

MINUTES

Davison Community Council
Place: Davison Recreation Center

Date: March 20, 1950
Time: 8:30 to 10:00 P.M.

Present: Theodore Davis - Neighborhood Improvement Club
Samuel Gould - Fordham Improvement Association
Cora R. Lockhart - Mosley Tenant's Council
George R. Hoagland, Jr.
Eloise Lucas - Mosley Tenants Council
Gertrude Mayer - Cleveland Intermediate School
Charles McClain - Civic Worker's Alliance
Sylvia Riley
Loyal C. Shells
Robert Washington, - Mosley Tenants Council
Louise Williams - Homemakers Progressive League
Mary Graves
Maurice P. Beck - Community Consultant, Council of Social Agencies

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING were adopted as read

CONCERT BAND

Mr. Hoagland reported that several attempts have been made to get in contact with Mr. Cooper and was unable to make contact. He also stated that Mrs. Green has made provision for the band to practice at the Recreation Center. Mrs. Bernatowicz of the Parks and Recreation Department offered a place to practice at Courville School. Efforts to find other locations would be continued.

MOTION moved and supported that the report be accepted as given. Motion carried.

INCIDENT

Mrs. Cora Lockhart reported that a mass meeting was held at Lazar Hall, located on East Nevada; the nature of the meeting was concerning Negroes moving into their neighborhood. Also stated that there wasn't any violence and that the situation was under control. Mrs. Lockhart stated that the Mayor's Interracial Committee was contacted and that there was the report of violence. Report accepted.

HOUSING

Mr. Washington reported that a meeting of the Detroit Council for Better Housing was held at the Central Methodist Church, located at Woodward and Adams. The Constitution and By-Laws were read. Mrs. Lockhart also attended.

Mr. Washington and Mrs. Lockhart were also delegated by the Detroit Tenants Council to confer with the Governor, the Honorable G. Mennen Williams, on housing. Circumstances prevented the Conference with the Governor, but Senators Wilkowski, Kozak, Walsh, Blondy and Haggerty were contacted and a conference was held and action was taken on the bill they submitted.

Representatives Young, Penczak, Fuller, Wilkes, O'Brien, Carey, Romano, Mrs. Griffiths and Edgar Currie were helpful to the cause. Mr. Washington stressed the necessity for housing and also cited a case where there are 14 in a family living in 3 rooms. Also explained that on the lower East Side 2400 families will be evicted without any place to live.

MOTION: It was moved by Mr. Washington and supported by Mrs. Graves that the Davison Community Council send a wire to the Common Council urging that all available Federal funds be used for public housing and that people in slum areas be adequately housed before eviction. Motion carried.

Mr. Washington and Mrs. Lockhart were appointed by the Chairman to draft up resolution to send to the President of the Common Council Louis Miriani.

The sum of \$2.55 was contributed to send the telegram to the Common Council.

RECREATION

Mr. Gould reported that he attended the meeting of the Federation of Community Councils Recreation Committee held at the Central Y.W.C.A. on city-wide recreation. He also cited the Benjamin Franklin Council activities. Mr. Gould was asked by the President to continue cooperation with the Federation of Community Councils.

BUSINESSMEN'S COMMITTEE

Mr. Hoagland reported that the Membership-Fact Finding Committee recommended setting up a businessmen's committee. This was authorized by the Council.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mrs. Mayer stated that she was very impressed with the Council and expressed desire to cooperate. Also explained a "Community Plans for a Youth" conference to be held on Saturday, March 25, time 9:30 A.M. at the Rackham Building, and that noted speakers would be present, and all members of the Council should attend. Mrs. Mayer presented a ticket to the Council for someone to attend Annual Community Conference Luncheon to be held in the Maccabees Building, located on Woodward Avenue. Mrs. Lockhart and Mrs. Lucas were appointed by the President to attend the Conference.

STOP LIGHT

Mr. Washington reported that Lieutenant Baker from Davison Police Station was present at a meeting of the Mosley Tenants Council and advised that a petition be prepared and circulated for signatures and present same to the Traffic Engineers to install a light on Dequindre between Davison and Six Mile Road. The Neighborhood Improvement Association would be asked to help circulate petitions.

MOTION: It was moved and supported that the Mosley Tenants' Council be asked to draft up said petitions and get them in the hands of active members for immediate execution. Motion carried.

FINANCES

The President stated the indebtedness of the Council and suggested that the Davison Community Council set up a Treasury consisting of approximately \$50.00 to handle expenses of the Council. The floor was immediately opened for discussion. Mr. Washington offered a suggestion that representatives from each organization be asked to contribute to the Council. The president appointed a committee: Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Graves and Mr. Washington to bring to the Council plans for a Treasury and the amount necessary for such.

Mr. Hoagland turned in \$1.00 for Mr. Martin's donation on Christmas Party indebtedness.

Mrs. Lockhart reported that Mr. Ray Dodson could not attend the meeting because of a very important meeting he had to attend.

A copy of the communication to the Common Council President, Louis Miriani, is on file.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyal Shells, President
Charles McClain, Secretary

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