

**MINUTES**

**MOBILE MANUFACTURED HOME ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**MARCH 21, 2007**

The Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council convened March 21, 2007 at 10:10 a.m. in Room 117 of the State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106.

Members Present:	Bennett Pudlin	Attorney at Law
	Ben Castonguay	CT Real Estate Commission Member
	Leonard S. Campbell	Town Planner
	Keith Jensen	Park Owner
	Marcia L. Stemm	Park Owner
	Michelina G. Lauzier	Park Tenant
	Al Hricz	Park Tenant
	Neil Gervais	Park Tenant
Member Absent:	Debbie Russo	DECD Representative
	Timothy Coppage	CT Housing Finance Authority Rep.
	George Cote	Banking Industry Representative
	Myriam Clarkson	Mobile Manufactured Home Industry Rep.
	Jeffrey Ossen	Park Owner
Board Vacancies:	One Senior Citizen	
	One Representative of the Housing Advisory Committee	
DCP Staff Present:	Nelson Leon	Advisory Council Secretary
	Vicky Bullock,	Administrative Hearings Attorney
	Linda Roberts,	Executive Assistant
Public Present:	Raphael Podolsky,	Esquire

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### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Advisory Council voted unanimously to approve minutes the October 28, 2006 Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council meeting.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT**

Appointment letter dated October 20, 2006 from the Honorable Governor M. Jodi Rell, regarding the appointment of Timothy Coppage to the Mobile Manufactured Home Advisory Council, representing the Connecticut Housing finance Authority, in succession to Charles Emerson.

Timothy Coppage was not present at today's meeting.

### **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION**

The Advisory Council members were inquiring on a recommendation made at their 10/18/06 meeting concerning the appointment of Mark Berkowitz to the Advisory Council, as successor to Jeffrey Ossen, Park Owner Member on the Advisory Council, who has become seriously ill and relinquishing his position on the Advisory Council.

## **REPORT FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

- **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

The Advisory Council discussed Senate Bill 1345 “An act concerning the mobile manufactured home purchase program” (to make the mobile manufactured home purchase program a revolving loan program, to provide that repayments of such loans are to be used to make additional loans under the program, and that the program is not limited to first-time-homebuyers).

The Advisory Council voted unanimously to endorse Senate Bill 1345.

Attorney Podolsky suggested starting a process that will result in being on record while having a conversation with CHFA about all the parameters of the program.

The Advisory Council discussed Senate Bill 1236 “An act concerning the upgrading of existing mobile manufactured home parks” (to specify that the replacement of a mobile home in a mobile home park with a mobile home meeting federal standards is not an expansion of a nonconforming use).

The Advisory Council voted unanimously to endorse legislation that make clear that the replacement of a home in a mobile home park with a newer home, is not an expansion of a nonconforming use, and supports legislation that does that, but opposes legislation that make changes in other ways.

The Advisory Council discussed Senate Bill 591 “An act concerning personal property of evicted tenants” (to eliminate unnecessary storage expenses for municipalities by requiring landlords to take possession of unclaimed personal property of evicted tenants).

The Advisory Council discussed Senate Bill 823 “An act concerning the recovery of municipal expenses incurred in the removal, storage and sale of unclaimed possessions and personal effects of evicted tenants” (to authorize any municipality to bring a civil action against an evicted tenant and the landlord to recover any unpaid expense incurred by the municipality in the removal, storage and sale of unclaimed possessions and personal effects of the evicted tenant).

The Advisory council voted unanimously to oppose Senate Bill 591 and 823.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Attorney Bullock reports on some pending matters concerning alleged violations the department is looking into regarding late payment of rent and park cleanliness compliance issues.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Leon  
Advisory Council Secretary

**The next meeting of this Advisory Council is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, 2007.**