



Social Services Commission
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
Benjamin Aponte
Mark Evens
Dorye Jackson
Kathleen Lombardo

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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Minutes for April 10, 2018

ATTENDEES:

Commission Members

Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
Benjamin Aponte
Mark Evens – absent
Kate Lombardo – absent
Dorye Jackson

City of Stamford Staff

Ellen E. Bromley, Director, Social Services

Chair Caroline Temlock Teichman called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

Approval of Minutes – Previous minutes not submitted. Mr. Aponte will consult his notes, piece them together and submit for approval at the Commission's May, 2018 meeting.

Public Comment – no members of the public in attendance.

Social Services Director Report – Director Ellen Bromley reported that

- 1) HUD's recently released 2018 Area Median Income shows a decrease from \$142,800 to \$134,900.
- 2) One "Excessive Rent Complaint" received. If it is not settled by the May meeting, the Director will request that it be scheduled for a hearing.
- 3) Once again, the Mayor's Neighborhood Grants Program proved to be popular at a grassroots level. The selection committee will meet shortly and grants will be awarded before the end of the month.
- 4) The Social Service Department's FY 2018/19 budget has been submitted to the fiscal boards. Final approval is pending.

Old Business -

The Chair said that if the Commission is to move forward with its Youth Project, additional assistance is needed. One suggestion is to find individuals willing to act as an advisory team and begin with a small pilot program that could serve as a prototype. The idea would be to focus on 5 youths representing different parts of the community. The program would include socialization and employment training and would result in a pre-certification for employment readiness. Additionally, based on meetings conducted over the past year, the Chair reported that that young people want coaches with whom they can discuss their dreams and get advice

on how to access them. Mr. Aponte agreed. He said that they wanted non-judgmental “big brothers/sisters” to help with life decisions. A team of advisors would also help to identify businesses that might be interested in this project.

As a next step, Ms. Bromley will contact Angela Thomas-Graves the Director of Stamford’s Adult Education program and Juanita James, CEO of Fairfield County’s Community Foundation to update the status of their programming for disaffected youth.

New Business – no new business.

Commission adjourned at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Ellen Bromley