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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

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ARTICLE I  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. Establishment of Community Advisory Council:

The highest legislative body of this community shall be a representative legislative advisory council which shall be known as the Community Advisory Council. The Community Advisory Council shall be composed of seven members elected from the community at large for a term of six months, or until their successors have been elected and take office as duly provided herein. Members of the Community Advisory Council shall be duly registered, qualified electors of the community who shall have attained the age of twenty-~~five~~<sup>one</sup> years.

Section 2. Powers and Functions of Community Advisory Council:

The Community Advisory Council shall advise, counsel, make recommendations and suggestions, give criticism and assist the Project Director in the determination of matters of broad policy in maintaining and promoting the general welfare of the residents, and for the enactment of law and order regulations. It ~~should~~<sup>shall</sup> assume additional powers as conferred to it from time to time by the Project Director.

Section 3. Officers:

The Community Advisory Council shall elect from among its members a presiding officer who shall have the title of "Chairman of the Community Advisory Council" who shall preside at all meetings of the Community Advisory Council, and who shall be recognized as the head of the Community Advisory Council and Government for all ceremonial purposes. The Chairman of the Community Advisory Council shall have all the powers and duties of any other members of the Community Advisory Council, but shall not have any special administrative or executive functions or powers other than those specifically enumerated in this Charter.

The Project Director, upon the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council, shall appoint an officer of the community who shall have the title of "Community Clerk" who shall be a qualified elector and who shall have the following powers and duties: to give notice of all Community Advisory Council meetings, to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Community Advisory Council, to cause the publication of all ordinances, rules and regulations, to authenticate by his signature and to record in full in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and resolutions, and to perform such other duties required by this Charter or by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 4. Vacancies:

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*can* Vacancies shall be declared immediately in the event of a councilman leaving the project permanently or indefinitely, and in the event of any incapacitating disabilities, and further, a vacancy shall be

*(with intent to relocate permanently)*

Section 4. (continued)  
declared in the event of the absence of any councilman for <sup>four</sup> consecutive regular meetings. The Advisory Council is authorized to fill such vacancies within two weeks period. <sup>required</sup> after such a vacancy has been declared.

Section 5. Recall:  
The recall of councilman may be initiated by petition of ten percent of the people, and shall become final upon the majority vote of the people. <sup>eligible voters</sup> electors.

ARTICLE II  
COORDINATING COMMISSION

Section 1. Establishment of Coordinating Commission: <sup>person from each block</sup>  
The Coordinating Commission shall be composed of one ~~block coordinator~~ who shall be elected by plurality vote <sup>in their</sup> ~~respective~~ blocks of their community. Members of the Coordinating Commission shall be duly registered qualified electors of the community. <sup>casted by the eligible voters</sup>

Section 2. Functions of Coordinating Commission: <sup>concern</sup>  
The function of the <sup>members of the</sup> Coordinating Commission shall be to <sup>coordinate</sup> the <sup>entire</sup> activities of the <sup>community</sup> entire community, and each individual Block Coordinator shall coordinate the activities within <sup>their</sup> ~~his~~ respective blocks. The Coordinating Commission shall disseminate information regarding action and ordinances of the Community Advisory Council. The Coordinating Commission shall be subsidiary to and subject to the control of the Community Advisory Council which shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the conduct and the operation of the Coordinating Commission.

Section 3. Officers: <sup>change</sup>  
There shall be chosen from among the members of the Coordinating Commission, a Chief Coordinator and an Assistant Chief Coordinator, and such other subordinate officers as the Commission shall determine. The ~~Chief Coordinator shall be the Chairman of the Coordinating Commission.~~ <sup>Chairman Adv. Committee to preside at all meetings</sup> <sup>also elect community clerk to keep records</sup>

Section 4. Vacancies:  
Upon certification of a vacancy in the membership of the Coordinating Commission by the Chief Coordinator, the ~~Community Advisory Council~~ shall fill such vacancy within one week of such notification by ~~appointment~~ of another person from the block where vacancy in representation to the Commission occurs.

<sup>By special election within block.</sup>

ARTICLE III  
JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Section 1. Establishment of the Judicial Commission:  
There shall be established a Judicial Commission of at least 5 persons appointed by the Project Director upon the recommendation <sup>from among the qualified electors</sup>

*to be known as the coordinators and with the general welfare and desires of the residents*

Section 1. (a. continued)

of the Community Advisory Council. No member of the Judicial Commission shall serve on the Community Advisory Council concurrently. Members of the Judicial Commission shall hold office until recalled, which may be initiated by a petition of at least ten percent of the electors, and which may become final upon the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the ~~people~~ ~~the~~ voters.

(b) The Judicial Commission shall act as an arbitration board and provide for orderly methods of settling disputes between residents of the community who voluntarily agree to submit their disputes to the Commission.

To be rewritten

Powers: - to include ordinances, crime, etc - See Sec 6 - part III - of previous Charter.

ARTICLE IV  
TREASURY COMMISSION

Section 1. Establishment of Treasury Commission:

There shall be established a Treasury Commission composed of three qualified electors of the Hunt community appointed by the Project Director, upon the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council. Their term of office shall be for six months. They shall be trustees of all ~~committee~~ <sup>community</sup> funds and properties which may be used for community purposes.

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ARTICLE V  
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Eligibility of Electors:

All resident colonists of the Minidoka War Relocation Center 2/ ~~eighteen~~ years of age or over, who are duly registered electors, shall be eligible to vote in all elections held pursuant to this Charter.

Section 2. Qualifications of Officers:

All officers of the Community Advisory Council shall be at least 2/ ~~twenty-five~~ years of age, but all residents shall be eligible for membership on appointive committees, commissions, boards and other appointive offices or positions provided for by this Charter, or which may be established by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 3. Secrecy in Voting:

All elections held pursuant to this Charter shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. Registration of Electors:

All qualified electors of the community shall be registered. Registration shall be open throughout the year and closed during specified periods during elections. All registrations must be in person and shall bear the signature of the person applying. Any person for registration must be registered by the clerk as a matter of right, provided that ~~he~~ ~~is~~ ~~18~~ years or over, but the

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Section 4. (continued)

validity of such registration may be questioned by a formal writing filed with the Community Clerk, which question is determined by the Judicial Commission.

Section 5. Nominating Conventions:

Every block shall be represented by two delegates at a Nominating Convention. The block delegates shall be elected in their respective blocks. Express instructions as to nominees may be given at the discretion of the block residents. The Nominating Convention shall convene at the call of the Community Advisory Council and shall nominate at least ten, and not more than twenty-one candidates for the Community Advisory Council. Nominations shall be verbal and a second required. Each delegate shall be limited to one nomination. The Community Clerk shall secure the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated. In the event that a group of persons feel that a desirable person has not been nominated, nominations by petition may be made. The eligibility of any nominee may be challenged and the question shall be determined by the Judicial Commission.

*from among the qualified electors*

*of at least 2% of qualified electors of community*

Section 6. Elections:

Regular elections are to be held twice a year, on the first Monday in ~~March~~ and on the first Monday in ~~September~~. All persons are required to vote at the place where registered, and absentee or proxy voting is prohibited. For election to the Community Advisory Council, a majority is required. There shall be a run-off election in the event that all of the members of the Community Advisory Council are not elected at the regular election. Such other regulations pertaining to the conduct of elections may be prescribed by the Advisory Council.

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ARTICLE VI  
INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM

Section 1. The Power of Initiative and Referendum:

The power of initiative and referendum shall be granted to the electors. The petitions for both initiative and referendum require ten percent of the qualified electors signing.

Section 2. Form of Petition:

Every person circulating a petition must certify that he himself circulated the petition and that he believes the signatures to be genuine. There shall be attached to every petition the names of at least five persons who are responsible as a committee of petitioners. Every petition must be filed with the Community Clerk who shall certify as to the sufficiency of such petitions, but if he should declare that the petition is insufficient, the petitioners shall be given successive periods of ten days for the filing of the additional copies bearing duly certified signatures until requisite ten percent is obtained, or the proposal shall be abandoned by the committee.

ARTICLE VII  
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Initiating Amendments:

Amendments to this Charter may be proposed by five-sevenths (5/7) of the Community Advisory Council, or by a petition of the people containing the signatures of ten percent of the qualified electors of the community.

Section 2. Ratifications:

Amendments, whether proposed by the Community Advisory Council or by popular petition, shall be ratified by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified electors of the community voting upon the amendment.

ARTICLE VIII  
RATIFICATION OF CHARTER

Section 1. Ratification of Charter:

The ratification by a majority of the qualified electors of this community voting at a special election shall be sufficient for the establishment of this Charter.

Meeting - To be notified.

ORGANIZATION COMMISSION MEETING

Place: Mr. Townsend's Office  
Date: May 13, 1943  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. Okajima

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Okajima. The members present were: Mr. Okajima, Mr. Yukawa, Mr. Fujii, Mr. Akiyama, Mr. Kanaya and Mr. Townsend and Mr. Chujo.

Mr. Townsend took the lead in the discussion. The discussion was on the subject of "Proposed Charter and Procedure for Organizing a Community Advisory Council" and on the "Code of Organization". A few changes were made in the Code of Organization as follows:

ARTICLE II: Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission was changed to "Block Commissioner" in order to avoid the confusion with the terms Kitchen Coordinator and Recreational Coordinator. Also Article III of the original Charter which deals with Judicial Commission was deleted. The Project Director is willing to take charge of or assume the responsibility of the works of the Judicial Commission. After the corrections, all the Commission members agreed that the revised Charter be mimeographed so that it will be ready for the next meeting, of the Commission members and the Congress of Delegates. Such matters as selection of election committee, making of by-laws for the election and other rules will be discussed at the next meeting which is to be held on May 20. There will be also meetings held in the blocks to elect block representatives where a block representative is absent due to an indefinite leave from the Center on May 17. After this has been done, the Organization Commission will meet with the Congress of Delegates from each block on next Thursday May 20. The notice to block representatives will be sent out by the Community Services Department.

Mr. Townsend notified Mr. James Sakamoto (alternate Commission member) in order to fill the vacancy of Dr. George Tani who left this project for Chicago on May 11, 1943.

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Dick Kanaya  
Secretary

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PROPOSED CHARTER

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PROCEDURE FOR ORGANIZING

a

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

of the

MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION CENTER

Hunt, Idaho

Revised by  
Delegates

May, 1943

SUBMISSION FOR RATIFICATION

We the undersigned, duly authorized members of the Organiza-  
tion Commission, hereby submit to the residents of the Minidoka  
War Relocation Center this Charter for ratification or rejec-  
tion at an election to be held in the Minidoka War Relocation  
Center on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1943,  
under our supervision and control, the voting at such election  
to be by secret ballot.

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PREAMBLE

WE, THE PEOPLE, RESIDENTS OF THE MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION CENTER, IN ORDER TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, TO EFFECTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL POLICIES, TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES OF LIFE, TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL WELFARE, TO INSURE HARMONY AND TRANQUILITY, TO PROVIDE FOR INTERNAL PEACE AND ORDER, TO CREATE FOR OURSELVES A UNIFIED COMMUNITY TO BETTER ENABLE US TO ACT EFFECTUALLY IN ALL MATTERS AND TO GIVE SERIOUS PURPOSE TO OUR CONDUCT AND ACTIVITIES, DO HEREBY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE PROJECT DIRECTOR, ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CHARTER FOR A COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION CENTER.

ARTICLE I

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The Community Advisory Council shall consist of representatives elected by the residents of this Center.

Section 2. The Project Director shall appoint a temporary advisory council of seven members to adopt a Code of Organization of the Community Advisory Council.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Section 1. The Community Advisory Council, acting in its advisory capacity, shall

- (1) Determine its own rules of order and discipline.
- (2) Adopt resolutions and recommendations addressed to the Project Director.
- (3) Establish committees and commissions incident to its functions and duties.
- (4) Adopt codes relating to the work and proceedings of its commissions.

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RATIFICATION

We the undersigned, duly authorized members of the Organization Commission, hereby proclaim the ratification of this Charter by the residents of the Minidoka War Relocation Center at an election held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1943.

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PROCLAMATION

I, Harry L. Stafford, Project Director, acting in accordance with the authority vested in me, hereby approve this Charter for a Community Advisory Council in the Minidoka War Relocation Center, and I hereby proclaim this Charter to be in full force and effect this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1943.

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Harry L. Stafford  
Project Director

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY ADVISORY COUNCIL

I, Harry L. Stafford, Project Director, acting in accordance with the authority vested in me by the Charter of the Community Advisory Council, Minidoka War Relocation Center, hereby appoint as members of the Temporary Advisory Council the following persons:

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Harry L. Stafford  
Project Director

RECOMMENDED CODE OF ORGANIZATION  
AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 2 ARTICLE I OF  
THE PROPOSED CHARTER, COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I

Section 1. Membership and Term of Office:

The Community Advisory Council shall be composed of seven members elected from the community at large for a term of six months, or until their successors have been elected and take office as duly provided herein. Members of the Community Advisory Council shall be duly registered, qualified electors of the community who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years.

Section 2. Meeting and Records:

The Community Advisory Council shall convene at least once a month in regular meetings. The Community Advisory Council with the Project Director shall determine the time and day of such regular meetings and further shall provide for the holding of special meetings under such conditions as is deemed necessary or proper. The Community Advisory Council shall cause accurate records of all meetings and action taken to be kept, and such records shall be open for inspection by the residents of the center.

Section 3. Officers:

The Community Advisory Council shall elect from among its members a presiding officer who shall have the title of "Chairman of the Community Advisory Council" who shall preside at all meetings of the Community Advisory Council, and who shall be recognized as the head of the Community Advisory Council and Government for all ceremonial purposes. The Chairman of the Community Advisory Council shall have all the powers and duties of any other members of the Community Advisory Council, but shall not have any special administrative or executive functions or powers other than those specifically enumerated in this code.

The Community Advisory Council shall also elect from among its members a Vice Chairman of the Community Advisory Council who shall act for the Chairman in his absence.

The Project Director, upon the recommendation of the Community Advisory Council, shall appoint an officer of the community who shall have the title of "Community Clerk" who shall be a qualified elector and who shall have the following powers and duties: to give notice of all Community Advisory Council meetings, to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Community Advisory Council, to cause the publication of all ordinances, rules and regulations, to authenticate by his signature and to record in full in a book kept for the purpose, all codes, resolutions, and recommendations and to perform such other duties required by this Code or by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 4. Vacancies:

Vacancies shall be declared immediately in the event of a councilman who leaves the Project with the intent to relocate permanently, and further, a vacancy shall be declared in the event of the absence of any councilman for four consecutive regular meetings. The Community Advisory Council shall fill such vacancies within two weeks period after such a vacancy has been declared.

Section 5. Recall:

The recall of a councilman may be initiated by petitions of ten percent of the eligible voters, and shall become final upon the majority vote of the electors.

ARTICLE II  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL COORDINATING COMMISSION

Section 1. Establishment of a Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission:

The Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission shall be composed of one person from each block who shall be known as the "Block Commissioner" and who shall be elected by plurality vote cast by the eligible voters in his block. Members of the Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission shall be duly registered qualified electors of the Community.

Section 2. Functions of the Community Advisory Council Coordinating Commission:  
The function of the members of the Coordinating Commission shall be to concern themselves with the general welfare and desires of the residents within their respective blocks. The members of the Coordinating Commission shall disseminate information regarding action and ordinances of the Community Advisory Council. The Coordinating Commission shall be subsidiary to and subject to the control of the Community Advisory Council which shall promulgate necessary rules and regulations for the conduct and the operation of the Coordinating Commission.

Section 3. Meetings:

The Coordinating Commission shall convene at least once each month in an open meeting, at a time and place designated by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 4. Officers:

The Chairman of the Community Advisory Council shall be the Chairman of the Coordinating Commission and shall preside at all meetings of the Coordinating Commission. The Community Clerk shall act as the Secretary of the Coordinating Commission and shall keep an accurate record of all meetings.

Section 5. Vacancies:

Upon certification of a vacancy in the membership of the Coordinating Commission by the Chairman of the Advisory Commission, the Community Advisory Council shall fill such vacancy within one week of such notification by a special election to elect a coordinator in that block where vacancy in representation to the Commission occurs.

ARTICLE III  
NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONSSection 1. Eligibility of Electors:

All resident colonists of the Minidoka War Relocation Center ~~twenty-one~~ years of age or over, who are duly registered electors, shall be eligible to vote in all elections held pursuant to this Code. 18

Section 2. Qualifications of Officers:

All officers of the Community Advisory Council shall be at least twenty-one years of age, but all residents shall be eligible for membership on appointive committees, commissions, boards and other appointive offices or positions provided for by the Code or which may be established by the Project Director.

Section 3. Secrecy in Voting:

All elections held pursuant to the Code shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4. Registration of Electors:

All qualified electors of the community shall be registered. Registration shall be open throughout the year and closed during specified periods during elections. All registrations must be in person and shall bear the signature of the person applying. Any person applying for registration must be registered by the clerk as a matter of right, provided that he or she is ~~twenty~~ one years or over, but the validity of such registration may be questioned by a formal writing filed with the Community Clerk, which question shall be determined by the Community Advisory Council. 18

Section 5. Nominating Conventions:

Every block shall be represented by two delegates at a Nominating Convention. The block delegates shall be elected in their respective blocks from among the qualified electors. Express instructions as to nominees may be given at the discretion of block residents.

The Nominating Convention shall convene at the call of the Community Advisory Council and shall nominate at least ten, and not more than twenty-one candidates for the Community Advisory Council. Nominations shall be verbal and a second required. Each delegate shall be limited to one nomination. The Community Clerk shall secure the acceptance of candidacy by **such persons as are** nominated. In the event that a group of persons feel that a desirable person has not been nominated, nominations by petition of at least 2% of qualified electors of the Community may be made. The eligibility of any nominee may be challenged and the question shall be determined by the Community Advisory Council.

Section 6. Elections:

Regular elections are to be held twice a year, on the first Monday in February, and on the first Monday in August. All persons are required to vote at the place where registered, and absentee or proxy voting is prohibited. All candidates receiving a majority of votes cast by the qualified electors of the Community shall be declared elected by the Community Clerk; in the event that the full membership of the Community Advisory Council not be elected in the first regular election, the Community Clerk shall certify this fact to the Community Advisory Council which shall forthwith call a special meeting at the

earliest possible date, and shall set the day for a run-off election. The Community Clerks shall certify in the run-off election, twice as many unelected candidates as the number of positions remaining unfilled. The unelected candidates in such number having the greatest number of votes in the original election shall be certified. There shall be only one run-off election and the candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected for the unfilled position.

ARTICLE V  
INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM, AND RECALL

Section 1. The Power of Initiative and Referendum:

The Power of making resolutions to the Community Advisory Council by the exercise of initiative and referendum shall be granted to the electors. The petitions for both initiative and referendum require the signatures of five percent of the qualified electors in the Community.

Section 2. Forms of petition:

Every person circulating a petition must certify that he himself circulated the petition and that he believes the signatures to be genuine. There shall be attached to every petition the names of at least five persons who are responsible as a committee of petitioners. Every petition must be filed with the Community Clerk who shall certify as to the sufficiency of such petitions, but if he should declare that the petition is insufficient, the petitioners shall be given a successive period of ten days for filing of the additional copies bearing duly certified signatures until the requisite five percent is obtained, or the proposal shall be abandoned by the committee.

Section 3. Date of petition:

A petition shall be dated with the date of the day on which the first signature is written on it, and unless it obtains the required number of signatures within sixty days after its date, it shall expire.

ARTICLE VI  
AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Code of Organization may be amended by resolution of the Community Advisory Council.