

Fair Housing Meeting Notes
Greater Hammond
July 7th, 2016

- Issues
 - South Suburban feels that all forms of discrimination are under-reported. Possible solution is to promote fair housing resources
 - Greater Hammond feels there is a high level of NIMBYism to new affordable housing unless its senior housing
 - Ishmon: She has a list of properties to do fair housing outreach but she encounters a lot of resistance from management companies.
 - Renaissance residents call Hammond Human Relations Commission with anonymous tips. Afraid of retribution
 - Children who grow up in Hammond and go to college do not return
 - Housing stock is not attractive
 - Greater Hammond sees large amounts of overcrowding – 3 or 4 families sharing one unit
 - How is foreclosures affecting renters

- Recommendations
 - Talk to eviction court
 - for education and marketing: use social media; use outside parties
 - More data/discussion regarding employment centers would help.
 - More data/discussion regarding housing needs in terms of tenure
 - Look into Miller Trust programs
 - South Suburban would like to see similar indexes for subsidized housing
 - South Suburban recommends looking at race & income index and exposure index
 - Jean Ishmon thinks study should focus on Lake County
 - Look at trends in Robertsdale
 - South Suburban feels there is a lack of counseling availability

- Other Comments / Remarks
 - We Care has prevented a lot of preventions in E Chicago.
 - South Suburban feels that there should be more RECAPs in Hammond.
 - Hessville has changed to a “Hispanic” neighborhood
 - Hammond is a destination for Hispanic immigrants because of family who have moved to Hammond