

MINUTES

Housing Resources Committee

September 4, 1969

The regular monthly meeting of the Housing Resources Committee was held 3:00 - 5:00 P. M., Thursday, September 4, 1969, in Committee Room 2, Second Floor, City Hall.

This meeting was devoted exclusively to responses by candidates for Mayor to questions posed by members of the HRC pertaining to the respective candidates' position on housing. Invitations to candidates were issued by the Public Relations Panel, HRC, which sponsored the meeting.

The scheduling of time of appearance, advance press releases and letters of appreciation to candidates after their appearance were all handled by the Chairman, Public Relations Panel. Copies of these, together with invitational notice, to HRC members, Agenda, with time indicated for each Candidate (Encl. 1) and other related documents are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

Chairman Cecil Alexander was out of town and could not attend the meeting, so Mr. Richard Harvey, Chairman of the Public Relations Panel conducted the meeting.

Chairmen of the respective Panels prepared and sent questions to the Housing Resources Committee Office a week before the meeting in order that the questions could be provided each Candidate in advance so that the Committee would receive more comprehensive answers. Those questions were mailed to the respective candidates on August 29, 1969. Copies of the questions are attached to these minutes (Encl. 2).

Each Candidate was given 10 minutes to express his views on housing, and a 10 minute question and answer period.

During the question and answer phase, the Chairmen of the respective Panels asked the Candidates questions pertaining to their particular Panel interests.

All Candidates were present except Mrs. Linda Jenness, who was out of town that day. Mr. John Vatava represented Mrs. Jenness.

Formal opening statements by candidates Jenness and Massell were submitted to the HRC and are attached to the file copy only of the minutes of this meeting.

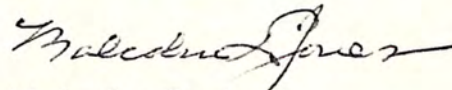
Alderman Millican's opening statement attempted answers to as many of the written questions prepared by the respective Panels, as time would permit. Alderman Cook and Mr. Tate spoke from notes only and submitted no prepared opening statements for the record.

Questions asked respective candidates were in general selected from lists previously submitted to them and notes were taken by Panel Chairmen on questions asked. Replies were so numerous and involved and stenographic assistance so limited as to preclude recording in the minutes of specific questions asked and answers given. In general, however, all candidates with the exception of Mrs. Jenness (represented by spokesman) appeared to be sympathetic with the low and moderate income housing program and offered to assist where practicable. From this standpoint, it is apparent that the meeting was beneficial and worthwhile.

Newspaper comment on the meeting is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Encls: Agenda
Questions by Respective Panels