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Heart Mountain Relocation 5th Community Council Meeting Minutes

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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THIRD SESSION

August 21, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:13 a.m. 11:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Takahashi, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: Block 24

Correction to August 14, 1945 minutes: Under sub-committees headed "Legal and Resolution", Joe Naoshi Honda should be listed instead of Gore Terui.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter from JACL requesting approval on resolution made by the JACL regarding the resettlement of Americans of Japanese descent.

B. Letter from All Center Conference Headquarter regarding a second All Center Conference meeting.

C. A copy of letter and enclosure received from National Headquarter of ACLU and also letter of appreciation to them was received from Topaz All Center Conference Headquarter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Imatsu reported on the cemetery removal. He stated that Mr. Embree has written another letter since no answer has been received from the previous one regarding the above matter.

The sanitation committee was requested to look into the matter of cooks for the hospital.

The Resolution on the Resettlement of Americans of Japanese Descent made by the JACL was unanimously approved by the Council.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morisaki, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FIFTH SESSION

August 28, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:15-10:40 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Takahashi, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: Block 25

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter from the All Center Headquarter stating which Centers approved and which disapproved of having a second all-center-conference.

B. Letter from the Philadelphia Nisei Council stating that they are sending forty copies of "Philadelphia 1945" to help Evacuees who relocate in the Philadelphia area.

C. Copy of a letter from Rohwer Community Council in regards to a protest against the decision of Stockton Superior Court.

D. Copy of a letter from Reverend Hugh Lavery of Maryknoll to the Topaz Community Council was received.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Guy Robertson and Mr. M. O. Anderson attended the meeting to clarify the problem of freight delivery. It was stated that relocating Evacuees who live within the city limit will get their freights delivered free of charge from the depot. It was also stated that if residents contact the Evacuee Property Officer for a copy of the Bill of Lading, it will be given to them.

Mr. Robertson also stated that after Saturday, September 1st, the Army will not be stationed at Heart Mountain, but the Internal Security will take over their functions. It was also stated that an outside firm will come in to continue a canteen service, dry cleaning service, Western Union service, and checking cash service. An outside firm will come only once a week to cash checks, probably every Thursday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SEVENTH SESSION

September 4, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:10 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Takahashi, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Baimonte, and Mr. Hoover from the Commissary Section.

Absentee: Block 24.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Takahashi consulted Mr. Robertson, Project Director, on the problem of closing the laundry and shower facilities in the section of blocks where the mess halls are closed. He stated that on the side where the mess halls are closed the laundry room and latrine will also be closed after September 15.

It was unanimously agreed by the Council to send a wire to Dillon S. Myer in regards to door to door delivery of freights, the housing situation on the outside, and also about the above mentioned matter.

Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Baimonte, and Mr. Hoover all from the Commissary attended the meeting to discuss the food situation in this Center. He stated that although the order for variety of food were made, the quarter master in Denver cancels the order, therefore, they cannot do anything about it.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NINTH SESSION

September 12, 1945
Wednesday

Conference Room
9:25 a.m. 11:25 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Takahashi, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Hara, Red Cross Chairman

Absentees: Block 8 and 29.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Letter from the newly organized North American Cooperative Rehabilitation Association, Inc. regarding its aims and activities as coordinating center agency and a guiding body for the economic rehabilitation after the closing of relocation centers.

B. Letter from All Center Conference Headquarter regarding appeal to Dillon S. Myer, Director, concerning subsistence to needy families after they have relocated from the center. Above letter was approved by the Council and answer will be sent by wire.

C. Letter from Mr. Minejiro Hayashida was read.

D. Bulletin from Community Management Division regarding 24-hour passes was read.

E. Written resignation from Mr. Takahashi was received.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Hara, Red Cross Chairman, was present to discuss the liquidation of the Red Cross Fund. It was stated that the Red Cross service was expected to close about October 31. Mr. Hara requested the cooperation of the Council to make a list of needy families in their respective blocks by the end of the month.

It was reported that there is urgent need of four ambulance drivers at the hospital.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morisaki, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
TWELFTH SESSION

September 21, 1945
Friday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

POLL CALL:

Present: Dr. Asael Hansen, Community Analyst
Absentees: Blocks 8, 14, and 29.

DISCUSSIONS:

Dr. Hansen, Community Analyst, gave a report on his recent trip to other Centers as a visiting Community Analyst. Most of his time was spent in Canal section of Gila Center. He briefly described the highlights of his trip to the Council. He also spent two days in Poston, one day in Topaz, and two days in Minidoka before returning to Heart Mountain. It was stated that the last five weeks of the Canal Community Council will run on an "Emergency Basis" and will hold meetings only when it becomes necessary. Dr. Hansen stated that his work hereafter to the closing of the Center will be devoted to making the Community History and he has asked the cooperation of the Council whenever necessary in gathering information.

Mr. George Tani reported that geological specimens cannot be sent by Government expense as it is not considered household goods. He stated no general inspection will be made for stolen Government property but only suspicious cases will be inspected.

Mr. Kawano reported on the Yokohama Specie Bank account. It was reported that one must first file his claim before October 1 and action taken later.

It was agreed that Mr. Guy Robertson, Mr. M. O. Anderson, and Mr. Joe Carroll be invited to attend the next meeting to explain the orderly movement which is scheduled to start October 1st.

The food committee was asked to look into the matter of delivery of food to the Mess Halls together with the Block Managers' food committee.

Mr. Kametaro Komae tendered his resignation due to relocation. His successor, Mr. Kinosuke Omoto was introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morisaki, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THIRTEENTH SESSION

September 25, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sawano, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Guy Robertson, Mr. M. O. Anderson, and Mr. Joe Carroll.
Absentee: Block 8.

MINUTES:

A letter of resignation from Mr. Shigekichi Isobe, Block 14 Councilman, was read.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Guy Robertson, Mr. M. O. Anderson, and Mr. Joe Carroll were present to explain the orderly movement of closing the center. It was stated that this movement is being done so as not to congest transportation during the last few weeks before the center closes. Mr. Robertson stated that every person scheduled for departure will have temporary or permanent housing. It was also stated by Mr. Robertson that WRA will do everything possible to assist each family with a minimum of inconvenience or trouble.

Mr. Anderson discussed the problem of block organization during the last few weeks before the center closes. It was stated that it is the desire of the Administration to keep the block offices open and maintain a minimum block organization as long as possible but block personnel are not being asked to delay relocation for this reason.

After a discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morisaki, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
THIRTEENTH SESSION

September 25, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Guy Robertson, Mr. M. O. Anderson, and Mr. Joe Carroll.
Absentee: Block 8.

COMMUNICATION:

A letter of resignation from Mr. Shigekichi Isobe, Block 14 Councilman was read.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Guy Robertson, Mr. M. O. Anderson, and Mr. Joe Carroll were present to explain the orderly movement of closing the center. It was stated that this movement is being done so as not to congest transportation during the last few weeks before the center closes. Mr. Robertson stated that every person scheduled for departure will have temporary or permanent housing. It was also stated by Mr. Robertson that WRA will do everything possible to assist each family with a minimum of inconvenience or trouble.

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After a discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Morisaki, Secretary

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
FOURTEENTH SESSION

September 28, 1945
Friday

Conference Room
9:35 a.m. 11:25 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: Block 8

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Copy of a petition sent to Mr. Dillon S. Myer from the Topaz Community Council.

B. Letter from Mr. Takahashi former chairman of the Council was read.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Main, Procurement and Supply Officer, was asked to attend the meeting to explain the coal situation. It was stated that it was due to shortage of workers. The Council suggested that coal be ordered in large quantity at one time to replenish the present coal shortage. If such quantity of coal is obtained, the Council agreed to secure volunteers to help unload and deliver coal to the blocks to alleviate the present coal shortage.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Magoshiro Mutaguchi, Block 12 Councilman, tendered his resignation due to relocation.

Mr. Junji Asakura was introduced to the Council as Block 29 Councilman.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SIXTEENTH SESSION

October 5, 1945
Friday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:20 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mr. Udo of the Health and Sanitation Committee reported that there is urgent need of two waitresses, two dishwashers and two potwashers at the hospital mess hall.

Mr. Miyazaki of the Food Committee reported on the rice situation. It was stated that after two weeks more rice will be obtained.

Mr. Burnett, Evacuee Property Officer, attended the meeting to explain the problem of obtaining a Bill of Lading on evacuee freight which is sent to a storage company. It was stated that only one Bill of Lading is made for a carload shipment which covers every piece that is in the shipment and a copy of the Bill of Lading is sent to the storage company. It was also stated that if an evacuee who is relocating to the evacuated area wishes to obtain a copy of the Bill of Lading, he should report his freight ten days before his departure date. Residents who are not relocating to the evacuated area and who desire to obtain a Bill of Lading should report their freight four days prior to their departure date.

Mr. Anderson requested the cooperation of the Councilmen in securing a survey of additional crates needed in their respective blocks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
SEVENTEENTH SESSION

October 9, 1945
Tuesday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:25 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: Block 24

COMMITTEE REPORT:

It was stated again that there is urgent need of two waitresses, two dishwashers, and two potwashers at the hospital mess hall.

It was stated that the Community Enterprise is trying their best to first distribute the refund checks to residents who are leaving on the special train Friday before distributing to other residents.

DISCUSSIONS:

After a discussion, the Food Committee was asked to look into the present food situation.

Since information was received that five carload of coal, which is more than the regular crew can handle, came in, the Council secured volunteers to help the regular coal crew Wednesday morning.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Satoru Tsuneishi and Mr. Harry Nakaya were introduced as Councilmen for blocks 2 and 24 respectively.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
EIGHTEENTH SESSION

October 12, 1945
Friday

Conference Room
9:30 a.m. 11:10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

ROLL CALL:

Absentee: Block 8 and 24.

COMMUNICATION:

A. Letter from Director Dillon S. Myer in answer to the letter of September 28 regarding resettlement grant.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

It was stated by Mr. Wiseman, Chief Steward, that orders have been put in for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Since there is a critical shortage of workers at the hospital, it was stated that the hospital may close on the 15th of this month if workers are not obtained to fill the vacancies.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Kawano and Mr. Honda were requested by the Council to see Mr. Anderson pertaining to the matter of having all essential workers stay on the job until the operations are closed in the camp.

The Relocation Committee will look into the matter of housing situation.

Mr. Main, Procurement and Supply Officer, was present and stated that 5 carloads of coal will arrive Monday and 10 to 12 carloads will come in during the week. The councilmen and volunteers will again help the regular coal crew.

The Labor Committee was requested to consult Mr. Main about paying the volunteers who are not employed at the center in cash.

Due to the fact that the councilmen will be helping the coal crew Tuesday morning, the regular meeting will be postponed until Wednesday, October 17th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
FIFTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL
NINETEENTH SESSION

October 17, 1945
Wednesday

Conference Room
9:40 a.m. 11:40 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Kawano, Chairman.

COMMUNICATIONS:

A. Copy of a letter from D. S. Myer in regard to the force petition made by All Center Headquarter.

B. Resignation from Mr. Gengo Endo, Block 28 councilman.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

It was announced that the hospital mess hall has been closed to hospital employees and cooking is for the patients and nurses aides only.

Mr. Kawano and Mr. Honda consulted Mr. Anderson on the matter of having all key-workers stay on the job until the operations are closed. It was stated by Mr. Anderson that delay in scheduled departure could be arranged only in the cases of key-workers who have definite plans for providing their own housing without WRA assistance.

It was stated that Mr. Main will see Mr. Ryan regarding the matter of paying volunteer coal workers in cash who are not regularly employed.

DISCUSSIONS:

Mr. Wiseman, Chief Steward, requested the councilman to submit the names and family numbers of all mess hall workers. It was approved by the Council to turn this job over to the block managers.

Mr. Kawano was requested by the council to determine whether the outside bank representative can come in twice a week instead of once to cash checks for the residents.

It was made clear that residents who do not wish to apply for the \$25.00 grant will not have to sign any papers when leaving the Center.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mr. Naoshi Honda, Block 15 councilman and Mr. Gengo Endo, Block 28 councilman tendered their resignation due to relocation, and their successors Mr. Torakichi Higita and Mr. Junzo Itaya were introduced.

Mr. Sosaku Suzuki and Mr. Kosaku Matsumoto were introduced to the Council as councilman for blocks 20 and 29 respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Tamari, Sec.