

**Approved minutes of the joint meeting of the Housing Programs Advisory  
Committee and the Community Relations Commission  
Monday, August 12, 2013  
VILLAGE HALL – ROOM 101  
7PM**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Frank Vozak, Tom Zapler, Jameel Rafia, Swati Saxena, Pat Michalski

**ABSENT:** Tremaine Williams

**STAFF:** Cedric Melton

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:04PM

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Vozak motioned for approval of agenda with Commissioner Michalski providing a second. All were in favor.

Housing Programs Manager Tammie Grossman provided an overview to both groups 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. The two groups were meeting 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 Residence Corporation.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Four members of the public provided testimony regarding expansion of source of income protection to include housing choice vouchers. They were:

Rob Braymier  
Michael Scovie  
Patrick Cercio  
Marge Greenwald

After hearing deliberation and thoughts from Housing Programs Advisory Committee, the Community Relations Commission entered into discussion regarding source of income protection for housing choice vouchers. After considerable deliberation, the

following items were voted on by the CRC to be considered as recommendations to the board:

1. Include source of income as well as voucher holders as a protected class in human rights ordinance, all members voted in the affirmative, motion carried.
2. Include “affirmative defense” clause @ 25% rental threshold, all members voted in the affirmative, motion carried.
3. Owner occupied 2-4 flat exemption, one affirmative vote, one member abstained, and three nay votes. Motion was defeated.
4. Single units to be exempted. All members voted no to the motion. Motion was defeated.

**Adjourn:** Chair Glass moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Cedric Melton  
Staff Liaison

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