

**HYDE PARK CLUSTER MEETING
INTERFAITH OPEN COMMUNITIES
MINUTES: JULY 11, 2005**

PRESENT: Marlene Vellinga, Allan Lindrup, Anne Holcomb, Steven Flowers, Joe Marlin, Don Coleman, Pat Wilcoxon, Ken Oliver, Mark Granfors, John Murphy, Jean and Will White.

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 .m. by Pat W. who indicated the next order of business, Faith Reflection, would be modified.**
- 2. FAITH REFLECTION:** In turn, Pat, then Allan, shared their recent travel experiences in China and Iceland, respectively.
- 3. SHARED HOUSING:** Will W. reviewed or oral report from Paul Beals. A 4th match has been made and a 6th is pending since Paul became coordinator. These matches are in addition to the 10 matches made earlier. While inquiries and referrals continue, most are from outside the Hyde Park community. This latter situation suggests the need to revisit and reassess the partnership arrangement with the Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing.
- 4. TRANSITIONAL HOUSING:**
 - a. The newly elected HPTHP Board of Directors shared dinner prior to meeting.**
 - b. Building problems of insect infestation and sanitation at the HPTHP apartment are prompting relocation concerns.**
 - c. Current financial situation is encouraging and permits consideration for adding a 2nd client-family. In addition to identifying the family, this would also require the recruitment and training of mentors and locating a suitable apartment.**
- 5. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

State-Status of tracked housing initiatives.

 - a. (SB75) The Rental Housing Support Program. This bill, which creates a state funded rental assistance program, has been signed by the governor.**
 - b. (HB603) Illinois Affordable Housing Tax Credit re-Authorization. This bill has been extended for 5 years and has been signed.**
 - c. (SB966) Amendment the Affordable Housing Planning and Appeal Act has passed and is on governor's desk for his signature.**
 - d. (HB45) The Source of Income Protection for Voucher Tenants. This bill did not make it out of the House but is expected to be reintroduced.**

Federal – In spite of administrative proposals for stringent budget cuts and reorganization, Congress is taking an independent course and moving in a different direction, i.e.,

- a. **The House and Senate passed Budget Resolutions that do not include administrative proposed cuts in housing programs.**
- b. **The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have included funding increases in Section 8 and Community Development Block Grant Programs.**

Local – Re-Development Proposals

- a. **Doctors’ Hospital – Alderman Hairston has not responded to J. Murphy’s e-mail on re-development plans. An open 5th Ward meeting is scheduled for July 26th at the U. of C’s Graduate School of Business.**
 - b. **Cornell Avenue at 53rd Street – Alderman Preckwinkle’s office indicates that affordable set=asides will be a part of this and other 4th Ward re-developed parcels.**
6. **The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. and the next meeting is scheduled for September 12th, 8:00 p.m. at STA.**

Notes submitted by: W. White, Recorder