

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON HOUSING & PLANNING
Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 9:30 am
MEETING MINUTES**

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Leg. William Burton, Chair; Legislators Peter Harckham, Judy Myers, John Nonna [by telephone], Martin Rogowsky, Bernice Spreckman and Alfreda Williams. Advisory Members: Albert Annunziata, Tom McGrath. Committee Coordinator: Barbara Dodds. Others: Norma Drummond, Planning Dept.; Ken Belfer, Westhab; Housing Opportunity Commission (HOC): George Raymond, Richard Hyman, Jean Pollack, Shelly Weintraub, Betsy Shaw-Wiener; Katy Delgado, CE's Office; BOL: Larry Goldstein, Betsy DeSoye; Mary Lynn Nicolas-Brewster. Law Dept.; Ken Belfer, WestHab; Karen Schatzel, LWVW, Tony Hoetzel, CHRC.

▪ **Continuation of Discussion on Housing Opportunity Commission (HOC) Legislation.** With a quorum present, Legislator Burton opened the meeting. He presented a draft of revised duties of the Commission. After considerable discussion on the wording, the following was agreed upon:

The Commission shall assist the Board of Legislators, the County Executive, and the Westchester County Planning Board by

1. Educating itself, elected and appointed officials at all levels within the County of Westchester, and the general public about issues involving fair and affordable housing need, including but not limited to legal authorities, regulatory issues, public perception and misperception, and any other issues that are relevant to this duty;
2. Advocating before the relevant committees of the Board of Legislators, to the County Executive, to the Westchester County Planning Board and to the municipalities for specific and general policies that it feels are appropriate and relevant to the issue of fair and affordable housing need;
3. Accepting specific assignments from the Board of Legislators and the County Executive for preparing research projects; and
4. Serving in an advisory capacity in the preparation of any reports by the County, which identifies impediments to implementation of fair and affordable housing, in conformance with the requirements of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Leg. Burton called for a follow-up meeting at the same time next week and made a motion to adjourn, moved by Leg. Spreckman and seconded by Leg. Myers. All voted in favor.