

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 11, 1976

PRESENT

Mayor A. Marino  
W. Howard, Chairman, Preservation  
Trust  
W. McRae, Common Council  
E. Dzialo, Housing Authority  
D. Smith, C.A.G.M.  
M. Cubeta, Common Council  
C. McLeod, Common Council

ALSO PRESENT

J. Natalie, Legal Aid  
K. Cyrul, Director, Health Department  
M. Vinikas, Community Health Center  
M. Buatti, Prenatal  
C. Comfort, Prenatal  
M. Masselli, Community Health Center  
S. Beinhorn, Press  
D. Dinovelli, Courant  
I. Ramos, UPROSE  
M. Acaba, UPROSE  
R. Vazquez, UPROSE  
L. Cruz, UPROSE  
M. Cacciutto, Tri-City Alcohol Council  
E. Monteiro, Turtle  
L. Williams, Prenatal  
D. Sparks, MDC Staff  
W. Kuehn, MDC Staff

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building by W. Howard, Chairman.

The Mayor and the Chairman introduced the problems created by HUD's declaring four social service activities ineligible.

Attorney J. Natalie spoke in behalf of the four agencies and urged the City to support the agencies in opposing the HUD decision. He mentioned contacting Congressman Dodd's office in an effort to obtain a time extension beyond August 14th. HUD is apparently agreeable to a short extension which will be needed in order for the agencies to adequately draw together supporting documentation in response to the HUD letter of August 9th.

W. Kuehn reported on his meeting with HUD officials on Monday, August 9th, and how HUD viewed the ineligibility of the social services. Discussions included methods of creating an acceptable concentration of CD activities; relationships between CD activities and social services; and, available alternates to funding the social services.

Representatives of each of the four affected agencies briefly spoke on how their particular service benefits specific problem areas in the City. Speakers were: M. Masselli, Community Health Center; I. Ramos, UPROSE; E. Monteiro, Turtle; M. Buatti, Prenatal.

W. McRae recommended obtaining a time extension and joining in a working agreement approach with social service agencies for directing efforts in the target areas.

After much discussion, it was agreed that: social service agencies would submit documentation in defense of their need to the Mayor's office by

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Friday, August 13th, at 10:00 A.M.; and, the Citizens Advisory Council would informally recommend to the Common Council to request a time extension and take whatever means are necessary with HUD to defend the affected agencies to restore their funding.

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CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

August 24, 1976

PRESENT

Mayor A. Marino  
W. Howard, Chairman, Preservation  
Trust  
E. Dzialo, Housing Authority  
W. Chadwick, Chamber of Commerce  
A. Kotlowitz, Wesleyan Student  
J. Nelson, Human Relations  
W. Mann, Realtor  
W. McRae, Council  
S. Nemecek, M.H.A.  
C. Tyaack, Council  
P. DeRing, Chamber  
D. Smith, C.A.G.M.

ALSO PRESENT

M. Cubeta, Council  
M. Masselli, Community Health Center  
B. Matteo  
S. Torondo, M.H.A.  
S. Beinhorn, Press  
M. Buatti, Prenatal  
T. Lineberry, Council  
G. Daley, Administrative Assistant  
W. Kuehn

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building by W. Howard, Chairman.

The Mayor reviewed the eligibility criteria and the status of each of the four affected social service agencies with regard to those criteria.

A. Kotlowitz read a statement from Idelia Ramos expressing the feelings of UPROSE concerning the recent developments to which W. McRae took some exception.

The Committee discussed the membership of the C.A.C. A. Kotlowitz mentioned a request that the Council include residents of the North End and South Farms areas. Mayor A. Marino defended the composition of the C.A.C. and pointed out the failure of minorities to attend meetings in the past.

W. Kuehn expressed the feeling that, through the approval of a discretionary application, sufficient criteria will have been met toward establishing

Concerning the funding plight of the Community Health Center, M. Masselli and W. McRae discussed, at length, the Center's past funding sources for dental services and the effect upon the program if the Center were not subsidized with City monies. A. Kotlowitz moved, seconded by J. Nelson, that the Council recommend to the Common Council, that the City authorize \$423.00 a week to pay to the Community Health Center until a favorable HUD decision on CD monies, or until the Health Center finds other sources of funds. P. DeRing moved, seconded by W. Chadwick, that any reference to a specific dollar amount be removed from the motion. The amendment was approved, with only W. McRae dissenting. The Council then voted on the original motion of A. Kotlowitz which was

approved, with only W. McRae dissenting.

After discussion concerning the Prenatal Clinic, P. DeRing moved, seconded by W. Chadwick, that the Council recommend to the Common Council, interim funding from the City. Upon a motion by P. DeRing, seconded by E. Dzialo, the Council voted to approve an amendment to the motion to authorize either direct funding or in-kind services by the City. The Council then unanimously approved the original motion of P. DeRing. The Council further discussed the fact that the prenatal program was not an emergency service. Therefore, in-kind services might best be suited.

The Council then discussed the Turtle Program and the fact that minimum survival would involve \$618.27 a month. Upon a motion by A. Kotlowitz, seconded by W. Chadwick, the Council unanimously voted to recommend that the Common Council consider interim funding to Turtle.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was then adjourned.

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