---Motion by Dr. Bloch to permit Northwestern University students to tape proceedings for classroom project. Seconded by Mr. O'Connell. Passed unanimously.

Report from Rev. Emory Davis of NSSP steering committee consisting of statement read by Rev. Davis. Letter to Realty Board and NSSP news release given to each commission member.

Dr. Bloch: "Do you want realtors NOT to accept a listing from a person who wants to sell house on a segregated basis?"

Mr. Moyer: Want all realtors to show houses to anyone who asks to see it.

Rev. Davis: Accept right of homeowner to sell on discriminatory basis but does not want broker to become part of pattern of segregation by accepting discriminatory listings.

Mr. Perille: What will students do? What will interviews accomplish?

Rev. Davis: No picketing by students. Silent vigils--participants would be registered with NSSP steering committee and names of participants will be made available to village officials.

Mrs. Moore: Only lawful, peaceful demonstrations, if needed, will take place. Students will interview homesellers. Appointments made by letter. Plan neighborhood discussion groups. Homeowners will not be picketed.

Mr. Simmons: Keep groping in friendly manner until right solution found. Can't show houses (as NSSP asks) to any buyer. Have to do what homeowner says.

Mr. Pfaff: Agrees with Dr. Bloch's suggestion that smaller group meet.

Father Sauer: What is "qualified buyer"?

Rev. Davis: Anyone ready, willing, able to buy. (In reply to Mr. Marsh's questions relayed by Dr. Bloch) Yes, will inform village of areas to be covered and people involved. Will take to steering committee question of whether to inform village of picketing plans so commission can negotiate between parties. Will participate in small working committee.

---Motion by Rev. Roseberry: Move that working committee of 2 representatives from summer project, 2 from each realty board, 2 from commission, Dr. Mundy as consultant..Mr. Perille seconds. Rabbi Weiner asks to add Dr. Bloch as ex officio member. (Mr. Simmons suggests commission have representative of each faith on committee.)

(Continued - June 20, 1965 Commission Meeting)

Motion as amended passed unanimously.

Donald Perille, Bob Turton, and Dr. Bloch with members of NSSF and Real Estate Boards comprise committee.

Next Meeting: An executive session - July 8, 1965 at 8:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Donald J. Quinn

NORTH SHORE SUMMER PROJECT
730 Elm Street, Winnetka, Illinois

COPY OF LETTER LEFT BY NORTH SHORE SUMMER PROJECT WITH MR. WILLIAM C. ORTH, ON MAY 7, 1965, TO BE DELIVERED TO MR. SAMUEL J. O'CONNELL AS PRESIDENT, EVANSTON-NORTH SHORE BOARD OF REALTORS.

May 7, 1965

Mr. S. J. O'Connell, President
Evanston-North Shore Board of Realtors
3009 Central Street
Evanston, Illinois

Dr. Mr. O'Connell:

For the past three months, North Shore residents, members of the North Shore Summer Project, have interviewed owners or managers of more than 60 real estate officers--all members of your organization. We have found, through these interviews and from our experiences in fair housing work in the past two years, that many members of your Board say they would like to serve all customers on a nondiscriminatory basis. It is our conclusion, however, that the Evanston North Suburban Board of realtors and its members function on a discriminatory basis.

What do we mean when we say a "nondiscriminatory basis"?

Nondiscriminatory service by any business means that all customers are given equal service. In the real estate business, nondiscriminatory service by realtors would mean that all homeseekers -- Negro, gentile and Jew -- would be given the same, exact service. All would be shown the same listing of houses by brokers and would be shown the same polite and friendly treatment. No questions would be asked by the realtor about the customer's race, religion or national origin. The realtor also would not discuss the ethnic makeup of a neighborhood the customer is interested in.

What is "discrimination"? If a realtor maintains listing for sale with restrictions regarding race or religion, and a homeseeker comes to this office and is not given the opportunity to see all the houses he might be interested in because of his race or religion -- then the realtor is discriminating.

The real estate industry is the last business open to the public which asks the religion and race of its customers before rendering its services. We recognize that the Evanston North Suburban Real Estate Board does not have absolute control over the policies of its individual members. However, we ask that the Board take moral and ethical leadership by taking the following minimum steps immediately:

1. Hold a news conference to announce the ENSREB's policy of nondiscriminatory treatment in the showing, selling and renting of property.
2. Proclaim publicly that the Board asks all member realtors to give equal service to all homeseekers who come to them. This means that realtors should show all the multiple listings to all buyers and will make appointments to show properties without mentioning the homeseeker's race, religion or national origin to the seller.
3. Send a letter to each home owner whose house is on the multiple listings, stating the Board's nondiscriminatory policy in bringing any qualified buyer to see any house listed with the Board.
4. Encourage homesellers to show and sell their properties on a nondiscriminatory basis.

Sincerely,

/s/

Rev. Emory G. Davis
For the NSSP Steering Committee

Fri. 1³⁰ Glenwood Vill. Hall
all Vill. Mrgs.

6/20/65

1. Call to order
2. Sec. call roll - quorum = 8
3. Minutes mtg. 6/13
4. Resolution passed 6/14 by Trustees - copies - Ben Marsh designated as responsible staff person under Sec. 5
5. Rept. from NSSP
 - a. Objectives
 - b. Plans for implementation
 - c. Recommended procedures for listing, asking
 - d. Concede right of owner to dispose of property as he pleases?
 - e. Will undertake to inform Mr. Marsh fully of activities planned in Skokie - persons to participate, location, time - before they occur?
 - f. Before demonstrating or picketing, will NSSP rept. to HRC, agree to hearing of charges?
6. Questions
7. Next mtg.
8. Adjournment

Rev. Davis

No picketing by students as such
all demost must be approved by steering Com.
Mrs. Moore - only lawful, peaceful demost
No plans to picket "homeless" ^{in motion} "at the moment"
letter to each house-seller to be interviewed about a
week in advance. Try to persuade non-discrim.
buying, find out what bothers sellers, org. discussion
groups.

Rev. Buckner Coe

Mr. Mack Robinet - \$30,000 bracket - Winnetka
Simmons - P.M.s. No Suburban R & Bd.
Noyo neighborhood
Pfaff - E - NSREB is going ahead, getting inform.

Role of HRC is to reduce intergroup tensions.

In its role as mediator, [however, the C. cannot remain strictly neutral;] it must attempt to ^{find} ~~provide~~ solutions to intergroup problems which are legal, moral, and just, under commonly accepted standards of morality and justice. [Any other solution could not long endure.]

In the present case, this C., as a public body, cannot accept any solution which holds up to public embarrassment, humiliation or contempt any group of citizens.

We cannot hope to change the personal likes, dislikes or ~~prejudices~~ ^{attitudes} of individuals, but we must insist that the overt acts of licensed individuals ~~in~~ in the performance of their licensed functions be carried out with due regard to the rights and dignity of all citizens.

Specific: NSSP have taken the view that R.E. agents ought not to take it upon themselves to decide the racial, religious, or ethnic composition of any area, but should treat all financially qualified buyers equally, leaving to individual owners the onus of setting restrictions on the sale

of their homes. The R.E. people have to some degree expressed
 and have to some extent begun,
 a willingness, to determine the restrictions, if any, which each
 owner wished to impose on the sale of his home, and to comply
 with the owner's wishes that the sale be open or restricted.
 There is thus a large area of agreement between the
 two groups. There would appear to be still some disagreement
 on specific points - for example, the manner and time
 of determination by the agent of the wishes of the owner; the
 method of listing and advertising ~~with~~ any restrictions or lack
 of restrictions, etc.

I think it would be futile for such a large group as is
 here present to attempt to reconcile the remaining differences
 and find a policy acceptable to all parties. I would therefore
 like to propose that a subcommittee of this Com. be appointed
 to meet w. a small number of ^{invited} rep. of each of the groups involved,
 iron out their differences, and report back to this Com.
 at its next mtg. ^(7/8?) I will entertain a motion to that effect.

MINUTES OF SKOKIE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

11 Total

JUNE 13, 1965

Backus, Robt. Bernard

Those present:

Mr. Ben Marsh, Chairman
Rabbi Karl Weiner
Rev. Arthur Sauer
Mrs. D. J. Quinn (Sec.)
Rev. Gerald Roseberry
Dr. Paul Mundy (Consult.)
Mr. Robert Turton
Mr. Donald Perille, Co-Chm.

Mr. Irving Kaplan, Pres. Elect, Nor
Suburban Real Estate Board
Mr. Louis Pfaff, Evanston-North Shore
Real Estate Board
Mr. Arthur Simmons, Past President, North
Suburban Real Estate Board

Jacobs
Press: Mrs. Charlene Louis,
Skokie Life
Mrs. Jean Doney
Skokie News

Observers: Mrs. Jost, McQuire & Orr
Mrs. Marcia Tate, Happ Realty
Mrs. Blanche Hersh, LWV
Mrs. N. Glubok, NSSP Press Rep.

The meeting of the commission with the local realty boards resulted in the following motions:

Motion by Ben Marsh to ask representatives of the North Shore Summer Project to meet with the commission and with realty board representatives. Quinn seconded - passed unanimously.

Motion by Father Sauer that press hold off printing anything until next Sunday's meeting with realtors and NSSP. Seconded by Gerry Roseberry -- passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Quinn requesting that Evanston-North Shore Realty board please hold in abeyance plan to call all their listings to get an expression on open occupancy listing for one week until North Shore Summer Project and realty board representatives meet next Sunday. This request made in line with Mr. Marsh's belief these two groups have more in common than in conflict. why?
Father Sauer seconded--passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11 p.m. Next meeting -- Sunday, June 20 at 8:00 p.m.

Typing of listing * Special requirements

Red. intergroup tensions - make use of resources of village
mtg 2nd Thurs, regularly

① 6/13 Skokie H.R. Com. meeting with Mr. Pfaff
of Ev.-North Shore Real Estate Board - North Suburban Real Estate
Board (21 offices - 836 members) Mr. Simmons & Mr. Kaplan representatives.
(over 180 members)

Mr. Pfaff: Ev. No. Shore R.E.B. had 2 meetings (2 active member meetings) to arrive at way to operate with ideals of NSSP, the recommendations set up by National Real Estate Board and with sellers of home. Agreed to ask owner "in view of NSSP activity, do you want to sell your home 'open occupancy'?" Agreed on multiple listing - one for "open occupancy", the other ORTR. (At this point Mr. Pfaff gave instance of seller who specified "open occupancy".) He accepted it because it was an "ideal situation". The man was staying in the neighborhood. There would be conditions under which O.O. listing would be taken... see if O.O. listing is all right with neighbors (realtor would suggest to seller, he poll his neighbors) or wife (or husband) as the case may be. Take this cautious approach because this is tremendous move away from traditional operation of Ev.-No. Shore Board. He had to decide on basis of Nat. Assn. Real Estate Board rules governing minority housing... had to decide if individual had right to decide O.O.; should 2 or 3 neighbors; should block have right. Being agents we had no right to decide racial, religious, etc. makeup of block. Seller should have right to make conditions of contract. If owner has right to say to whom he will sell, agent should not knowingly do anything to devalue property. NSSP says ^{any} house should be shown to anyone who asks to see it, but real estate can't be compared to car or refrigerator.

Marsh: What will members do if there are no instructions from seller?

Pfaff: We will check every listing to ask seller's wishes. Realtors think they know what people feel. NSSP tries to prove realtors don't know their areas & think they will bring out new information as to

what homeowners really feel.

SIMMONS: Met in Morton Grove at joint meeting of E.-No. Shore R.E.B. and North Suburban R.E.B. After pre-con discussion group was asked if they were prepared to endorse NSSP aims. Decided we had no grounds to do so as our instructions come from home seller.

Discussed wisdom of putting "open occupancy" on specification sheet. If owner says no o.o., should we leave spec. sheet blank? This approach may attract publicity which will be disadvantage to NSSP goals. If we list o.o., we might encourage neighbors to band together to buy house to keep it from going to colored. We are ready to sell to any race, creed, color. NSSP is working on false premise. We challenge NSSP to prove we have not treated colored courteously. I am opposed to open occupancy law. "Hope our community can stay as good as we could."

SIMMONS: TO PFAFF - What do we do if owner says "no" to o.o. Do you mark it?

PFAFF: No, won't show anything.

SIMMONS: What to ask to list o.o.?

PFAFF: Don't know - just starting.

ROSEBERRY: TO PFAFF - Does o.o. listing mean Negro will be shown home in all-white area?

PFAFF: No problem except Negroes. Mixing colored with white is new. Whether need is there is questionable.

FR. SAUER: Isn't there a difference of opinion today from past?

SIMMONS: NSSP and commission helpful, but NSSP may go too far and hurt what progress has been made. We don't want riff-raff. We accept colored people who are on same mental and financial level.

PFAFF: We have committee on ethics... we have teeth in new o.o. listing policy. Any information committee gets of violation... (didn't finish sentence)

RABBI WEINER: Most real estate men ^{are} men of high

responsibility. A sense of right or wrong about the makeup of a community did not intrude their conscience, but now we see this is wrong. If we want to keep crisis out of our area, keep NSSP from causing difficulties - realtors must answer certain questions:

How does this o.o. get on list?

Will real estate board members show this o.o. house - or will members feel they must check neighbors?

If neighbor moved out of neighborhood (because of impending o.o. sale) will Realtors then show on "open occupancy" basis?

MARSH: Why is it not possible for each real estate office to assume each home o.o. unless gratuitously informed by seller otherwise?

PEAFF: Believe people in this area feel they prefer community to stay on pro-white basis.

MARSH: Is it OK for realtors to show to Jews? Why do you ask seller? Asking implies there is some reason not to sell. Realtor suggests to seller to ask neighbors. Seller does so, then isn't he likely to come back and say "Gee, maybe I better not sell to a Jew?" You extend emotionalism - keep question alive - emotionalism alive - by asking question.

Recommend policy in Eur. No. Shore R.E.B. to show homes to any qualified buyer - then if owner says "no" - OK - but then proceed to show another house and another until people see it as a normal process.

Perille: To SIMMONS - How would you decide to show house to Negro?

Simmons: Call seller and ask.

Fr. Sauer: Saw piece of NSSP literature that said its purpose was for crisis. Rev. Coe said it.

Perille: NSSP shouldn't be put on pan any more than anyone else. Try to be positive.

MARSH: A "crisis" to me would be if I found I couldn't get house I wanted because of my religion or job. ~~74~~

Fr. Sauer: I'm interested in development of topic. Up to now realtors have not realistically faced this. They compared NSSP to a "little Selma". I don't agree. I think you're attempting to solve problem — but not enough — must try to solve it to take wallop out of NSSP.

SIMMONS: Is it ethical for a real estate broker to decide who is riff-raff or not?

WEINER: No.

SIMMONS: Realtor has duty to tell buyer he's going into hostile neighborhood where he won't be happy.

WEINER: Negroes know they may expect difficulty. Jews were told "You won't be happy" but took it as indication realtor didn't want to sell — or seller wouldn't sell. We're concerned strictly with a question of techniques — opening up opportunities for Negro to move where he wishes. As businessmen realtors should leave it to client to say if he wishes to discriminate — unsolicited. Your technique (of calling all listings) raises question in seller's mind "Does it mean sell to Negroes also".

PEAFF: The NSSP ^{is} ~~ask~~ going to ask the question and we can, too. What is project going to do with this information? We think we're doing it in interest of efficiency.

at Herman -

I had to type these up
for Bob Moore so I
made one for you -

John

Sunday June 13th

HRC

Present: Dr. Paul Mundy, Rev. Gerald Roseberry, Robert Turton, Blanche Hersh, Irving Kaplan (7/2 - Pres. North Suburban REBd. President) Art Simmons (out-going Pres. representing 22 offices, 100 agents) Father Arthur Sauer, Betty Quinn, Rabbi Karl Weiner, Ben Marsh, Don Perille, Lou Pfaff, (Pres. Evanston-North Shore REBd of 109 offices, 886 members.

Also present: Charlene Louis (Life) Marilyn Glubok, Press Relations for NSSP, Mrs. Frank Jost, Jr. 3720 Foster, Skokie (taxpayer) Mrs. Edw. Tate of Evanston (works for McGuire and Orr, Evanston, but not official observer for them)

Ben Marsh: Announcements - appointments of Dr. Bloch and Don Perille, "Fine choices" Met with North shore town managers at get-together during Illinois-Wisconsin Managers Meeting. Told them of this meeting

Lou Pfaff: Under prodding of NSSP, his group now (for past two-three weeks) asks each new listing: "May we show your home to Negro-American?" If OK, listed on printed sheet which goes to all members "open occupancy".

Recently sold home in Winnetka on "open listing" but to whites. There are 3 more listings "open" due to back-checking current available homes and asking same question of owner. Believes there will be more soon.

Assn. re-affirmed NAREB paper: reaffirm rights of minorities for equal housing "we used to talk of composition of neighborhood" Now: property owner still specify ultimate buyer, hopes for no devaluation of property values. NSSP wants any house to be available for open occupancy.

Simmons: Group feels it has no authority from their clients (home owners) to endorse NSSP or any other project. Also questions:

What kind of advertising if prop. owner says "no" to open listings?
Would open listings attract buyers to buy home and remove it from such lists as in Deerfield?
How many Negro buyers are around? How many are financially qualified?

Feels: majority of his members will sell to any \$ qualified buyer, but would oppose forced sale if homeowner refuses to sell or won't allow home to be shown to Negro buyer. Now illegal to force sale

NSSP is too general in claiming lack of courtesy to negro buyers;
In 20 years has had only one colored buyer
Has no objection to asking prop. owner if he'll sell to colored, and listing it as "open" then selling it as such. Wonders about those not listed as "open" - assume they are not available to negro buyers?

Why not merely aim at assuming all listings will be open - and not subject homeowner to question or pressure? *

Fr. Sauer: Skokie has changed in attitude in last five years - finds greater acceptance here, but fears NSSP might go too far (sit-ins in Chgo this weekend) and hurt progress

Rabbi Weiner: It is no longer "right" to refuse to sell or show property to negroes - changed attitude more widespread. Realize it's not easy for real estate men to change their way of doing business. All of the above is progress - but NSSP not satisfied. For instance: will R.E. agents go along if homeowner says "open"?

Pfaff: We find differences of opinion among husband and wife, among immediate

neighbors, in a whole block. Assn cannot force all 886 members to accept change overnight.

Weiner: But why even ask? Why put homeowner in position of specifying "Negro or not" in answer. Why not assume that morality and what is "right" is changing and let the listing merely be assumed as "open"

Marsh: Or at least unless homeowner advises agent he will ~~not show~~ not show * or sell to negroes, why not assume that all listings are open?

Pfaff: guess that vast majority (98%) would prefer our 75-year tradition of white community. Much comment about Jewish and Oriental influx in 1950s and 1960s ^{unrealistic - ostrich attitude} ?

Perille: But that was tantamount to "setting aside" one group on religious or racial basis. Finds that immoral. Objection to an individual is OK but objection to group for any such reason not to be encouraged by even asking *

Marsh: Progress toward real open occupancy would be not even to ask, but assume "open"

Perille: Progress by NSSP already: brought REBds to conference table whether the project is called "create a crisis" or anything else.

Sauer: R.E.Bds not realistically faced problem for 100 years - they are still not convinced despite changing morality of people generally. Assumption of open occupancy would be real progress

Weiner: Success only when all Americans are free to move about - Jews, Orientals, Negroes, Indians, etc. as they can afford it - no other strings attached

Pfaff: NSSP will do what you say, you think, only further differentiation: namely ask whether homes for sale are "open" or not. R.E.Bd merely jumped the gun on Project. Morality is not for R.E.Bds. NSSP give their info to Boards, they'll list them as "Open" even if originally not designated as such

Marsh: Project people should be invited to discuss with this Commission and R.E.Bds exactly what they want, and how to do it: we should both know their purpose before they take to picketing or other means of pressures.

Roseberry: That is exactly what they want. Next Sunday joint meeting.

Simmons: Project suggest methods of listing ads where not open. Register their canvassers with village; let Marsh know their area of canvass. Project could work well, spread the word, work to advantage of all if handled properly! ①

Dr. Mundy: Both sides should settle this question. Otherwise it only serves to point up differences of opinion, stir up fears and trouble

Marsh: Clearly we are headed for common ground. Lack only info re techniques and procedures. They are coming ①

General: Ask press not to release statements or other information pending next week's meeting.

Un-asked questions:

What about block-busting?

How do you avoid a "ghetto" - voluntary? ②

Where would anybody "run" to get away from any minority move-in?

