

Approved Minutes of
Special Meeting
HOUSING PROGRAMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Village of Oak Park
August 12, 2013
7:00 pm – Room 101

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Glass.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Steven Glass, Patrick Diakite, Meg Herman, Meredith Morris,
Matthew Rogina and Tyrell Stewart

ABSENT: Peggy LaFleur

STAFF PRESENT: Tammie Grossman, Housing and CDBG Programs Manager
Jeff Richardson, Housing Programs Supervisor

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: Chair Glass asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Noting none, agenda approved unanimously.

INTRODUCTION: Mr. Melton welcomed the commissioners, staff and the public to this joint meeting of the Community Relations Commission and the Housing Programs Advisory Committee.

OVERVIEW: Ms. Grossman gave an introduction of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in Oak Park as well as brief history of work done to date on this issue. She also discussed the recent change to the Cook County law regarding source of income protections as it relates to housing choice vouchers. This joint meeting of the Community Relations Commission and the Housing Programs Advisory Committee was called to determine possible recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding Oak Park's Human Rights Ordinance and inclusion of source of income as a protected group.

Two written testimonies were submitted for the record from Unity Temple and the Oak Park Residence Corporation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Robert Breymaier of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center recommended that the Village of Oak Park pass an ordinance allowing an affirmative defense for property owners to limit voucher holders to 25% of the units in their property.

Mr. Micheal Scoby of the Oak Park Association of Realtors testified that the Cook County ordinance leaves landlords "absent of choice" in that they have no option but

to accept voucher holders, are subject to inspections by the Housing Authority, face possible delays in leasing and rental receipts due to the delays.

Mr. Patrick Cerceo of Circle Property Management commented on his difficulties dealing with Cook County Housing Authority. He reported that he has a good situation with the Oak Park Housing Authority.

Ms. Marge Greenwald, Board Member of the Oak Park Residence Corporation stated that it is Residence Corporation's policy to limit voucher holders to 25% of the units in a particular building in order to achieve racial and economic diversity across buildings. Ms. Greenwald also supported exempting two and three flat buildings from participating in the voucher program.

DELIBERATION:

The Committee discussed the impact of the Cook County Ordinance on the Village of Oak Park and considered four motions:

Motion to recommend amending the Village of Oak Park Human Rights Ordinance to include Source of Income including Housing Choice Vouchers as a Protected Class.

Motion by Ms. Morris, second by Mr. Rogina

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Patrick Diakite	Aye
	Meg Herman	Aye
	Peggy LaFleur	Absent
	Meredith Morris	Aye
	Matthew Rogina	Aye
	Tyrell Stewart	Aye
	Chair Glass	Aye

Motion Passed

Motion to recommend amending the Village of Oak Park Human Rights Ordinance to allow landlords to assert an affirmative defense to not accept Housing Choice Voucher holders because more than 25% of the units in a particular building are already occupied by Housing Choice Voucher holders.

Motion by Mr. Rogina, second by Ms. Herman.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Patrick Diakite	Aye
	Meg Herman	Aye
	Peggy LaFleur	Absent
	Meredith Morris	Aye
	Matthew Rogina	Aye
	Tyrell Stewart	Aye
	Chair Glass	Aye

Motion Passed

Motion to recommend amending the Village of Oak Park Human Rights Ordinance to exempt owner occupied buildings with two to four units from the Source of Income protections. Motion by Ms. Morris, second by Mr. Rogina.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Patrick Diakite	Aye
	Meg Herman	Nay
	Peggy LaFleur	Absent
	Meredith Morris	Aye
	Matthew Rogina	Aye
	Tyrell Stewart	Aye
	Chair Glass	Aye

Motion Passed

Motion to recommend amending the Village of Oak Park Human Rights Ordinance to exempt single unit owner properties from the Source of Income protections. Motion by Mr. Rogina, second by Mr. Stewart.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Patrick Diakite	Nay
	Meg Herman	Nay
	Peggy LaFleur	Absent
	Meredith Morris	Nay
	Matthew Rogina	Aye
	Tyrell Stewart	Nay
	Chair Glass	Aye

Motion Failed

The Community Relations Commission then deliberated and voted on similar motions.

ADJOURNMENT (voice vote): Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammie Grossman
Staff Liaison