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EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, FEBRUARY 13, 1990

Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. February 13, 1990, at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, for prayer led by Sally Wing, followed by self-introductions.

REPORTS

MSC to approve as printed minutes of the January 9, 1990 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1645.05 (including \$710.36 in AIDS fund). Received in an EISCC bag for contributions at the January meeting was \$44.00.

Coalition for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon). The Bellevue City Council acted to make it illegal not to rent to persons with housing vouchers, and is considering action on eviction for just cause only. City staff members are developing a fair housing ordinance, and a committee has been appointed to develop housing for single adults. At the next Coalition meeting there will be a speaker on the census.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force (Shirley Croonquist). The Task Force has received a donation from the Metropolitan Community Church, received at the Candlelight Vigil. Barbara Schlieper (323-2345) announced a workshop for caregivers during March, at the Bellevue Red Cross office. Although there is a \$25 fee, scholarships are available. Subject matter will include legal issues, coping with dementia, home nursing, and support for caregivers.

Affordable Housing Coalition (David Bloom). The group's primary focus is a proposed county-wide levy for housing and human services for low-income persons to be placed on the ballot by the King County Council. Meetings will be held to ascertain and generate community support, to present the need, and develop priorities, beginning Tuesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m., at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue (replacing the February 26 meeting).

Interim Housing (Larry Fraley). The Department of Housing and Urban Development rewriting of regulations and a contract in response to local request is expected in one week. The agency has received from the State Housing Trust Fund \$250,000 for local projects. Cross of Christ Lutheran has named a parish representative.

Legislative Issues. Geoff Ethelston requested contact of Senator Dan McDonald regarding action on HB 2910, fair budget action to increase the state welfare grant.

MSC that Ethelston write to the Journal-American, to thank Karl Thunemann for his editorial stance on this issue, including in his letter a statement that due to time constraints congregations have not yet voted upon this issue [EISCC Bylaws Article I. Section 7].

Women's Resource Center (Betty Galyon). The Women's Resource Center at Bellevue Community College (A102, 3000 Landerholm Circle, SE, Bellevue 98007, 641-2279) offers career planning courses and ongoing support for displaced homemakers. Speakers are available to interested groups.

Bellevue Emergency Service Fund (Mary Ann Yglesias). Contributions for October - December, 1989: \$4,345.00. Expenditures for rent, Puget Power, water, and gas: \$2,173.48. Thirty local families were helped with emergency dollars. (Bellevue Multi-Service Center, 455-0936)

PROGRAM: DEATH AND DYING: ETHICAL ISSUES

Dr. Joe Deisher, a retired physician active in the Hemlock Association, recommended thanatology, or discussion of relevant issues, prior to emergency. Resources available include medication, meditation, hypnosis, hospice care, do-not-attempt-resuscitation orders, living will, and durable power of attorney. The Association has proposed an amendment to the Natural Death Act of 1979, including these statements: "the right to death with dignity through aid-in-dying if suffering from a terminal condition [expected in the written opinion of two physicians to result in death within six months] or if in irreversible coma or persistent vegetative state"; "'Aid-in-dying' means aid in the form of a medical procedure provided in person by a physician that will end the life of a qualified patient in a dignified, painless and humane manner, as requested voluntarily by the patient through a written directive ...". The Hemlock Society can provide further information (P.O. Box 16196, Seattle 98116, 282-6722).

Father Peter Chirico, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle, observed that machines keep patients without expectation of meaningful life alive indefinitely in hospitals. Decisions made by medical personnel include reluctance to use painkillers, which may hasten death. Religious concern for stewardship of life avoids extremes of autonomy and preservation of life, viewing human life as a conditioned, rather than an absolute, value. Chirico emphasized the duty of caring, including reduction of pain and ceasing to use techniques which might prolong life. He viewed the active termination of life as consistent with a "quick fix" mentality. *The Archdiocese opposes the legislation.*

Considerable discussion included the importance of communication between patients and physicians, and questions about the necessity of tube feeding dying patients.

BUSINESS

Action was postponed until March on Carla Vendeland's resignation.

Members agreed on programs for March and April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council of Greater Seattle is sponsoring a fund-raising dinner to address Central American issues on Sunday, February 25, 6:00 p.m. at First Congregational, Bellevue. Speaker will be UW Professor Emeritus Giovanni Costigan. Reservations may be made through CCGS 525-1213.

John Boonstra, Washington Association of Churches, will speak at 6:30 p.m., Ash Wednesday, February 28, at First Congregational Church, Bellevue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

March 13:

Program: Families in crisis : Nurturing the Family.
Steve Coates (Youth Sanctuary Program, First Congregational Church).

Constitution and Bylaws Changes recommended to remove dollar amounts of membership dues.

Constitution. Article II, Section III. Each member congregation shall contribute ~~twenty-dollars-(\$20.00)~~ an amount to be determined by the membership annually to the EISCC, prior to the October meeting.

Bylaws: Article II, No. 3: Associate members shall pay ~~a fee of \$10.00~~ an amount to be determined by the membership annually, upon application and thereafter prior to the October annual meeting, to cover administrative costs.

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April 10: Cross-Cultural and Ecumenical Issues: Grove Anshell

May 8:

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
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MINUTES, JANUARY 9, 1990

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REPORTS

MSC to approve as corrected minutes of the December 12, 1989 meeting, substituting on page one in Coalition for the Homeless "about eviction for other than just cause" for "as availability of mobile homes."

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1471.06 (including \$557.71 in AIDS fund). Received in an EISCC bag for contributions at the December meeting was \$148.18.

Coalition for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon). Shannon has written to the Bellevue City Council and attended a study session on affordable housing. The Coalition has requested amendment of the definition of affordable housing to 70% of the area median income, adjusted for family size, noting that senior citizens average \$7200 yearly and that 36.5% of Bellevue residents earn less than 80% of the median income. The Coalition is developing a survey for churches/synagogues and agencies, information from which will be included in a brochure regarding housing and other needs they have been serving. Results of a Bellevue City Council study of downtown housing will be available in about 3 months.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force (Flora Bowers). The Task Force is continuing to develop a bulletin insert, and is supporting a Red Cross workshop for caregivers during the evenings of March 19, 21, 16, and 28, and Saturday morning March 24. Information is available from Barbara (323-2345).

Membership Task Force (Audrey Strom). 33 churches have expressed interest, of whom representatives from 6 have attended EISCC meetings and 3 have become members. The Task Force was urged to make follow-up telephone calls and to share the issues papers with congregations.

PROGRAM: MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND RESPONSE

Duane Glasscock chairs the outreach network of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, which has 90,000 members nationwide. As a member of Washington Advocates for the Mentally Ill (WAMI), he briefly indicated the history of WAMI and its services, which include support groups, a referral line, major conferences on mental illness, legislative advocacy, and presentations to congregations. WAMI publishes Connections, a statewide resource. Sources of

funding include United Way and a state of Washington matching grant. Glasscock noted that 40% of mentally ill persons first see ministers, who typically have not been trained specifically to assist them. He observed that congregations can provide housing, and that several denominations have passed resolutions of support. On February 19 in Everett, Rev. Craig Rennebohm, Church Council of Greater Seattle, will present a workshop on pastoral care for seriously mentally ill persons and their families. .

Joan Sharp, Eastside Mental Health, noted the history of EMH after its establishment in 1964 as a child guidance agency, broadening services beginning in the era of deinstitutionalization to include chronically mentally ill, domestic violence, and eating disorders. She stated that 20% of the population experience mental illness at some point in their lives, and that 1/2 of the homeless are mentally ill. Their needs include medical and psychiatric care, shelter, clothing, regular food, support, and a place in the community. Lacking a sense of identity or belonging, their critical needs include housing and transportation. EMH, included in the King County subregions for mental health services, is moving to a system of care that focusses on case management. Services to dysfunctional families where children have suffered abuse is threatened by diversion of funds to the chronically mentally ill. The roles of churches may include education, overcoming stigma, providing a support network, or purchase of a house which can be managed by a mental health agency. EMH will build a 20-unit apartment in Issaquah, requiring furniture and transportation. EMH will offer educational programs which can pay for themselves or be supported by communities. Domestic violence services will continue to be supported by cities. EMH is serving many people who are recipients of medical coupons.

David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle, indicated that the annual Family Life Task Force Conference, on children and mental illness, will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church in the spring. The Mental Health Task Force is working to develop committees along the line of the King County subregions, including congregations, consumers, community people, and the mental health system. Their roles will include education, volunteer support, support for housing, assistance to pastors and other staff, and increasing public awareness and participation. CCGS considers mental health a priority issue. Bloom requested names of persons interested in an East Side meeting, and will make the same request of other interfaith groups.

BUSINESS

Members agreed on programs for February and March.

Constitution and Bylaws Changes were recommended for a vote in March to remove dollar amounts of membership dues.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Affordable Housing Coalition (David Bloom). The group will meet Mon., January 29, 7:30 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, Renton, for the purpose of generating citizen support for a county-wide low-income housing levy.

A chain letter, on which no action was taken, has been received requesting support for opposition to apartheid.

Members were reminded of the annual legislative conference on January 20, sponsored by the Washington Association of Churches.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

February 13:

Program: Legislative issues, including death and dying, euthanasia, Hemlock Society

March 13:

Program: Families in crisis (Geoff Ethelston & Llano Thelin)

Business: Vote on constitution/bylaws changes

April 10:

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, MARCH 13, 1990

Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. March 13, 1990, at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, for prayer led by Llano Thelin.

REPORTS

MSC to approve minutes of the February 13, 1990 meeting, with the addition on page 2, last line, of "The Archdiocese opposes the legislation."

During self-introductions, Ethelston indicated that he has been named to represent the Episcopal churches in the Overlake Convocation. The LDS members represent 9 local congregations.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1836.80 (including \$885.36 in AIDS fund). Received in an EISCC bag for contributions at the February meeting was \$19.00.

Coalition for the Homeless (Joyce Thelin). Congregations were encouraged to complete a survey concerning service to the homeless. HOPE (Homeless Outreach Partnership for the Eastside) had 71 hotel room nights, 129 bednights in February. For their first 3 months they have had 48 cases (92 persons), for 120 hotel nights, 307 bednights; and 114 volunteer hours. The Census Bureau has requested information about location of the homeless on March 20.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force (Pat Meehan). A church bulletin insert is anticipated for April 29. The workshop for caregivers will start March 19, at the Bellevue Red Cross office. Shirley Croonquist, who is leaving for service in the Peace Corps, has resigned as secretary. The Task Force announced a permanent change in meeting location to First Methodist Church, 1934-108th NE, beginning March 16.

List of Needs and Resources related to personal and family concerns has been developed by Nadine Shannon.

PROGRAM: FAMILIES IN CRISIS: NURTURING THE FAMILY

Youth Sanctuary Program. Steve Coates, Associate Minister, Eastgate Congregational Church (746-2311), described assistance to homeless youth, up to the age of 25, to each of whom an advocate is assigned. There are 46 homes for temporary shelter from Eastgate and other churches, and hope for 5-6 homes in each 3-4 mile area. Since there is no funding, all homesharing is voluntary, and licensing is being pursued, with the assistance of David Bloom, to develop a potential youth sanctuary network. The program collects supplies for Orion Center, Seattle, and other youth-serving agencies. Outreach volunteers working on streets with youth was discontinued in January, but connections are being developed with other agencies.

Laurelwood Care Center. Richard Shreder, director (454-6166), described facilities and program of the former Bellevue Terrace, which, following receivership, has been run by Horizon Health Care Corporation of Albuquerque, and has recently passed a survey. From its original concentration on basic care, the center seeks more involvement of clergy and churches in a chaplaincy program, expanding on present provision of worship services. Training programs will be provided upon request on working with elderly, with physical impairments, and with death and dying issues, as well as on how to visit. Some funds are available to offset costs.

BUSINESS

Affordable Housing Coalition (David Bloom). A community forum on April 2 or 4 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, will seek support for greater resources for affordable housing through a proposed county-wide levy. Possible speakers are Doreen Marchione and Jean Carpenter. Coalition for the Homeless has agreed to cosponsor the forum.

MSC to cosponsor the forum.

MSC to approve proposed Constitution and Bylaws Changes:

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Carla Vendeland, in submitting her resignation from EISCC, requested: link between EISCC and Bellevue Emergency Services Fund; and continuation of the senior gift box project. Congregations were asked to consider and respond to these needs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Vigil Service of Prayer, calling attention to the Life/Death and Resurrection of Archbishop Oscar Romero, will be held Saturday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 9460 NE 14th, Bellevue.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

April 10: Cross-Cultural and Ecumenical Issues: Grove
Anschell

Reporting by different faiths on activities.

May 8:

June 12:

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
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MINUTES, APRIL 10, 1990

Chairperson Geoff Ethelston called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. April 10, 1990, at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, with prayer and self-introductions.

REPORTS

MSC to approve as printed minutes of the March 13, 1990 meeting.

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1893.41 (including \$923.23 in AIDS fund).

Coalition for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon). HOPE (Homeless Outreach Partnership for the Eastside), coordinated by Joyce Thelin, has been selected by the Directors of Volunteers in Agencies (DOVIA) for recognition at the Bellevue Art Museum, April 23, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. HOPE is seeking more volunteers, especially men. The Coalition, which meets the 2nd Monday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, includes 10 local agencies, Common Ground, Church Council of Greater Seattle, and representatives from 6 to 8 congregations. More congregations are encouraged to send representatives. The Bellevue City Council has recommended proceeding with provisions for affordable housing.

David Bloom, Church Council of Greater Seattle, announced a community forum to discuss Eastside housing needs, April 19, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m., First Congregational Church, Bellevue. The meeting will include working groups to develop a report. A future meeting in South King County will address the same issues.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force: No report.

PROGRAM: CROSS-CULTURAL AND INTERFAITH ISSUES

Grove Anschell, a member of Temple Herzl Ner-Tamid, a Conservative temple on Mercer Island, led the discussion. He described the program of his temple as a modern observance of traditions. Reform Temples De Hirsch Sinai and B'nai Torah have been more active in participation with other faith groups. There are several Orthodox synagogues in Seattle, whose observance of tradition is strict, and which do not become involved in interfaith activities. Sephardic Jews, 1/3 of the Jews in Seattle, from Turkey and the Island of Rhodes in particular, have 2 Spanish-speaking synagogues in Seattle. Hasidic Jews are extremely traditional, and number perhaps 200 in Seattle. Anschell indicated that local groups, of which there are between 10 and 15 in Seattle, participate in national groups of their choice.

They provide outreach to other Jews, but do no evangelizing. He described intermarriage as a continuing problem, and noted that the North Snohomish County Council of Churches sponsored a conference on that subject in February. Interest was expressed in a local conference. He said that there are 10 million Jews in the world.

In addition to the temples, there are several independent Jewish community relations programs in Seattle, which interact with other community organizations. The Anti-Defamation League is part of B'nai B'rith, a fraternal organization for men. The Jewish Federation is a national organization which raises funds for Jewish causes, and sponsors Jewish Family Services, which works with refugees. The Jewish Community Center on Mercer Island offers cultural activities, sports, and day care. Other organizations include the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish Coalition for the Homeless, and Kadima, a social/political organization. Jewish parochial schools are located in Seattle and Bellevue.

BUSINESS

Bellevue Rotary Club, Jim Erickson, president, (454-6235) has a fund called Share, designated for placement of a computerized exercise bicycle for paraplegics and quadriplegics. Since no space is available at Overlake Hospital for the next 6 months, temporary placement is needed. For information call Garth Everett, chair, Rotary Voice (881-9220.)

Yvonne Wyngaard was reappointed by Chairperson Ethelston as representative to the Church Council of Greater Seattle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A progress report on primary health care services for medically underserved residents of East King County will be held May 2, 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Eastside Community Clinic, 1811 - 157th Ave. NE, Bellevue.

A retirement celebration for Bill Cate, president/director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle will be held May 5 at the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall in conjunction with the CCGS annual meeting. Dorothy Shindler (455-1864) and Yvonne Wyngaard (646-9422) will coordinate tables for Eastside participants.

Harry Applewhite has retired as pastor of First Congregational Church, Bellevue.

A series on Saving the American Family will be presented by Lutheran Bible Institute from April 23 - 26, including lectures by Dr. Prentice Meador of Dallas, TX at 10:00 a.m. chapel and 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. evening sessions. For information phone 392-0400.

Seven downtown churches in Bellevue will hold the second annual Way of the Cross processional Good Friday, April 13, from 12 noon - 2:30 p.m. A similar processional is planned in Kirkland.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

May 8: Liveable Income/Employment

Newell Christensen: LDS employment program

Ann Olds: Catholic Community Services programs

June 12: Hunger

July 10:

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
APRIL 10, 1990

PROPOSED DEFINITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP AND ENDORSEMENT

(Adapted from operating draft document of Church Council of Greater Seattle)

DEFINITIONS:

Sponsor One who binds him/herself to answer for another's default (Roman law).

Endorse: To accept definite approval or acceptance of (Old French).

PRIMARY SPONSOR: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project and as such is responsible for its funding and involved in its planning and general direction.

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CO-SPONSOR: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project but does not underwrite its finances. A financial arrangement should be understood and written at the time of initial agreement to co-sponsor. EISCC may be involved in planning and direction depending on the agreement.

ENDORSE: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project but offers no financial support.

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, MAY 8, 1990

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REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1912.34 (including \$1048.09 in AIDS fund).

MSC to approve as printed minutes of the April 10, 1990 meeting.

Coalition for the Homeless No report. Next meeting will be Monday, May 14, 11:30 a.m., St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force: No report. Next meeting will be next week.

Bellevue Emergency Service Fund (Report submitted by Mary Ann Yglesias, Multi-Service Center). Financial assistance was given to 25 families during the first quarter of 1990. Payments for prescriptions, rents, heat, power, water, and transportation totalled \$2087.55. Contributions received were \$3907.00, with the largest donation of \$1800.00 from St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Medina. Balance at end of first quarter is \$4567.24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Olds announced that St. Joseph Catholic Church, Issaquah, is sponsoring a Baby Corner, a proposed collection and distribution center supplying basic baby care items. A fact-finding meeting will be held Tuesday, May 15, 10:00 - 12:00 p.m., at Overlake Park Presbyterian Church, Bellevue. Churches and agencies are asked to complete the blue questionnaire attached to the April EISCC minutes.

According to Newell Christensen, Latter Day Saints will hold a food and money drive for the Bellevue Food Bank during the week of May 20-26.

PROGRAM: LIVABLE INCOME/EMPLOYMENT

Hyrum Smith and Newell Christensen described the Stake Employment Placements Network, first organized in the 1930s as part of the welfare program of the Latter Day Saints Church. Between 6 and 9 wards [congregations] comprise each of the 26 stakes surrounding the area service center. Each ward has a communications specialist, and has a weekly ward survey of job opportunities. A computerized list is developed of about 500 - 1000 jobs and job hotlines each week at a meeting each Thursday evening in the stake center at 148th & Main Street, Bellevue. Each stake has a computer

specialist and an employment specialist. Goal is to upgrade jobs of underemployed persons, offers pre-vocational training, and includes jobs that can be done in the home. All participants in the network are volunteers. Suggesting employment as a possible area in which churches can work together, Christensen invited congregations to send a representative to the Thursday evening stake meeting, or to invite Mark Kubler, the ward specialist, to teach a congregation to establish its own service. A career fair will be held Saturday, May 19, 10:00 - 4:00, at the LDS Church, South Everett, 9509 - 19th Ave. SE. Representatives will be present from industries, government, and educational institutions. Workshops will be offered on career planning, resume writing, and home employment.

Kathy Morefield, Fair Budget Action, described the Family Independence Program as assisting welfare recipients with child care and medical coverage for one year, in order to become employed. There are no new local enrollees, since the Federal Government has reduced funding. Morefield noted that welfare recipients include the homeless, many of those who receive Aid for Families with Dependent Children, food bank users, and victims of domestic violence. In Washington, 200,000 children live in poverty, of whom 142,000 receive welfare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resettlement Center, according to Walfred Erickson, is grateful for contributions for operating capital earlier this year, but continues to need funding for the rest of the year.

North America Interfaith Conference on "Ethics in action: In the home, the workplace and the environment," will be held July 1-3, at the University of Washington. Sponsored by the North America Interfaith Network, the program is hosted by the Interfaith Council of Washington. For information, call 543-2310.

Goodwill Heritage Celebration will present Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Friday, June 1, 8:00 p.m., at the Seattle Opera House, to benefit the Emergency Feeding Program. Organized by the Interfaith Council of Washington, the program will include musicians from the Peoples Republic of China, the Soviet Union, Japan, and the United States. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster or from the Goodwill Heritage Celebration, 10020 - A Main St., # 347, Bellevue 98004.

Youth Link, according to Geoff Ethelston, is developing information for the Bellevue City Council. Task forces include recreation and culture/arts, public safety, transportation & design, human services, and education & employment. Chaired by Nan Campbell and Jim Church, the

program will hold a public meeting May 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Highland Community Center. Information is available from Rob Beem, 455-6880.

Housing in Bellevue: Setting policy direction, is the subject of a public hearing before the Bellevue Planning Commission, Wednesday, May 16, 8:00 p.m., Bellevue City Hall. Discussion will include provisions in the land use code for affordable housing and a land bank. Information is available from the Planning Department, 455-6880.

BUSINESS

Intermarriage is a subject for which Lisa Jankanish, North Snohomish County Association of Churches, can present a workshop. A conference earlier this year was supported by the National Council of Churches Office of Christian-Jewish Relations.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

June 12: HUNGER

Michaele Muse, North Shore Multi-Service Center
Lisa Jankanish will be invited to discuss an
intermarriage workshop
Stephanie Warren, City of Bellevue, will show slides of
attractive affordable housing

July 10: HOUSING

Consider for adoption this statement adapted from
operating draft document of Church Council of Greater
Seattle:

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and direction depending on the agreement.

ENDORSE: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project but
offers no financial support.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
EASTSIDE COALITION FOR HOMELESS (ECH) AND EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL
CONCERNS COUNCIL (EISCC) JULY 10, 1990

PURPOSE:

To establish roles and responsibilities of ECH and EISCC to provide a broader base of strength to disseminate information concerning the homeless.,

THEREFOR,

EISCC AGREES TO:

- *Communicate ECH homeless information throughout our member Congregations.
- *Congregations, when in agreement with pending policy changes and/or proposed legislation, give support through calling and writing letters to levels of government as appropriate.
ie City, King County, State, National.
- *Network/educate/advocate the information on the homeless as provided by ECH.

ECH AGREES TO:

- *Be an advocate in developing solutions to the critical need for help for homelessness. ie: Focus on ways to alleviate it with collaborative and creative solutions and disseminate to Eastside Congregations.
- *Survey the extent of need for transitional housing on the Eastside; identify priority areas to be addressed; and write a funding proposal/proposals if necessary to address these priority needs.
- *Continue as a task force and have own meetings, officers, and membership dues to pay ECH expenses.


WE JOINTLY AGREE TO DEVELOP A STRONG PARTNERSHIP IN THESE AREAS:

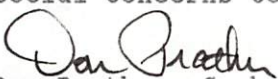
- *Publicity *Resources *Legislation *Education


And thus provide a strong voice to help homeless to have a place to live and mainstream into society.

This agreement takes effect on the date of signing. Revisions may be made upon request of either party and amended or extended by written mutual consent of both parties.

Signed and dated this...9.....day of ...OCTOBER....., 1990 by


LLANO THELIN, President
Eastside Interfaith
Social Concerns Council


Don Prather, Cochair
Eastside Coalition
Homeless


Nadine Shannon, Cochair
Eastside Coalition for
Homeless

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P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, JUNE 12, 1990

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REPORTS

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1974.13 (including \$1048.09 in AIDS fund).

MSC to approve as corrected minutes of the May 8, 1990 meeting, substituting on page 2, line 8, the name "Hoover" for "Kubler."

Coalition for the Homeless (Nadine Shannon, Don Prather). The coalition, as a working arm of EISCC, is providing information about the working poor, supporting the housing levy, and seeking accountability of funds to be generated by the levy. The group has a strong interest in transitional housing. They proposed retention of their own identity, along with an agreement of understanding with EISCC, whereby the Coalition serves as an idea bank, approaching the community through media and the churches. They have accomplished their initial mission with Project HOPE, now 1/2 way through its task.

MSC to return the Coalition for the Homeless to EISCC as a Task Force.

Betty Smith requested input about agencies who have dropped out of the Coalition, suggesting that voting membership in EISCC be considered for them [would require Constitutional amendment]. Shirley Croonquist reported that a homeless family has moved in to a house on the property of the First Congregational Church.

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force: (Shirley Croonquist). Flora Bowers will be moving from Bellevue to serve another congregation. During their first year the Task Force sponsored a conference, but their second year housing project has not yet succeeded. New officers will be elected next week. There are 30 to 40 persons with AIDS on the East Side.

PROGRAM: AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Stephanie Warren, planner for the city of Bellevue, described the Bellevue City Council as very supportive of housing issues, and seeking community involvement and support. They plan to create a housing task force to work

with the city Planning Commission. Affordable housing is defined as below market rate purchase or rental for persons earning 80% or less of the median income in the Seattle area. Although 80% of rentals meet the definition of affordable, they are too costly for working poor, whose median income is \$5.50 per hour, so that a source of subsidies is needed. During the next 10 years there will be increasing numbers of senior citizens, with an average annual income of \$7600. In support of their goal to provide housing at all levels, the Council has an affordable requirement for all new housing, has been working with developers, and will develop regulations to codify an affordable housing component. Study of other low-cost options have shown that resale restrictions for 20 to 40 years can maintain affordability. If units are attached to garages, there can be 12 - 13 units per acre, instead of the present 7. There is little vacant land in Bellevue, and little support for increased density. Their opportunities to work with nonprofit organizations and developers include, for example, the city's lease of land to developers next to the Senior Center. Although the Multi-Service Center has funds for 43 units, it has no land. The housing subcommittee of the City Council will meet Tuesday, June 26, 7:15 a.m. The Kirkland City Council has also named affordable housing as a priority.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The Leningrad Seminary Choir will present a concert at Newport Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening, July 24, [later changed to Monday July 23] during its visit at the time of the Goodwill Games, according to Carol Hegg.

Lisa Jankanish, North Snohomish County Association of Churches, is interested in working with a group to explore a proposed workshop on intermarriage, according to David Bloom.

BUSINESS

Proposed definitions of sponsorship and endorsement were presented for action in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

July 10: HOUSING

Coalition for the Homeless: Don Prather, Nadine Shannon, Joyce Thelin.

Consider for adoption this statement adapted from operating draft document of Church Council of Greater Seattle:

PROPOSED DEFINITIONS OF SPONSORSHIP AND ENDORSEMENT

DEFINITIONS:

Sponsor One who binds him/herself to answer for another's default (Roman law).

Endorse: To accept definite approval or acceptance of (Old French).

PRIMARY SPONSOR: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project and as such is responsible for its funding and involved in its planning and general direction.

SPONSOR: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project and contracts for some degree of financial support. EISCC is involved in planning and general direction.

CO-SPONSOR: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project but does not underwrite its finances. A financial arrangement should be understood and written at the time of initial agreement to co-sponsor. EISCC may be involved in planning and direction depending on the agreement.

ENDORSE: EISCC agrees with the purpose of the project but offers no financial support.

August 14: ?

September 11:

JULY 10, 1990 HOMELESS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED TO
EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

REFLECTIONS briefly telling where we have been

CURRENT STATUS report of where we are

VISION of where we are going

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING handouts for your input

EASTSIDE

SOCIAL
CONCERNS
COUNCIL

August 17, 1990

Mayor Lukens and City Councilmembers
City of Bellevue
PO Box 90012
Bellevue, WA 98009-9012

Dear Mayor Lukens and City Councilmembers:

Re: Affordable Housing

The members of Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council applaud your efforts to create affordable housing in Bellevue and encourage you to continue with this pioneering work. There is increasing hope among those who support your stand that your work will bear fruit.

It is only to be expected that developers will resist any attempt to cut into their profits, especially since some have experienced a bonanza in the last two years. (See article attached.)

It is particularly encouraging to see that some developers are working with you to find ways they can build affordable housing. As a philosophical aside, I think you should ask the question, what good does it do a community over the long run to build housing that is not affordable?

Finally, we believe that just as you came up with a bold, innovative approach to improving traffic congestion which is being accepted by developers, the requirement for affordable housing will also be accepted if the City is responsive to developers other concerns and has a clear housing policy.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Ethelston

Geoffrey Ethelston, President
Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 11, 1990

In the absence of the chairperson, who is recovering at home from surgery, and the vice-president, the secretary requested approval of the membership for Pastor Llano Thelin to preside. He called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. September 11, 1990, at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church. Sally Wing read Psalm 46, and members and guests introduced themselves.

David Bloom invited the audience to the installation of the Reverend Elaine Stanovsky as President/Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, September 16, at St. Mark's Cathedral, and to dinners, some on the East Side, in her honor.

REPORTS

MSC to approve as corrected minutes of the July 10, 1990 meeting, changing the first sentence of the third paragraph to read "Nadine Shannon noted that Bellevue Food Bank hours are the second Wednesday evening, 6:00-7:00 p.m., and Thursday afternoon, 12:00-2:00 p.m."; deleting the second sentence; and adding "The Multi-Service Center also offers emergency food during office hours." On the third page, the first announcement was corrected by deleting the second clause of the first sentence, so that the paragraph reads "Crossroads Housing Project has prepared a brochure of its rental assistance to homeless people. Information is available at 746-8080."

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$1998.46 (including \$1139.56 in AIDS fund).

Coalition for The Homeless. Nadine Shannon announced the Eastside Human Services Forum, "Families in the '90s: What's Different?" sponsored by Eastside Human Services Council, Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Bellevue Red Lion.

MSC that EISCC contribute \$30 toward a table at the Forum.

David Bloom announced a conference, "Action for affordable housing in King County," October 27, 8:30 - 3:00 at Renton Vocational/Technical School. By consensus, EISCC members agreed to cosponsor the conference.

MSC to share mailing labels with sponsors of the conference.

A petition for a King County ordinance requesting just cause for eviction was made available for signatures of interested persons. A list was shared of personnel changes for the city of Bellevue. Pastor Tom Kidd, St. Luke's Lutheran, has presented to the Task Force information on urban ministry of

Palo Alto, which responds to needs of homeless persons. Nadine Shannon is one of 17 members of a city of Bellevue housing task force, chaired by Cary Bozeman.

A request was made for congregational participation in a low-cost housing project for seniors. Tom Vasilatos, contractor/developer (885-0596), a member of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, is seeking \$45,000 in private funds.

Howard Johnson, on behalf of a subcommittee, asked for ranking of proposed "Priority tasks for the Eastside Coalition for the Homeless." Education and advocacy were recommended as specific-emphases, based on the original mandate of the Coalition.

PROGRAM:

Rev. Anne Campbell, Lutheran Counseling Network, speaking on "Our Changing Families: Discerning and Upholding," presented her vocation of marriage and family counselor as an example of societal changes during the past 20 years. Other changes have included employment, marital and family relationships, and differences for children in primary caretakers and exposure to different cultures and cultural change. Family needs include physical safety and maintenance, emotional nurture, structure, and stability. Campbell noted these concerns: response to persons whose practice differs from what is preached; age-segregation of people; and invisibility of some people and problems.

Rev. Lisa Jankanish, Executive Director, North Snohomish County Association of Churches, reported on an Intermarriage Workshop presented as an outgrowth of interest in Jewish/-Christian intermarriage. Discussion centered on dynamics and issues surrounding interfaith relationships affecting families and friends. There was a variety of perspectives, and considerable reluctance and even hostility toward recognition of intermarriage. Since the workshop, two support groups for couples have been formed.

The EISCC executive committee will consider future action.

BUSINESS

The nominating committee report was presented by Ann Olds: President, Llano Thelin; Vice-President, Nadine Shannon; Co-Secretaries, Dorothy Shindler and Newell Christensen; Treasurer, Pat Meehan. Election will take place in October.

Nadine Shannon was asked to present to congregations and report back to EISCC in October the Memorandum of Understanding between Eastside Coalition for Homeless and Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council.

REPORTS (cont.)

747-4937

Eastside HIV/AIDS Task Force: (Fitz Fitzgerald). Ruth Dundon has prepared a statement of purposes, goals, and objectives, including information/education, research, and volunteer support. Congregations are urged to send representatives to meetings on the second Monday (October 8), 12:30 - 2:00, at Youth Eastside Services. The Task Force requested 30 minutes on the November agenda to present a videotape on the spiritual and pastoral dimensions of HIV/AIDS.

Bellevue Food Bank Statistical Report (Mary Ann Yglesias, Multi-Service Center): January through August, 1990

Families served	8,360	= same as new
Individuals served,	25,502	
Individuals over age 55	3,363	
Individual under age 18	10,114	
Home deliveries	930	116 per mo
New families	600	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since Yvonne Wyngaard is resigning from EISCC, a new representative is needed to Church Council of Greater Seattle.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

October 9: Election of officers
Representative to Church Council of Greater Seattle
PROGRAM: Housing
Report on Memorandum of Understanding between
Eastside Coalition for Homeless and
EISCC (Shannon)
Urban ministry of Palo Alto: Pastor Tom Kidd

November 13: HIV/AIDS Task force (30 minutes)

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, August 1, 1990

Members Present: Geoff Ethelston, Carol Hegg, Pat Meehan, Dorothy Scott, Sally Wing.

Chairperson Ethelston called the meeting to order at 7:50 a.m., August 1, 1990, at Coco's Restaurant.

Larry Fraley has requested a representative to the Multi-Service Center Board. Ethelston will contact Newell Christensen and others to determine interest.

Dialogue. Return to quarterly publication was recommended. Ethelston and Wing will collaborate on the next issue.

Membership. Currently 19 churches are members and 7 agencies are associate members. Ethelston will ask Audrey Strom to reactivate the Task Force.

Emergency List. Scott and Meehan will contact Nadine Shannon in order to update the list.

Budget. Many expenses have been subsidized by individuals and congregations. The post office box and the mailing permit will be renewed. The new board will be asked to reconsider dues in February or March, 1991.

Priorities. The present priorities continue to appear appropriate. Additional task forces may be advisable, perhaps named during the meeting following a program, and having responsibility for reporting regularly to EISCC.

September program. Values will be the subject of the program, which may include handout material.

Housing. Ethelston is drafting a letter to the Bellevue City Council, as requested during the July meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL
P.O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662
MINUTES, OCTOBER 9, 1990

In the absence of the chairperson, vice-president Pat Meehan opened the meeting at 12:10 p.m. October 9, 1990, at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, with prayer, and self-introductions.

REPORTS

MSC to approve as corrected minutes of the September 11, 1990 meeting, changing the second sentence of the first paragraph under Program on page 2 to read "Other changes have included employment, marital and family relationships. Differences children have encountered include primary caretakers and exposure to different cultures and cultural change."

Treasurer's Report (Dorothy Scott). Balance, \$2323.56 (including \$1304.56 in AIDS fund). Fifteen churches are currently in good standing and therefore eligible to vote, and 4 agencies are associate members in good standing.

Coalition for The Homeless. Nadine Shannon and Howard Johnson presented reports of their survey of priority tasks, conducted among members of EISCC and of the Coalition. Highest priorities identified and recommended by the Coalition were:

1. Recruit volunteers from congregations; prepare and distribute a resource listing of key contacts and information sources on housing issues; encourage information forums on housing topics in Eastside churches;
2. Identify special church-related resources available to support provision of housing and encourage utilization of resources (e.g., volunteers, emergency funding, resource materials); develop housing ministry using urban ministry of Palo Alto as a model;
3. Advocate on behalf of the homeless population.

PROGRAM: Urban Ministry of Palo Alto

Pastor Tom Kidd, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Bellevue, described an organization of churches and synagogues providing housing for a month at a time for homeless single men and women. The coalition has hired staff, who screen applicants and stay at the churches. The program, which has been in operation for about 18 months, provides bedding and other supplies. The churches may provide breakfast, but are not obligated to do so. Before the program was established, there was a hearing process, and registration occurs in an area located with other social service agencies. There have been no complaints, as a result of thorough establishment, screening, and monitoring, in addition to the positive reputation of Urban Ministry.

David Bloom invited attendance at a conference, "Action for affordable housing in King County," October 27, 8:30 - 3:30 at Renton Vocational/Technical Institute. The aim of the conference is to develop action strategies during workshops which will be followed by a discussion session. Topics will include preservation and development of low-income housing, as well as strategies to increase the supply.

MSC to accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Eastside Coalition for Homeless and EISCC

HIV/AIDS Task force (Ruth Dundon). The Task Force will present a videotape to EISCC in November, and is developing a bulletin insert for congregational use. They are seeking representatives from all congregations on the East Side, to attend their next meeting on Monday, November 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m., at the Youth Eastside Services office. Dundon noted that 60% of persons with AIDS are heterosexual.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A panel on living wills and Initiative 119 will be presented at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Thursday, October 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Father Moore theater, according to Pat Meehan. Speakers will be Ned Dolejsi, Father Peter Chirico, Dr. Stephen Glass, and Father Bob Norton.

Eastside Resettlement Center, according to Walfred Erickson, is seeking new Board members. Meetings are held the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at agency, in the Crossroads area.

The Lutheran/Catholic Reformation Festival will be held Sunday, October 28, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, with study at 2:30 p.m., dinner, and 7:00 p.m. worship. Dorothy Shindler announced that Archbishop Thomas Murphy will speak.

Interfaith Council, according to Hyrum Smith, holds a regular forum on the first Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m., at First Congregational Church, Bellevue.

HOPE Project's September report was presented by Joyce Thelin. There were 62 persons placed, and 30 other persons referred, served by 42 volunteers.

Metropolitan Community Church has moved to the chapel of First Congregational Church for both services and its office.

BUSINESS

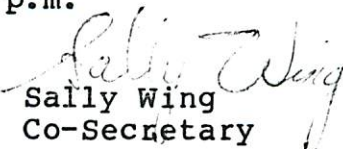
Elected unanimously as new officers were: President, Llano Thelin; Vice-President, Nadine Shannon; Co-Secretaries, Dorothy Shindler and Newell Christensen; Treasurer, Pat Meehan.

Nadine Shannon presented a certificate of appreciation to each of the outgoing officers: Pat Meehan, Sally Wing, Carol Hegg, Dorothy Scott. A certificate will be presented next month to Geoff Ethelston.

No representative was named at this time to Church Council of Greater Seattle.

MSC that the president and the treasurer be designated co-signers for EISCC checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.


Sally Wing
Co-Secretary

November 13: PROGRAM: HIV/AIDS Task force (30 minutes)
Representative to Church Council of Greater
Seattle

December 11:

Homeless

Draft for Church Home for Homeless Men/Women
November 8, 1990
Revised to present to EISCC 11/13/90

WHO? EISCC AND ECH have been looking at a method of addressing the need of the homeless single men/women

WHAT? 12 churches participate to provide sleeping space & some storage for limited belongings/ *breakfast/ and some direction of \$\$\$.

Where?

Determine churches who will participate in providing the sleeping space for one calendar month each.

HOW? These possibilities are being explored:
Other churches may help with the breakfasts and provide volunteers who have been trained in the HOPE program.

ie The homeless person will be directed to HOPE who screens and sends the individual to the hotel for 3 free nights; HOPE does all necessary paper work; Person signs contract. From the hotel, the person goes to the participating Church; Catholic Community Services provides case management and HOPE Church volunteers assist as needed.

\$\$\$ donations by support churches will be helpful to HOPE and to Catholic Community Services *assist co-ordinating breakfast program*

Sight (Church) manager and assistant will be hired by American Red Cross and fit into the successful HOPE program.

Ideally, this could be a married couple.

Maintenance of facilities may be done by homeless overseen by sight manager and trained by professional cleaning group. (Professional service may be free or nominal charge only).

Mats will be purchased; sheets, towels, soap will be furnished by hotels free of charge in strong support of this effort.

Current insurance in Palo Alto sufficed and will be carefully evaluated here.

There has been no damage to grounds or buildings in Palo Alto. Hours at church have been 9:30pm-7:00am.

Other churches may help with breakfasts and provide volunteers who have been trained in the HOPE program.

Person may stay for up to 60 days which allows time for case management from Agency to assist individual into mainstream of society.

When? March 1, 1991 initiate program.

Nadine Shannon 746-6019

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

MINUTES, NOVEMBER 13, 1990

Meeting called to order and welcome by chairperson, Llano Thelin at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue.

Opening prayer by the Rev. Austin Amerine

Self introductions. Minutes approved.

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin asked that participants:

1. distribute their printed materials at peoples' places before the meetings and
2. let him know before the meeting if you need announcement time. These two procedures will help keep the meetings within the time frame.

Treasurer's report (Pat Meehan) Balance \$2327.76 (this includes \$1,304.56 in AIDS fund) 16 churches and 5 organizations had paid dues...List available.

Eastside Human Services Forum 1X. EISCC table represented by Nadine Shannon and Sally Wing They reported good attendance and a positive day.

Coalition for the Homeless Nadine Shannon, Pastor Kidd, and Don Prather reviewed for new members the project for homeless singles in Palo Alto which is being considered for Bellevue to involve at least 12 churches for sleeping space. Information distributed, and enclosed. Howard Johnson to pursue a question about insurance. Don suggested that people direct any questions to Nadine (746-6019).

Larry Fraley, NE King County Multi-Service Center, commended this project, shared some of their involvement in housing and expressed interest in working with EISCC on housing. Their direct line is 382-9704.

PROGRAM

EISCC HIV/AIDS Task Force. Co-chair Ruth Dundon spoke to the group about AIDS on the Eastside and what is being done. It is a present reality and it is projected that there will be 200 people living with AIDS on the Eastside in the next two to four years.

Resource lists for both Seattle and the Eastside were distributed and are available. The monthly Task Force meetings are on the second Monday of each month at 12:30 pm, at YES (450-0258)

AIDS VIGIL February 2 and 3 in Bellevue. MSC that EISCC endorse this vigil. March 4,6,11,13 Red Cross workshop for care-givers of people with aids (PWA's).

Bulletin inserts are being developed.

VIDEO PRESENTATION 'FINDING OUR WAY TOGETHER' by the Red Cross. This showed people experiencing AIDS in their lives and responding to it as victims, family, friends etc. A closing scene reflected the tone of the video with the accompanying words, "When you hold my hand, you hold my heart". And Ruth added, that in so doing, "You release God's energy and gifts". She then suggested five minutes of sharing with a person next to us our thoughts and feelings about the video - a helpful way to close.

BUSINESS

Llano welcomed Geoff Ethelston's presence after his illness and asked for a motion that Geoff, recent past President, be a Member-at-Large on the EISCC Executive Committee. MSC.

Geoff noted that the Legislative Conference of the Washington Association of Churches is coming on January 19. He asked that EISCC again be a co-sponsor with a contribution of \$50.00. MSP. Brochures coming.

Llano invited lead time of 60 days for program presentations at EISCC meetings.

NE King County Multi-Service Center invited representation from EISCC on its board. Hyrum Smith volunteered.

Church Council of Greater Seattle position of representative is open.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

Dorothy Shindler
Co-Secretary

Next meeting - December 11, 12:05, 1990

PROGRAM

- 1) Mr. Gary Tang, Chinese Center, Seattle
- 2) Eastside Resettlement Center

EASTSIDE INTERFAITH SOCIAL CONCERNS COUNCIL

P. O. Box 662, Bellevue, WA 98009-0662

MINUTES, DECEMBER 11, 1990

Meeting called to order at 12:07 and welcome by chairperson Llano Thelin at Pearson Hall, Grace Lutheran Church, Bellevue

Opening prayer by Newell Christensen

Self introductions. Minutes approved. Change noted that Hyrum Smith has withdrawn his name as representative - to NE King County Multi-Service Center

REPORTS

President Llano Thelin - invited suggestions for future programs. Recommended 60 day notice.

He also acknowledged and sent around the box of SEE'S candies from Newell Christensen and the Christmas cookies prepared and brought by Pat Meehan.

Treasurer Pat Meehan - reported a balance of \$2,295.04. This includes \$1,270.04 in the AIDS/HIV fund. Also, Pat passed around a roster of paid congregations and agencies.

Affordable Housing: Coalition for the Homeless - Nadine Shannon. Among the information shared by Nadine was that a document has been developed for churches that decide to be a host church for the homeless in the HOPE II project. It is called A LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING and is enclosed for our congregations' consideration and we are asked to bring our input to the January EISCC meeting. There was also a motion by Nadine and an amendment by Sally Wing that EISCC support the concept of congregation-based housing to homeless men and women, identified as HOPE II, and encourage congregational participation in the project. Motion passed.

AIDS/HIV Task Force - Ruth Dundon The next meeting of the task force will be January 7, instead of the second Monday this month. A representative is desired from each congregation. YES at 12:30. Ruth also spoke of bulletin inserts and shared one set from the Catholic Archdiocese. Reminder again of the AIDS VIGIL, Feb. 2 and 3, First Congregational Church.

PROGRAM

EASTSIDE RESETTLEMENT CENTER

A brief presentation on the activities of the ERC was made by Betty Smith, Bob Shindler and Toulue Cha. They began with an historical overview of the center and its work. There are two main programs:

1. Basic assistance - helping refugees and immigrants obtain basic services such as medical and health care, transportation and other basic needs. Currently there are four ethnic counselors (Vietnamese/Chinese, Laotian, Hmong and Cambodian).
2. English Second Language classes - These serve about 400 persons a year and the number has been growing.

The agency was originally called the Asian Resettlement Center because it served primarily S.E. Asians. In the mid-1980's, with the influx of Eastern Europeans, including refugees from the Soviet Union, the name was changed to the Eastside Resettlement Center.

Currently the offices of the agency are being expanded to provide adequate space for the ESL classes. The agency continues to rely heavily on the contributions of churches and individuals on the Eastside and also on volunteer services.

Toulue Cha, the counselor for the Hmong people described in detail the kind of help he gives to the Hmong refugees as an example of the work of the counselors. It includes finding and working with sponsors, registering and working with schools, help with medical needs such as immunizations and physicals, pre-natal help (there have been 13 births in 1990) and various emergencies which require a translator.

Geoff Ethelston praised the work by Toulue from his own knowledge, and the assembly expressed gratitude for all the good that is presently being done at the center and that has been done in the past, including the great amount by Walfred Erickson.

Betty expressed thanks to all the churches who have helped through the years.

CHINESE INFORMATION AND SERVICE CENTER

Presentation by Gary Tang, Program Director

The Chinese Center has been in Seattle for 18 years serving immigrants (not refugees) from China and other Asian countries. The work is similar to the Eastside Resettlement Center in many respects and Gary offered to work together and share his resources such as cultural sensitivity training. He underlined the importance of having a resource center that is knowledgeable about both the new and former cultures of the people they serve. (see inclusion)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Community Services will be opening a shelter on the Eastside for single moms. It will be for winter only, 7 nights a week and will include a warm supper 643-1937.

Geoff Ethelston reminded us of the Washington Association of Churches Legislative Conference of which we are a co-sponsor January 19, All Saints Catholic Church, Puyallup. Registration forms were distributed and will be available at our next meeting or call the WAC at 525-1988.

Nadine Shannon presented a certificate of appreciation to Geoff Ethelston on behalf of the members of EISCC for his contributions as our past president as well as his many contributions to our community. One of these which preceded the EISCC was the program, FISH, which included some 400 volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Dorothy Shindler
Co-Secretary

Next meeting - January 8, 1991 - 12:05pm

Program: Newell Christensen LDS "How one church cares for the poor".

EISCC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 10 am. December 18, 1990

Members present - Newell Christensen, Pat Meehan, Dorothy Shindler and Pastor Llano Thelin -very much missed Rev. Geoff Ethelston and Nadine Shannon.

Opening prayer by Llano

Previous minutes approved

Concerns/Items for discussion

1. 1991 budget
Pat reviewed past years
Proposed 1991 budget

Postage	350.00
Bank	50.00
Directory	50.00
Legislative Conf	50.00
Contingency	25.00
Other	25.00

	\$ 550.00

Current balance \$1,024.96

This will cover the current shortage of \$120.00

2. Programs
 - A. January meeting - Newell Christensen - "How One Church Cares For The Poor"
 - B. Pastor Ron Hutchinson, Kirkland UCC - Kirkland Update - possible February Meeting
 - C. Llano will investigate the possibility of having Tony Lee of the Washington Association Of Churches present the key legislative issues of interest to the churches for 1991 for March program. Also, possibly Housing Task Force.

Dorothy Shindler
Co-secretary

NEXT MEETING JANUARY 15,1991 10:00 A.M.