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Social Services Commission
Caroline Temlock Teichman, Chair
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Renai Strother
Linda Gornitsky

Stamford Social Services Commission
888 Washington Blvd.
Stamford, CT. 06901

**Wednesday, January 24, 2024 Via Zoom
Draft Minutes**

Attendees:

Commissioners:
Caroline Temlock Teichman
Kathleen Lombardo
Ellen Petersen
Renai Strother
Linda Gornitsky

City of Stamford
Sharona Cowan, Social Services Director

Members of the Public
Francis Lane

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 P.M by Chairperson Caroline Temlock Teichman

Minutes

The November 21, 2023 and December 7, 2023 Minutes were presented for approval by Chair Caroline Temlock Teichman. The November Minutes were not accepted; Commissioner Petersen requested to correct a misinterpretation of an “Old Business” finding. The December Minutes were accepted unanimously with one abstention.

Public Comment

None

Report from Social Services Director

There’s one pending case that’s been re-scheduled twice from 2022. Tenant is currently awaiting Stipulation agreement from Housing Court. There are a few new cases that are currently in mediation; one is in the process of being scheduled for Hearing. A premium rate for month-to-month tenancies has been incorporated by the City of Stamford. The Director presented the Year-End Report. The Director attended a meeting with the Stamford Board of Representatives. There’s been an increase in harassment and retaliation complaints of Landlords by the undocumented immigrant population.

Old Business

The Social Services Director received an e-mail from the Legal Department in regards to their review of the “Commission” By-Laws. They’ve requested the Commission meet concerning the Human Rights charge of the Commission.

New Business

The Commission will establish Human Rights charge to incorporate into By-Laws. Discussions are currently in progress regarding: Community Outreach, Complaints, Hearings, and Accommodations. Vote and nomination of Commission Chair and Secretary.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Chair Caroline Temlock Teichman at 6:39 P.M. and seconded by Commissioner Gornitsky.