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THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Thursday, March 9, 1944
PLACE: 22-9-D

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Council was called to order by Mr. Fujii, Chairman, at 2 p.m.

The roll call was taken. Councilmen present were Messrs. Takeda, Mihara, Chikata, and Osawa. Dr. Shigaya and Mr. Akiyama arrived late. The other persons present were Mr. Beeson, Relocation Officer, and Mr. Kenji Ito.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a correction that on page one, paragraph one, at the beginning of the first sentence, the word "first" following "The" should be deleted.

The subject relative to the Relocation Planning Commission.

Upon introduction by the Chairman, Mr. Beeson took the floor and gave a brief historical background of the formation of the present organization known as the Relocation Planning Commission now in operation. He stated that the Community Council has direct responsibility over this organization, but due to the absence of a Community Council at the time the instruction from Washington came, the present members were selected from the various divisions on an arbitrary basis, and, in some cases, representatives were selected by the block residents in order to make a fair representation throughout the project. In the instruction from the Washington office, it has been suggested that the Executive Body, consisting of three members representing the Administration staffs, and three from the evacuee residents, should be organized to formulate the basic policies pertaining to relocation problems. However, this body is still absent waiting for the completion of the Community Council.

He further explained the complete layout and working mechanism of this recommended organized relocation program. He also stressed the point that the future of evacuees as a whole is largely dependent upon relocation, and since the Community Council is in a position to work for the best interests of the residents, the Council should keep in close touch with the movements of the people leaving the project. For this reason he recommended that the Council have the daily population report sent by the Statistics Department.

Mr. Osawa asked Mr. Beeson if the Council might be given a complete list of the active members of the Relocation Planning Commission.

Following the discussion concerning the Relocation organization, Mr. Beeson requested the Council to send an official representative to the Relocation Planning Commission. The floor was opened for the selection of an official representative, and Mr. Y. Fujii was elected by an unanimous vote.

The Chairman's reports.

1. The official notices were sent out to all newly appointed committee members.

2. Letters were sent out to Mr. T. T. Sashihara, Chairman of the Heart Mountain Community Council, pertaining to the proposed Relocation Conference; and Mr. F. Arakawa, the Chairman of the Jerome Community Council, concerning the question of evacuee doctors and the question of the proposed Relocation Conference.

3. Request was made to Mr. Pomeroy to write a letter to Washington to obtain a list of the names of Community Council Chairmen in all the centers.

4. The inability of the Council to secure Mr. Yasui's services as Community Clerk due to his absence from the center for about a month was ascertained. The Chairman has contacted Mr. Kenji Ito who willingly accepted the position, but it is subject to approval of the Project Director pending his return from Washington, scheduled for the 15th of this month.

RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Kenji Ito for Community Clerk.

Following the reports made by the Chairman, Mr. Mihara expressed his opinion that the Council should recommend Mr. Kenji Ito, who is best qualified for this position, regardless of the fact that he has been misunderstood by the Administration. Mr. S. Osawa moved that the Council submit Mr. Kenji Ito's name as its recommendation for Community Clerk. The motion was seconded by Dr. Shigaya and unanimously approved by the members. The Chairman was requested to submit a written recommendation to the Project Director on his arrival from Washington, stating that the Council has named Mr. Kenji Ito for Community Clerk.

Introduction of a letter from Mr. D. S. Myer, addressed to Mr. Stafford, dated February 18, 1944.

A letter from Mr. Dillon S. Myer, expressing his congratulations and greetings on the formation of a Community Government, and including his thoughtful suggestions was read.

It stated the following suggestions: (Quote)

1. Council Chambers: The provision for adequate space with suitable furnishings for the Council and for Community government offices is an extremely desirable step. The Council and the community will interpret this consideration as an expression of confidence on the part of the administration. It will give dignity and status to the Council and will pay good dividends in strengthening the Council in its own eyes and in the eyes of the community.

2. Executive Secretary: The Executive Secretary selected by the Council should be an individual with sound judgment and considerable standing in the community. The Executive Secretary can be of inestimable value in organizing the work of the Council and in keeping the Council aware of impending developments in the community. He occupies a position that makes him readily accessible to the administrative personnel and through him much information and guidance can be channeled.

3. Boards and Commissions: Many individuals who are strong leaders within the community will have one reason or another to avoid holding an elected position. It should be a considered policy of the Council to seek out these individuals and to appoint them to important positions on boards or commissions which deal with community problems. If this is done, the Council will secure the services of these capable leaders and will also strengthen its position within the community. If these leaders are assigned specific responsibilities, it is less likely that their energies will be diverted to unorganized and possibly disruptive activities.

4. Communication: The Community Councils at other centers have in many instances failed to keep the community informed of their actions and have failed to keep in touch with the sentiments and desires of the residents. Instances have arisen where the Community Council found itself completely out-of-step with the rest of the community. This situation will not arise if there is continuous and regularized contact with the residents in the blocks. As a concrete suggestion, we think it advisable

if the minutes of each Council meeting are made available to each councilman and to each block coordinator for presentation at regularly scheduled block meetings. The Executive Secretary should have the responsibility of also preparing an agenda of the major problems then under consideration by the Council for presentation to the blocks for the purpose of securing block thinking on these problems. The reports of boards and commissions should also be presented from time to time.

5. Community Government Handbook: We believe the Council should give careful study to the Community Government Handbook. It contains many suggestions for meeting problems of organization and function that are certain to arise. The Handbook can be used as a tool to help crystallize and channelize the efforts of the Council in a constructive and cooperative way." (Unquote)

Labor dispute among the workers in the pickling plant.

Mr. K. Takeda informed the members of the labor dispute existing among the workers in the pickling plant. However, he further stated that no official memorandum has been presented from the respective groups. Dr. Shigaya informed the members that he has been discussing the situation with the parties involved, and he has been impressed that some solution might work out among the workers and will reach a settlement inside of a short time. Mr. Takeda asked the members' opinion if in the event when they present an official memorandum to the Council, what stand the Council should take. It was suggested that the nature of this problem should be taken up by the Fair Labor Practice Board, but due to the absence of such a body, the Council as a whole should take proper steps to the satisfaction of the parties involved. It was agreed by the Council members.

Fair Labor Practice Board.

Upon request of the Chairman, Mr. Kenji Ito gave his interpretation of the statement released by Mr. Stafford in a recent issue of the "Irrigator" pertaining to the proposed new organization of the Fair Labor Practice Board. According to his interpretation, the Council is to be responsible to make recommendations of the candidates for the position, but they are only answerable to the Project Director. Since the Council has no official communication on this matter with the Administration, it was decided that the Council should take action only after a clarification is made by the proper authority.

Meetings of the Standing Committees.

The Chairman suggested that the chairmen of the various Standing Committees should call their respective committee meetings at the earliest possible date. He further stated that the request from the Spanish Consul to furnish a complete list of the Japanese Nationals residing in this project has been referred to the Public Relations Committee. Also the Chairman suggested that the dentist situation which deeply concerns the residents, be taken up by the Health Committee.

Mr. Osawa brought up the question relative to the Red Cross drive which has been already conducted in other communities. He also suggested that we should retain most of the funds raised here for the use of our community. It was also mentioned that there are some funds amounting to \$400 provided for the purchase of a resuscitator for emergency needs, but it has not been secured. Mr. Akiyama recommended that funds should be provided for hiring lifeguards for the children. Mr. Osawa raised the question of which committee should take part in the Red Cross drive. It was decided that the Welfare Committee should take appropriate steps to complete the drive as soon as possible.

As there were no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michi Tsushima
Assistant Secretary

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 1944

PLACE: 22-5-DEF

The meeting of the Community Council was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Y. Fujii, at 2:10 p.m. Members in attendance included Messrs. Y. Fujii, P. Shigaya, S. Osawa, J; Chikata, and K. Takeda. Messrs. Minara and Akiyama arrived late. Also present at the meeting were Messrs. R. Sato, Kogita, Tsue, K. Ito, and Mrs. C. Arai.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved with a correction that the name of the Chairman be included in the list of the Councilmen present at the meeting. Minutes stand approved as corrected.

I. Pickling Plant Labor Dispute.

The Chairman stated that the Council had received a petition, dated March 7, 1944, and a memorandum, dated March 10, 1944, from the pickling plant workers informing the Council of the dispute and requesting settlement. The Chairman explained that the said petition and memorandum clarify the workers' position in regard to the present labor situation. The Chairman further stated that on Saturday morning, March 11, he sent a memorandum to Mr. Davidson, Assistant Project Director in charge of Operations and Maintenance, requesting his observations and information in connection with the pickling plant situation. The Chairman stated he had not yet received a reply from Mr. Davidson.

Thereupon, three representatives from the pickling plant crew, Messrs. Sato, Supervisor, Kogita, and Tsue, presented additional information in regard to the latest developments. According to their information, it appeared that Mr. Kamaya of the Farm Division had requested Mr. Tsujikawa, foreman of the sewage disposal plant, to notify the pickling plant workers to return to work immediately. Upon confirmation of this news it was decided that the pickling plant workers address a memorandum to Mr. Rawlings, Chief of the Agriculture Division, asking him to confirm the above mentioned message to return to work. Before the pickling plant representatives left the meeting, further information on this matter was presented to the effect that Mr. Folsom and Mr. Minnesang, of the Personnel Management Section, are taking the position that, in the absence of an official memorandum requesting the pickling plant workers to return to work, they are forbidden to do

so. It was decided to await Mr. Rawlings' reply to the workers' memorandum requesting confirmation of the message requesting their return to work.

II. Red Cross War Fund Drive

Mr. Osawa, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, read the unapproved minutes of the recent Welfare Committee meeting, at which time the matter of the Red Cross War Fund Drive was discussed.

Mrs. Clarence Arai, Temporary Chairman of the Hunt unit, American Red Cross, explained the present setup and history of the Hunt Unit and other matters pertaining to the coming Red Cross War Fund Drive, and requested the assistance of the City Council. She explained that the Hunt Unit is functioning under the supervision of the Community Activities Section; that its officers are: Mrs. Clarence Arai, Temporary Chairman, Miss Yae Yasuda, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Mary Nakagawa, Treasurer, of which only the position of the Executive Secretary is a paid position. She further explained that the Hunt Unit organization has been, to a large extent, dormant for lack of an organization to carry on the work on a project-wide basis. She set forth a number of activities beneficial to the residents which could be undertaken if the present organization were revitalized.

Regarding the matter of the Red Cross War Fund Drive, she stated that the materials such as Red Cross pins, etc., have already been received. She added that Mrs. Davidson is undertaking the War Fund Drive among the appointed personnel, and she further stated that the Hunt Unit had appointed Mr. Shigeru Osawa to act as chairman of the Drive and to handle the collection among the evacuee residents of this project.

There appeared to have been some misunderstanding as to whether or not the Welfare Committee, as such, should undertake the Red Cross War Fund Drive among the evacuees. After a thorough discussion, it was decided that, inasmuch as Mr. Osawa had been appointed chairman of the Drive by the Hunt Unit, he should handle the War Fund Drive in his individual capacity and not as an official representative of the Community Council. At the same time, the Council decided that it will render such assistance as may be necessary in connection with the Drive, and to request the cooperation of the Welfare Committee and the Block Commissioners in this matter.

III. Letter from Mr. Yahiro, City Clerk of the Community Council, Poston, Arizona, dated March 3, 1944.

The Chairman read a letter which he had received from Mr. James S. Yahiro, City Clerk of the Community Council at the Poston Project, dated March 3, 1944, requesting information regarding expatriation applications and other developments precipitated by the recent draft reinstitution. In view of the fact that the Council has no official information on the situation, it was decided that the matter be discussed with the administration before sending a reply to the letter.

IV. The Dentist Situation

Mr. Jack Chikata, Chairman of the Health Committee, reported that as he has received no new official information from the dentists in regard to the dental employment situation in the local hospital and no official request from the residents, a meeting of the Health Committee was not called.

As there was no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

JOINT MEETING
of the
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
and
BLOCK COMMISSIONERS

Date: March 21, 1944
Time: 1:45 p.m.
Place: 22-5-D Council Chamber

The first joint meeting of the Community Council and Block Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, chairman of the meeting.

Roll call was taken. Councilmen present were Messrs. P. Shigaya, G. Mihara, R. Akiyama, S. Osawa, J. Chikata, K. Takeda and Y. Fujii.

The following Block Commissioners were present:

H. Hatate	I. Masumoto	G. Hara
Y. Hamamoto	K. Yamada	K. Nakatani
S. Ikoma	M. Ota	T. Miura
Dr. S. Ishibashi	K. Kimura	F. Sano
Y. Harada	K. Kanaya	S. Mihara
S. Sawada	M. Mihara	M. Hayasaka
T. Kosugi	K. Hara	R. Yamashita
S. Hosokawa	F. Kubota	C. Takahashi
J. Nomura	N. Uyeda	
F. Hata	K. Kuraoka	

Mr. Y. Fujii gave the highlights of Council meetings held on February 26, 1944, Mar. 3, 1944, and Mar. 9, 1944.

Mr. G. Mihara, recently elected vice-chairman of the Community Council, was introduced to the group.

Mr. Fujii explained the function of the Community Council.

The following names of candidates who were selected by the Council to serve on the Judicial Commission were read by the chairman.

Dr. Kuki	Mr. Iwao Matsushita
Mr. Yukawa	Mr. Matsui
Mr. Fujio Hata	Mr. Tamaichi Yamada
Mr. Itōi	Mr. Hagiwara

Mr. Fujii named the following six committees and their chairmen:

Education Committee--Dr. P. Shigaya
Food Committee--Mr. K. Takeda
Health Committee--Mr. J. Chikata
Public Relations Committee--Mr. R. Akiyama
Welfare Committee--Mr. S. Osawa
Juvenile Committee--Mr. G. Mihara

Members who have been chosen to serve on the above committees have been notified by letter.

Mr. Fujii stated that no letter has been received in regard to the proposed Relocation Conference.

A letter of congratulation has been received from Mr. D. Myer on the forming of the self-government.

A brief review of the pickling plant situation was given by Mr. Fujii. "The Council took care of this matter because there is no Fair Labor Practice Board at this time. We have been very fortunate to get this matter settled to the satisfaction of both parties."

Subject relative to the Judicial Commission

Mr. Ikoma raised the question on the procedure of selecting the five candidates to serve on the Judicial Commission.

Mr. Fujii--"As yet we have not decided the status of the Council in regard to this matter, but the final decision is made by the Council."

Mr. G. Mihara--"The Council will be the final authority. This is a very important matter, so we must choose a person who is capable of holding the position."

Subject pertinent to the Fair Labor Practice Board

Mr. Takahashi--"When will the appointment be made for the Fair Labor Practice Board? This machinery is very important, particularly at this time."

Mr. Fujii--"Mr. Stafford was on a trip, and we have not had the opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Stafford. The Council is held responsible for the task of recommending three persons to be appointed to the Fair Labor Practice Board, but they are answerable only to the Project Director. We must discuss it thoroughly with Mr. Stafford before we can take further steps. It is a point yet to be clarified."

The minutes given by Mr. Fujii for the three meetings were approved as given.

Committee meetings

Mr. Fujii--"If at any time there is a need for bringing the problems of the residents to the attention of the Council, it is possible for you to meet with the chairman of the committee in charge of that department. The chairman will call his committee members, and will go over the problems with you. Prepare a form listing the problem with your signature, and hand it in to the secretary three or four days before the meeting. The reason for this procedure would be to avoid any confusion at the meeting, and also it will give us time to make any necessary papers and supply you with materials pertaining to the problem in question;"

Mr. Takahashi--"It is a very good idea."

It was unanimously agreed by the group that the above procedure be taken when such a need arises.

Mr. Fujii asked that a resolution be presented as a group by the committee to be presented to the Community Council for discussion.

Mr. M. Mihara--"I would like to get the functions of the various committees clarified."

Mr. Fujii--"We have not as yet decided on the definite function of the various committees because we are still in the organizing stage, and the Council will make a decision which committees should handle the case when such case arises. Other centers have 15 to 16 committees, and are organized. We need not have as many committees as long as we get efficiency. At the present time we have six committees, but we can organize other committees as we see fit."

Mr. Kuraoka--"I have a doubt in my mind about the relationship between the Council and Block Commissioners."

Mr. Fujii--"To explain it briefly, the Council was not chosen to represent the various sections of the project. Block Commissioners cover all the blocks which represent the residents' choice. All matters that come up within the block are taken care by the Block Commissioner. The Block Commissioner will present his problem to the congress of Block Commissioners, and the decision of the congress is given out to the

residents through the Block Commissioner. Here we have received government handbooks on self-government and block organization for your information."

Mr. Fujii read the names of the chairmen and their committee members who will serve on the six committees.

Mr. G. Mihara--"It would be advisable to publicize the names of the chairmen and the committee members in the Irrigator."

Welfare Committee Report

Mr. Osawa--"It was decided at the Council meeting that the Welfare Committee should assist the American Red Cross Hunt Unit in the Red Cross Drive. This committee met on the thirteenth of this month, and asked all Block Commissioners to participate in the Red Cross Drive."

Mr. Osawa explained that the name "War Fund" is given to this Red Cross Drive with the intention of raising more funds.

Mr. Yamada--"What is the block quota?"

Mr. Osawa--"The goal last year was two thousand dollars."

Mr. Sano--"Do we have to raise a specified amount?"

Mr. Osawa--"There is no set amount."

Mr. Kubota raised the question pertinent to the official capacities of the Block Commissioner. It was decided to publicize the clarification relative to the official capacities of the Block Commissioners in the Irrigator.

Food Committee Report

Mr. Takeda--"I feel the great responsibility of the position as chairman of the Food Committee. We have much "miso" on hand. We have suggested that the making of "tsuke-mono" and tofu be kept up. We wish to ask your opinion in regard to the matter of sending a letter to Washington asking for their aid in our food problems."

Mr. Fujii--"We could make a resolution at this meeting, and present it to Washington."

Mr. Kanaya--"Was it through the order from Washington that the pickling plant was closed?"

Mr. Fujii--"I have been informed that the pickling plant was

taken up as an experiment, and it is not authorized. The tofu manufacturing was recommended by the Co-op, and Washington gave its official authorization. I am sure that if we gave the food values of such foods as miso, moyashi, etc., the Washington office will permit the Administration to meet the demands of the residents."

Mr. M. Mihara made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Yamashita, a recommendation for manufacturing suitable Japanese foods by the residents be submitted to Washington for approval.

The motion was carried by an unanimous vote.

Health Committee Report

Mr. Chikata gave his report on the matter of the dentist problem. Dr. Ishibashi informed that the former working conditions were restored.

Public Relations Committee

Mr. Akiyama informed that his committee had not been called as yet. He requested their cooperation in any matters that might arise in the future.

Educational Committee Report

Dr. Shigaya--"At the present time, there is no special business. We have not had any committee meeting as yet, but I would like to meet with the members of my committee. If at any time you have problems pertaining to education, please refer the matter to the Council."

Juvenile Committee

Mr. Mihara--"As yet there have been no meetings of this committee. I would like to have a budget to work from."

Mr. Fujii--"The Community Council can assess a fund of one thousand dollars. We may ask the Co-op for their help. We do not know the amount to assess at the present time. According to instructions from Washington, the community government can raise one thousand dollars, but the money collected be reported as income. I asked Mr. Stafford about this matter, but he said that it was the first time he had heard about it. At the meeting of the Project Directors which Mr. Stafford attended, it was decided that the fund may be used to the benefit of the residents. When the instructions arrive, we shall prepare a budget."

Mr. Osawa--"Referring to this matter of Juvenile Committee, it would be advisable to give all possible aid to the Boy Scout groups."

Hospitalization Facilities for Mental Cases

Mr. Sano informed the members calling the attention of Mr. Chikata, chairman of the Health Committee, of the difficulties he had experienced recently when he had tried to have one resident who was mentally deranged to get admittance to the hospital.

Mr. Fujii--"This case will be taken up by the Health Committee."

Mail Delivery Situation

Mr. Kuraoka reported the mail situation in his block stating as follows: "In our block it is very inconvenient, and I would like to get this matter settled, so that it would be easier for all the residents to get their mail. I would like to hear some suggestions from the group."

Mr. Hatate--"In the memorandum dated March 6, 1944 issued by the Acting Project Director, it stated that all first-class mail would be delivered.

Mr. Fujii read to the group the Administrative Memorandum No. 13 issued by Mr. D. W. Miller, Acting Project Director pertaining to the mail distribution.

Mr. Hatate made a motion to draft a resolution. It was seconded by Mr. Yamada, and approved by an unanimous vote.

Resolution: Whereas the residents have been informed of the contents of the Administrative Memorandum No. 13 dated March 6, 1944, signed by Mr. D. W. Miller, Acting Project Director, be it resolved that the following obligations be fulfilled.

"All first class mail will be delivered to each block residence by the postal carriers. Residents are requested to place a box inside the vestibule door, otherwise the carrier is not obligated to leave their mail.

Packages, paper, etc., may be left in the Block Managers Office where they may be called for. Notices should be distributed to inform the people when pack-

ages, etc, are at the Block Manager's Office for them. Deliveries will be made daily except on Sundays."

Problems Concerning the Real Estate and Properties of the Evacuees

Mr. Takahashi--"Real estate companies in Seattle are trying to take over, or are forcing sale of real estate and properties held by the evacuees. If we let this matter slide, we may lose our property. All real estate and property owners should get together and discuss all such problems as a group, and present the matter to the Council. I would like to notify all the members that such a movement is being made. We could call Mr. Stafford's attention to this matter, and Mr. Stafford would then take the matter up with the offices in Washington. Mr. Linville of the Evacuee Property Office, Mr. Clarence Arai, and Mr. Kenji Ito are working on this matter at the present time."

Mr. Fujii--"It would be advisable to have the Block Commissioners notify the residents of the respective blocks to present their problems to the Evacuee Property Office."

Party Honoring Physicians and Dentists

Mr. Kuraoka, the chairman of the special committee which was selected at the meeting of the Block Delegates to make arrangements for a banquet honoring physicians and dentists, informed the members that the party had been postponed due to a misunderstanding among some of the members. Following the discussion on this matter, it was decided that the whole matter be left to the discretion of the Council.

Dr. Shigaya--"I would like to take this opportunity to say that we in the hospital are trying to do our best. There have been complaints coming into the hospital, and we endeavor to do our best in overcoming the difficulties. Dr. Neher has asked me to be the spokesman, and through me, Dr. Neher has expressed his desire of forming a discussion group pertinent to the hospital problems. If there are any problems, I shall be very willing to go over them with you, and do all I can to further the efforts for a more efficient program."

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned
at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant Secretary
Betty Murakami

Attested to:

Chairman

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: March 28, 1944
PLACE: 22-5-DEF

The meeting of the Community Council was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Y. Fujii, at 1:45 p.m. Members in attendance included Messrs. Y. Fujii, K. Takeda, S. Osawa, G. Mihara, R. Akiyama, and J. Chikata.

Mr. S. Kimball, advisor of the Project Community Councils from Washington, was introduced to the group by Mr. R. Pomeroy.

The Council decided that chairman of the standing committees meet with their committee men in the near future with Mr. Kimball in attendance. Mr. Kimball expressed his willingness to attend the meetings, and give advice pertaining to the different problems of the committees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read with one correction on page two under the heading of "Red Cross War Fund Drive", second line, the word "unapproved" should be deleted, and "uncorrected" be inserted.

I. Report on the Red Cross Drive

Mr. S. Osawa, chairman of the Welfare committee, stated that the total amount collected from the 35 blocks within the project was \$1,667.14. \$56.16 was sent in from Hunt High School. \$477.22 was received from the appointed personnel. Added to this fund was \$26.38, collection taken at the Hazelton Ice Revue. Mr. Osawa reported that the committee had yet to hear from the elementary schools, and the report from the appointed personnel was incomplete.

II. Subject relative to the Executive Secretary

The chairman reported that Mr. Kenji Ito had been referred to the position of Executive Secretary. Mr. Stafford stated that Mr. Ito had special legal training, and the project needed a legal consultant, and since Mr. Clarence Arai was the only one at that time, Mr. Stafford felt that Mr. Ito could be of more benefit to the residents in the capacity of a legal consultant.

The chairman contacted Mr. Tom Ogawa, but Mr. Ogawa stated that he was very much occupied with the handling of affairs for the internees, and felt that he could not take the position at the present time.

Mr. Frank Yoshitake was mentioned, but since his status was not clearly known, the matter of his being an Executive Secretary is indefinite.

III. Letter to Mr. James Yahiro, Colorado River Relocation Project, Poston, Arizona

The chairman read a letter which was written in reply to Mr. Yahiro's request for any information regarding the nisei who applied for expatriation, and expressed their desire not to serve in the United States Army.

IV. Letter received from Heart Mountain Project regarding the National Evacuee Conference

The chairman read the letter received from Mr. Shogo Iwamoto, which stated that the other Community Councils preferred a more centralized location. Therefore, they took the initiative in introducing the Granada Relocation Center as host to all the center delegates for the evacuee conference to which the Washington officials will be asked to attend. The definite date for the conference has not been set as yet.

V. Letters sent to K. J. Takashima, Chairman of the Poston Community Council and to Mr. S. Nakashima, Chairman of the Heart Mountain Community Council

The chairman read the replies sent to the two centers, and stated that a copy of the petition drafted and circulated among the nisei requesting for restoration of full citizenship rights to the American citizens of Japanese ancestry, was enclosed with the replies.

VI. Request received from the Spanish Consul

Three mimeographed copies of the minutes of the meeting held with Mr. Dillon S. Myer on October 25, 1943, were sent to the Spanish Consul of San Francisco, upon their request.

VII. Matter relative to the Real Estate and Properties left by the Evacuees

The Council decided that a public meeting be held in the very near future to discuss ways and means to protect and safeguard the interests of the evacuees. Mr. C. Linville, Mr. C. Arai, and Mr. K. Ito will be asked to attend this meeting.

VIII. Parliamentary Laws

Copies of the Parliamentary Laws were passed out to the members. They were asked to study the laws very carefully, and make any necessary changes or additions. The members were asked to present their corrected forms at the next Council meeting. After the final forms are drafted, mimeographed copies will be sent out to all

the Block Commissioners.

IX. Status of Block Commissioners

Much confusion has been reported due to the fact that the position of the Block Commissioner and the Block Manager has never been clarified in the minds of the residents. It was decided that the Council ask Mr. Stafford to clarify the position of the Block Commissioner and the Block Manager, and such announcement be made public in the Irrigator.

X. Forming of the Cemetery Board

The great need was expressed by the members for the maintenance and beautification of the cemetery grounds. It was decided that a special Cemetery Board be formed with Mr. Osawa, chairman of the Welfare Committee, acting as chairman of this new committee. The Cemetery Board will consist of seven members, including the representatives of the church groups.

XI. Subject relative to the Party Honoring the Physicians

The Council decided that Mr. Chikata, chairman of the Health Committee, make the necessary arrangements and issue the invitations to the physicians for a tea party to be held at a date to be specified by the committee.

XII. Appointments to Committees

Mr. Harry Hatate was appointed by the Council to serve on the Welfare Committee, and letter will be sent notifying him of the appointment.

Mr. Ikutaro Masumoto was appointed by the Council to serve on the Juvenile Committee, and letter will be sent notifying him of the appointment.

XIII. Need of Passenger Car for Emergency Cases reported to the Hospital.

Mr. Chikata, chairman of the Health Committee, informed the members that the present ambulances (which have truck chassis), used to transport patients in serious condition to the hospital are not suitable. The members all agreed that there was a great need for passenger cars to be used only in cases of emergency, and decided to take up this matter with the Administration.

XIV. Letter received from the Spanish Consul relatives to the subject of American citizens of Japanese descent

The chairman read a letter received from the Spanish Consul, and the main point was clarified as follows;

"The Protecting Power is not authorized to act on behalf of American citizens, and it is solely with the American Authorities that they (the American citizens) must deal in these matters (American military service), since these Authorities are the only ones who can solve such problems."

XV. Recommendations

The following recommendations were received from the residents of Block 41 for discussion by the Council:

"That Clothing Allowance to be given to all evacuees regardless they are employed in this project; old person, sick person, physically disabled and out of job in this project to receive this benefit.

To modify the New Seasonal Leave Regulations in order that a person who left this project on this status may make a temporary visit for their families other than such as serious illness or death among members of immediate family residing in the center.

Dogs. Something must be done in regard to dogs in this project. There are 3 to 4 cases of "Biting" are reported every week and strict regulations are desired by residents before any "unfortunate incidents" occur. Dogs are a nuisance, unsafe and immoral. With the garden works about to begin the dogs often lead to break up the harmony of "Good Neighbors Policy" by destroying the neighbors garden."

After the discussion on the question relative to the Clothing Allowance and the new Seasonal Leave, they were referred to the Welfare committee for consideration.

The question relating to the control of dogs within the project was referred to the Health Committee for further discussion.

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There being no further business the meeting was
adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Murakami
Assistant Secretary

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 4, 1944
PLACE: 22-5-DEF

The meeting of the Community Council was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Y. Fujii, at 1:45 p.m. Members in attendance included Messrs. Y. Fujii, K. Takeda, S. Osawa, G. Mihara, R. Akiyama, and J. Chikata.

Mr. Solon Kimball, community organization advisor from Washington, D. C., attended the meeting and contributed much to the discussions particularly by relating what has been done in other projects, by recommending procedures calculated to enhance coordination, and by explaining the relationship which should exist between the administration and the Council and its various committees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read with one alteration on page 3, XI., the title should read "Subject relative to the Party Honoring the Physicians and Hospital Workers," similarly, in the text immediately following, on the third line, the word "physicians" should be amended to read "physicians and hospital workers".

I. Cemetery Board

Mr. S. Osawa, Chairman of the Cemetery Board, reported that three members had accepted appointments to serve on the Board. He stated that two members representing the religious groups would be chosen in a matter of days. The seventh member was to be selected from members of the Welfare Board, at its meeting to be held later in the week.

II. Report on Evacuee Property Meeting

The chairman reported briefly on the Council-sponsored meeting regarding evacuees' property matters. This meeting, held Monday, April 3, 1944, 7:30 to 9:30 P. M. at recreation Hall 22, was attended by approximately two hundred project residents. The surprisingly large attendance necessitated a last-minute transfer of the meeting from the Council Chamber, to the larger Recreation Hall. The meeting featured a talk by Mr. Clyde Linville, Evacuee Property Officer of this project. A question-and-answer forum occupied most of the evening, with answers furnished by Mr. Linville, and by Mr. Clarence T. Arai and Mr. Kenji Ito, Attorneys, of the Legal Aid Division. Subjects discussed included: O/P.A. regulations respecting operations and management of hotels, apartments, etc., legal aspects of relationships between owners and

operating tenants; protection of leased and stored properties; new regulations on transportation privileges at Government expense; etc. Further similar meetings were requested and decided upon, meanwhile, a committee on evacuee property matters was to be selected through the Block Commissioners.

III. Report on the Red Cross Drive

Mr. S. Osawa, chairman of the Welfare Committee reported that the total collection had swelled by about \$50.00, mostly from the appointed personnel. He stated that there was some question whether the Junior Red Cross collections, conducted in the grammar schools and high school, should be incorporated in his reports; this question was expected to be clarified shortly. The formal report, giving complete figures, was expected ready within several days.

IV. Passenger Car for Emergency Use by the Hospital

Mr. J. Chikata, chairman of the Health Committee reported that the passenger car was delivered to the hospital today. He stated that it was a newly reconditioned Chrysler in good repair, that the drivers assigned to the car, Messrs. Furukawa, Hamada and Kobayashi, had been introduced to Mr. Stafford, and approved.

V. Recommendations of the Food Committee

Mr. K. Takeda, chairman of the Food Committee presented the recommendations of the Food Committee as adopted at its meeting held March 30, 1944. The fourteen specific recommendations were discussed at length, and alterations or additions made in several. It was decided that a joint meeting of the Food Committee, and Chief Cooks and Pantry Clerks of all project dining halls, should be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 2:00 P.M. at the Council Chamber to which the recommendations would be submitted for further consideration. Mr. Kimball suggested that when the recommendations are to be acted upon, the problems might first be discussed with Mr. R. Pomeroy, Assistant Project Director, prior to sending a memorandum to Mr. C. W. Wilder, Chief Steward.

VI. Adoption of Parliamentary Law Procedure

A draft of a form of Parliamentary Law procedures for use in the conducting of Council and Council-sponsored meetings was studied, with the able guidance of Mr. Kimball. Changes, deletions, and additions were made as deemed most suited to the requirements. The form finally adopted is

appended hereto.

VII. The Judicial Commission

At the request of the chairman, Mr. Kimball discussed the nature and functions of the Judicial Commission, particularly its relationships to the Council, the Project Director, the Internal Security Division, etc. Mr. Kimball declared that the scope of its functions would be determined by the Charter, W. R. A. Handbook, and Administrative Manuals. The Council decided that copies of "Law and Order Codes" or "Regulations" passed by the councils of all other relocation projects, should be obtained, for guidance, if available. Mr. Kimball suggested that regulations contemplated by the Council, if advisably applicable to the appointed personnel, should be discussed with the Project Director, the Internal Security Division, and perhaps other interested Divisions in effort to obtain administrative instructions identical, in effect, to the proposed regulations. Traffic regulations and dog regulations are examples of the foregoing.

VIII. Fair Labor Practice Board

Whether the Fair Labor Practice Board should be directly connected with the Community Council, or be entirely independent, was discussed briefly. Prior to making any recommendation, it was decided that this matter should be the topic of a conference with the Project Director.

IX. Memorandum from Mr. Pomeroy

A letter addressed to Mr. Yoshito Fujii, Chairman, Community Council, dated April 3, 1944, over Mr. R. A. Pomeroy's signature was read. It is quoted hereunder:

"I am in receipt of a request from the Huntville Parent-Teachers Association asking permission to raise money by popular subscription for the purpose of recognizing the services of the Huntville School Traffic Patrol, by means of a party for the children or some other means. Owing to the rather frequent demands on the residents of the project for money, for one cause or another, I am hesitant to give any kind of an answer to this request. Instead I should like to refer it to the Council and suggest at the same time that the Council may be willing, over a period of time, to set up some sort of policy to govern fund raising campaigns.

"It has been my theory that the project would be better off under a community chest system in which each agency or organization requiring funds would have its budget and would have to live within that amount.

Another problem which has come to my attention is the matter of the appointment of a resident of this project to the Vocational Training Committee of which Mr. Oscar Cutkosky is Executive Officer. In the meeting of the Committee held today, it was suggested that the chairman of the educational committee or a member of that committee might serve as the evacuee representative of this committee. I shall appreciate your appointment to the committee and your notification to Mr. Cutkosky, Recreation Hall 23, of your choice.

Thank you for your kind attention."

Discussion on the first two paragraphs resulted in decision that the Council was in favor of (1) limiting fund raising campaigns within the project to a bare minimum, and (2) adoption of a community chest fund system to be studied at a later date. The Acting Secretary was instructed to confer with the Huntville Parent-Teachers Association. The third paragraph of Mr. Pomeroy's letter was referred to the Educational Committee of the Community Council, which is scheduled to meet on April 10.

X. Shortage of Nurses' Aides at the Hospital

Mr. J. Chikata, chairman of the Health Committee, submitted the following memorandum from his committee:

"The committee discussed the matter of locating Nurses' Aids and Attendants for the hospital. A member of the Health Committee reported that during the last two weeks the hospital has had approximately 15 of their Aides and Attendants terminate to relocate and some off duty because of illness. It is absolutely necessary to keep the number of these employees up to the maximum the employment quota allows to care for the sick people of Minidoka. The month of February and March has shown the heaviest hospital load of both the Clinic and in-patient Department of the past year. The burden of the bedside care and many other duties has been uncomplainingly carried by the remaining Aides and Attendants, but they

need help. The High School vocational workers who were terminated as a result of the recent quota cut were reinstated as part-time workers.. They immediately and gladly came back to help. There will be other Aides and Attendants relocating during the spring months and the committee discussed means of locating people to fill these openings. Issei and nisei, men or women, who would like to receive training and help care for the sick people of the community should contact Mrs. Evans for an interview.

The committee members decided to discuss the problems with the Block Commissioners and they will survey the possibilities of each block."

In view of the acute situation, the Acting Secretary was instructed to insert an appeal in the project newspaper. The Block Commissioners, meeting on April 11th, were also to be given a memorandum requesting that they survey their respective blocks towards recruiting the needed workers.

XI. Joint Meetings of Committees and Appointed Personnel

The Council expressed its approval of the policy, as suggested by Mr. Kimball, to recommend a meeting of the various committees with the appointed personnel in charge of related activities, soon, and occasionally thereafter, for the purpose of

- (1) presenting Council and Committee policies
- (2) learning budgetary limitations, and
- (3) learning each other's problems.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Tonru Ogawa
Acting Secretary

Hunt, Idaho
August 15, 1944

A special session of the Minidoka Community Council met in the office of the Project Director August 15, 1944. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mr. Thorson. All units were represented except Unit 7. Mr. Gayward was tardy and fined 50¢.

Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved.

The unit votes concerning adoption of the proposed Constitution and By-Laws were tabulated as follows:

	<u>Favorable</u>	<u>Opposed</u>
Unit 1	8	0
2	7	0
3	5	0
4	4	0
5	19	0
6	7	0
7	14	0
8	14	0
9	9	0
10	6	0
	<u>93</u>	<u>0</u>

The Constitution and By-Laws has thus been adopted by the community.

The chairman announced that the Administration Recreation Hall has been released for temporary office space to a staff of Washington officials. Mrs. Long moved that the Council contact the Administration as to:

(1) availability of the Recreation Hall for purposes of recreation.

(2) Anticipated length of time for office space in the present set-up.

Mrs. Brazie seconded the motion. It was carried.

The chairman announced that a building 20' X 60' in size, located in the warehouse area, was available for use on the Project. The Council designated Mr. Mann to request from the Administration the use of this building for storage and

thus release the Recreation Hall for purposes intended.

Unit IX passed the following resolution to be presented to the Council:

"There shall be no revamping of the Recreation Hall for purposes of adult recreation without due consideration given first to facilities planned for children. It was suggested that a part of the same building be used for children and that it be provided with a separate entrance. A program of supervised play could be carried out."

Unit IX also requested that the minutes of the Council meetings be posted on bulletin boards of the Staff Dining Hall and of the Recreation Hall. The advisability of such a measure was discussed. Matter was shelved until a future date.

Mr. Roden reported that Eden waived high school tuition requirements and will provide transportation to the 2-mile corner. A list of subjects to be offered will be announced. Eden is an accredited high school; the building is new; there is a ratio of one teacher per twelve pupils. The elementary school is so crowded that accommodations have not been offered there. There are six children who plan to enroll at Eden High School.

Tuition at Jerome High School is \$125.00 per year. No transportation could be furnished.

Unit 11 suggested that laundry and dry-cleaning service be provided at noon. Meals for girls working at the Telegraph Office might be provided at the Staff Dining Hall. Mr. Ficke was appointed to contact Mr. Hatate about this change in schedule. Mr. Rawlings was quoted as saying that a new building to be located near the Main Gate could provide the space for providing for these same services in the future.

Miss Rappaport expressed the need for clotheslines and other laundry facilities at the Nurses' Quarters. The matter was referred to the Laundry Committee.

The chairman delegated authority to Mrs. Brazie to prepare a written request to the Project Director for the prefabrication of outside clotheslines to be delivered to the various units.

The need for an administrative kindergarten or nursery school was called to the attention of the Council. Such evacuee classes are overcrowded. Mr. Folsom is to be consulted in this matter.

Mrs. Brazie reviewed the present milk situation. Delivery to apartments and dormitories has been discontinued as of August 15th. Mr. Nichols advises the operation of a privately-owned store for the appointed personnel. Mr. Roden pointed out that

the questionable factor would be the anticipated volume of business. Mr Wilder stated that boys delivering milk could earn approximately \$25.00 per month.

The following special committee was appointed to study the Coop situation:

Mr. Ficke, chairman
Mr. Wilder
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Williams

Their duties are:

- (1) To check on the legalities of a privately-owned store.
- (2) To consult Mr. Hatate as to the attitudes of the Coop concerning:
 - A) Hours of Canteen
 - B) Milk situation
 - C) Laundry and dry-cleaning problem.

There was a discussion of the hours of window service at the post office. Mr. Roden stated that the Gila River Project had a regular post office with Civil Service employees. The chairman suggested that the postoffice problem be studied in unit groups.

A stand was taken by the Council that only issues affecting the community as a whole, not personal problems, be referred to the Council.

The chairman announced that Mr. Kimball, Washington, D.C., an authority on community management, would be visiting the project sometime next week. He announced that a special council meeting be called at that time when Mr. Kimball could give us information and guidance on welfare and recreational problems.

The meeting was adjourned.

Secretary pro tem

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

Aug. 22, 1944

Chairman turned meeting over to Mr. Sol Kimball, Washington representative in charge of Community governments of W.R.A. Centers. Mr. Kimball made the following salient points.

Problems of morale in all the projects is a serious one for many obvious reason. The distinction between one's official and private life is difficult to bring down under an administrative hierarchy characteristic of certain branches of civil service, such as W.R.A. High turn over of staff is another reason, as well as the temporary nature of the whole W.R.A. program itself. On the other hand, tradition, vested interests, and social class structure, which makes for rigidity in the typical community, does not operate on the projects, and thus makes for a certain degree of fluidity. This desirable characteristic of our projects can and should be utilized constructively.

Various ways of encouraging the expression of special interests, such as dramatics, child care program etc. were discussed. Mr. Kimball felt we need not strive for the total program to reach every individual. Rather he suggested we appeal to a well rounded selection of interests, and gradually, thus filling particular & individual needs, draw the participants into broader forms of group activity.

This organization provides a medium for meeting of the evacuee group on a friendly and sincere basis. There can be opportunities for joint activities, which should provide richness of experience for both groups involved.

The discussion was thrown open to the floor. The need for planned recreation for the children was discussed-particularly a nursery school. Lack of facilities and trained personnel were the two most critical needs. Mr. Mann was asked for a report of the recreational facilities committee. Mr. Mann said the committee had not yet held it's meeting. Chairman reviewed attempts already made to provide storage space for app. personnel, thus releasing additional room in the recreation hall.

Mrs. Wiley asked Mr. Kimball for an elaboration of methods of joint participation with the evacuee group. He said little has been done on other projects-that this is an area for exploration. A forum group has been attempted with success on Gila Project-another project has an acting group of veterans from the first and second wars.

Mr. Mann asked for clarification of the obligation of the administration of each project provide facilities. Mr. Kimball said the urgency of staff moral is recognized universally, but allocations depend entirely on the situations within each project.

The regular business meeting was opened. Mrs. Wiley made a motion which was moved & carried that a fine of 25¢ be levied for tardiness extending beyond fifteen minutes.

The previous minutes were read and approved. Mr. Mann had no additional report to make on Recreational Facilities formulated to provide a sand box, teeter totters & swings. Mr. Roth urged that the group be drawn into an evening or week end of constructing the playground immediately. Tennis & volley-ball courts are being considered.

Social Program committee, headed by Miss Vold, gave the following report. The committee decided to give parties according to division heads. The first party, on Sept. 1st, will be given by Comm. Management Division. Two other party dates have been set to be planned by operations and administration divisions. Future meetings are scheduled to discuss the matters of recreation for the children.

Mrs. Brazie agreed to approach the staff families having children, to gather suggestion on which the committee can work. Mr. Folsom suggested an attempt be made, perhaps thru the party, to introduce the tremendous number of personnel coming in in the immediate future. Representatives were urged to tell their units to be prompt at the attendance at the party.

The laundry committee report included a request that regulations to be posted be printed. Delegates were instructed to warn their units concerning the serious danger of electrocution. Rules to be posted were read.

Mrs. Long, representing the Mess Hall Committee, gave a report. Two of the 3 representatives approached had no complaints. A few more or less personalized complaints were forgiven. Mr. Mann suggested the committee continue as an acting one & bring in from time to time whatever constructive suggestions are offered. Improvements in the physical setting of the dining hall were recommended. Miss Vold suggested the committee be a rotating one, except for the chairman.

Mr. Ficke reported on the Store Committee-with specific reference to the laundry & milk delivery problems. Further investigation was indicated.

New Business- Mr. Mann turned over funds from the previous organization.

Mrs. Brazie's unit raised the question of evacuee children loitering in the administrative area. It was agreed that this is an individual matter & that no blanket regulations can be made.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Wiky- secretary

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
Aug. 28, 1944

Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

A special meeting was called by Chairman, Mr. Thorsen. Pending the arrival of the Project Attorney, Miss Vold reported on the Social Program Committee. A series of parties are planned for the younger set, divided into two groups, the seventh graders bring the dividing mark. The parties are to be given by the units.

The dates are as follows:

Bldgs.	69 & 70....	Sept. 15	.....	under 7th grade
"	60 & 61....	" 22	.....	over 7th grade
"	66 & 68....	Oct. 22	.....	under 7th grade
"	62 & 63....	" 27	.....	over 7th grade
64"	64 & 65....	Nov. 17	.....	under 7th grade
"	69 & 70....	" 24	.....	over 7th grade

The Minidoka Players have been appointed. his group to interest itself in both musical and dramatic endeavors. The committee is as follows:

Mrs. Barrett-chairman

" Maas
" Rhaden
" Floyd
" Weston
" Wilder
" Wiley
" Byrd

Mr. Niver

" Beeson
" Smith(Elmer)

Miss Vold reported that a piano can be purchased for \$50.00 plus repair charges, from a private party on the project. Pending ascertainment of the worth of the instrument, the committee strongly urged that the community's approval of this purchase be secured. The chairman suggested that all efforts to secure an available piano on the project be exhausted first.

Upon Mr. Barrett's arrival, the Chairman brought up the business necessitating the special meeting. In a staff meeting called by the project Director, the Council was asked, as the representative body of the appointed personal living on the Project, if it would sponsor a memorial sheet of the anniversary issue of the Minidoka Irrigator, to come out Sept. 16th. The purpose of this is to relieve the Irrigator from the necessity of having to carry a disproportionate amount of advertising. Also it would provide a way of improving public relations between the evacuee and appointed personal group. The fact was pointed out that the Irrigator sells for .15 per copy, but that it is given gratis to every appointed personal weekly. The total cost of the page would be \$100.00. Thus calling for a contribution of

approximately 1.00 from every staff member.

The Council agreed unanimously that it would urge it's units to maketthis contribution.

Some discussion followed at the end of the meeting concerning the possiblity of adding the cost of the piano to their particular assesment. It was decided that there may be enough money accrued over and above the \$100.00 quota to permit a partial payment on the piano. The remainder to be taken from the treasury.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sect. John Wiley

JOINT MEETING
of the
COMMUNITY COUNCIL
and
BLOCK COMMISSIONERS

Date: September 19, 1944
Time: 1:50 P. M.
Place: 22-5-DEF

A regular meeting of the Council and the Coordinating Commission was opened by Chairman Fujii. The roll was called by the secretary.

Councilmen present: Messrs. Y. Fujii, G. Mihara,
K. Mayeno, J. Chikata, S. Osawa,
H. Hikida, Y. Doi

Block Commissioners present:

H. Hatate	R. Hasegawa	M. Arai
S. Ikoma	K. Kimura	I. Kosakada
G. Nomura	M. Ota	K. Tambara
R. Hino	D. Kanaya	G. Hara
S. Tsurui	C. Hashiguchi	J. Yoshida
T. Kosugi	K. Hara	H. Fugami
S. Hosokawa	S. Osaka	M. Hayasaka
J. Nomura	M. Kawaguchi	T. Suzuki
F. Hata	T. Araki	S. Okumura
I. Masumoto	T. Yamada	

The chairman announced that the Manpower Commission was in the process of organization.

I. Election of Auditors of the Ko-en Kai

An election of auditors from among the block commissioners for the Hospital Ko-en Kai was held. The chairman explained that the Ko-en Kai was responsible to the Health Committee of the Community Council, and that the auditors were to be selected from among the block representatives preferably those who were not on the Executive Board of the Ko-en Kai. No objections were raised. As the result of the election the following block commissioners were selected as auditors of the Ko-en Kai:

Area A: Mr. D. Kanaya
Mr. K. Kimura

Area B: Mr. K. Tambara
Mr. S. Okumura

II. Report from the Community Fund Study Committee

Mr. Tambara gave a report on the results of the Community Fund Study Committee held on September 15. Proposed funds for the Community Council for the balance of the year included:

1. Expenses for delegates to an all-center conference--\$300. The purpose of such a conference was explained as the discussion of conditions in different centers, possibilities of improvement of center conditions, and post war problems.
2. Educational Fund to provide material award for scholastic achievement--\$100.
3. Special fund to provide work incentive to evacuee workers--\$100.
4. Social fund for communication and miscellaneous expenses.

Proposed sources of income included:

1. Donations from the Minidoka Co-op.
2. Donations from seasonal workers.

It was moved by Mr. Hino, seconded by Mr. Kanaya, and passed unanimously that the report of the committee be accepted.

Mr. Yoshida moved that seasonal workers be asked through pamphlets to make donations. It was suggested that this matter be left to the Council. The motion was carried. It was moved by Mr. Hayasaka that the Co-op be asked to contribute \$300 toward funds to be used by the Community Council. The motion was unanimously carried.

III. Block Clerks

The chairman clarified the new system of block clerks. According to Mr. Huberman, Mr. Stafford's memo on block clerks is to be the basis for deciding upon the duties of the block clerks. The duties are to be largely clerical in nature, to include the delivery of mail, making of emergency calls, to look after equipment and supplies, and not to include matters political in nature. The possibility of the block clerks being placed under the Operations Division was announced. The chairman stated that both block managers and mailmen had equal priority on the job of block clerk. Blocks which

desired to recommend a person for the position of block clerk were asked to send in their recommendations to the Placement Office.

IV. Public Safety Commission

The chairman announced that the organization of a Public Safety Commission was being considered.

V. Munition Depot Report

Mr. Uyenishi of the Relocation Division and Mr. C. T. Takahashi, who were sent as representatives from the project to inspect the Sioux Army Ordinance Depot near Sydney, Nebraska, made a report of their findings to the joint body. Mr. Uyenishi read a report in Japanese, confirming that the representatives were well-received and that the conditions at the depot were much as described by the officials from the depot. Block Commissioners were given an opportunity to ask questions.

VI. Announcements

The chairman announced the following:

1. More students are desired for the Nurses' Aides training program.
2. Someone with accounting experience is needed by the Mess Management Section.
3. The Council has decided to hold public meetings soon in five different places on the project.
4. Each block from Block 1 to 22 is requested to send two representatives to the Huntville P.T.A.

Mr. Doi announced the seriousness of the growing labor shortage caused by the exodus of seasonal workers.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P. M.

MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: October 2, 1944

Time: 2:00 P. M.

Place: Council Chamber, 22-5-DEF

A special meeting of the Community Council was called to order by Mr. Fujii, Chairman.

Councilmen present were: Messrs. Fujii, Mihara, Chikata,

Doi, Hikida, Osawa, Mayeno

The chairman explained that the purpose of the meeting was to meet with Mr. Masuji Fujii, Executive Secretary of the Topaz Community Council, who was visiting on the project.

Mr. M. Fujii stated that all center problems were similar, and expressed the hope that the Community Councils of the various centers would work together on common problems.

He revealed that the most serious problem in Topaz at present was the labor shortage, and felt that it was worse there than here. The most serious shortage of workers, he said, was felt in the hospital, where the number of nurses' aides fell down to 14 three weeks ago. A Koenkai was formed in January and was paying the following sum to hospital workers:

Doctor	\$50.00	<u>At present</u> \$44
Dentists	\$17.50	\$12.50
Pharmacists, Optometrists, Registered Nurses, etc.	\$2.50	\$2.00
Nurses' aides	\$1.00	\$1.00

Because of shortage of funds at the present time, a smaller amount is now being paid out. Nurses' aides are required to work eight hours and rotate in each ward, including the T.B. ward. Dentists work regular hours, using their own tools, and have six chairs with which to work.

Mr. M. Fujii stated that the Community Council is bargaining for the cash payment for the last two years, and has thus far not created a manpower commission. Residents in Topaz have received overtime in cash for January, February, and March, and hereafter expect to continue receiving after 60 days.

Concerning recreation hall space for block use, Mr. M. Fujii stated that in Topaz last year, one-third of a recreation hall was partitioned and given to each block for its use.

The judicial code in Topaz, Mr. M. Fujii stated, was fairly complete. They had regulations prohibiting the raising of chickens, requiring dogs to be injected for rabies and to be registered, and checking speeding on the project.

The Executive Secretary of the Topaz Community Council expressed the opinion that in general, the facilities provided residents were better in Topaz than in Minidoka. As examples, he cited that in Topaz, the apartments had higher ceilings, sheetrock lined on the inside and painted, floors lined with masonite, electric light in front of each apartment, and in the latrine, mirrors were provided above each

wash basin. In regards to the supplies issued, he said that sheetrock was handed out for partitioning purposes, a door mat was provided for each apartment, mops, brooms, and buckets were issued as needed. The food in Topaz, he said, has been good, but recently they have been short of vegetables.

Concerning false teeth, Mr. M. Fujii said that Dr. Thompson admitted that residents should be provided with them free of charge if machinery to make it were available. Mr. Chikata stated that false teeth were not available here free of charge because the order for supplies has not been filled as yet.

Mr. M. Fujii asked for cooperation for the ACLU which was handling test cases for the Japanese and going into debt. It was explained to Mr. Fujii that since test cases had been associated with the JACL, and since there was a strong anti-JACL sentiment existing in this center as a reaction to the experience of the residents in the Puyallup and Portland Assembly Centers, the Minidoka Community Council could not go on a fund drive to support test cases.

Community Fund Drive--Mr. Osawa, Chairman of the Welfare Committee, asked for approval of a Community Fund Drive. Forty per cent of the proceeds from this fund, according to the plans of the committee, would be allotted for use within the center on the following basis:

Community Council	10 per cent
Boy Scouts	10 per cent
Y. W. C. A.	5 per cent

Y.M.C.A. 5 per cent

P.T.A. 5 per cent

Girl Scouts $\frac{5 \text{ per cent}}{40 \text{ per cent}}$

This plan was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P. M.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
Oct. 10, 1944

Roll call was taken and Mrs. Long was tardy. Mr. Roth, ex-officio member, and Mr. Carvard were also present in addition to the regular members.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Social Program

Profit of \$6.48 on party given by Community Management Division. Social program committee had a meeting to discuss children's parties. The following modifications were made in the former plans.

A. To proceed with next two parties and then review response of children and parents.

B. Age range of children under 7th grade will be left and discretion of units giving party.

Music and Dramatics group has been reorganized and meetings are under way. Mrs. Minnesang, secretary of this club sent a letter to Council requesting use of Recreation Hall on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Matter of use of hall was discussed. It was the result of a unanimous vote that any organized group may make a request of the council for the use of the hall. This is a temporary decision, pending completion of improvements and decorations of hall.

Mr. Caward gave the following report on the party given by the Operations Division on Oct. 6.

Income.....	64.15
Expenses.....	12.70

Net Profit....51.45

Mrs. Brazie asked if the Council would be willing to pay for the cost of evacuee orchestra at the children's party given Oct. 27. Decision of the group was that the Community could not set such a precedent. It was suggested that the children might raise their own money thru a candy sale for example.

Mr. Mann suggested there should be an improvement in the publicity given at monthly adult parties.

ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Mr. Ficke had no report. Mr. Ficke was asked by the Chairman to draw up a form letter to be sent to the mothers concerning lack of supervision of the playground.

Mr. Roth suggested the material stored in the recreation hall be removed so that the room can be put in use.

Mr. Ficke was asked to call his committee to discuss possibility of making an outdoor skating rink.

Mr. Caward was added to the committee to fill the vacancy created by the departure of the Beeson's.

LAUNDRY COMMITTEE

No reprot. Miss Vold wondered if newcomers should not be advised thru writing of laundry rules.

Mr. Mann suggested that cooperation of personnel office be solicited. Mrs. Wiley volunteered to draw up a statement of welcome to new comers, including laundry rules.

Mrs. Wiley made motion that Dormitory 52 be instructed to select it's own temporary representative. It was seconded and carried. unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mrs. Long presented a verbal resignation. She said she would call a unit meeting and elect a new representative.

Mr. Rhoden was nominated to take the place of treasurer.

Miss Ammerman made motion that Sec't cast unanimous ballot for Mr. Rhoden as treasurer. Motion was carried.

MESS HALL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Long's resignation also extended to chairman of this office. Miss Ammerman was nominated chairman of Mess Hall Committee. It was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Roth asked that inquire for A.P. adult leaders for Girl Scout and Girl Reserves Organizations. Also to see if and A.P. children are interested in joining such organizations.

RECREATION HALL FACILITIES

Mr. Mann presented modifications of plans for recreation hall, which have already been discussed with and approved by Mr. Utz, Chief of Operations Division from Washington, who was visiting the Project. The idea of doubling the Recreation Hall had been done away with, with the plan of adding two small rooms to be approximately 26x 40/

Miss Ammerman made motion that Council are thinking of payment of rental of waxing apparatus from treasury, if there is not other way of meeting the expenses. Motion was seconded and carried.

Hospital unit asked about possibility of sheds for vehicles being provided. Negative pespence was given.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUBJECT: Summary Report on Public Meetings Held by the Community Council of Minidoka

DATE: October 3, 5, 6, 10, and 11th, 1944

The Community Council in order to bring certain basic problems before the people for discussion and as an educational feature, organized a series of 5 public meetings to be held in various parts of the project over a two weeks period of time. The Council was (and still is) aware of the antagonism existing in many quarters against any policy or move the Council may make. It was partly to "smoke" some of these groups out as well as to find out the thinking of others that were not so well known that the public meetings were of such interest. It was also hoped that these meetings would educate some of the people along the lines of the problems the Council had to face, and to show the need for serious consideration of these problems.

All of the meetings started out in more or less the same manner, thus in order to shorten the report only the first meeting will be completely reported. The other meetings will be given as a more or less running account of questions, statements and discussions. A few summary remarks will be presented at the close of the report. It is impossible to give all of the discussions carried on in the meetings. The problem of translation and taking of notes accessible to the analyst restricted the taking of a complete transcript of the meetings.

The Chairman of the meetings was Mr. Kunizo Hayeno, a

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member of the Council. He was attended by most of the other Council members. Mr. Mayeno opened the meetings with a brief address, asking the cooperation of the residents in order to meet the various problems of the Center. He stressed the point that the Council would welcome any questions, suggestions, and criticisms the residents had to offer in regard to the work of the Council. He closed these remarks by introducing the Chairman of the Council, Mr. Yoshito Fujii.

Mr. Fujii spoke on the history of the Council, its numerous committees, such as Education, Public Relations, Welfare, Health, Employment, and Foods. He described their functions and some of the problems they were being forced to solve both as a governing body of the Center and as an advisory group to the War Relocation Administration. Mr. Fujii summarized the accomplishments of the Council, including control of stray dogs, simplified council elections, passenger cars for pregnant women's monthly examination at the hospital, improvement in foods, establishment of the Hospital Benefit Fund, endeavor to secure a Japanese doctor from the Enemy Internment Camp, the formation of a committee representing Japanese Nationals. He also discussed the work of the Council in negotiating for printed matter confiscated at assembly centers, petition for retaining the High School Principal, mail delivery, the warehouse situation and negotiations, building of a swimming pool, improving the cemetery, and the very important job of repairing the "rip-rap" on the canal after the fire and its various implication both for the residents and persons of Japanese ancestry in general. Mr. Fujii after presenting these various aspects of Council and community problems, discussed at some length the problem of manpower shortage and its meanings to the

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residents. A summary of his remarks follows. Due to relocation, and the boys leaving for the "service", there remain the old and the young in the center to carry on with the work. The manpower must, therefore, be concentrated on the essential divisions. A Manpower Commission consisting of 9 appointive staff members and 9 evacuees has been established for the purpose of finding facts and possible solutions to the problems associated with the labor problems. "However", Mr. Fujii stated, "regard these problems as individual ones, and do not leave it all up to the representatives. You people must and can take an active part in the solutions of these labor problems."

The Chairman took charge after Mr. Fujii's speech had been completed and opened the meeting to general discussion. The following report on the questions and discussions will be presented as a whole for all of the meetings with no designation as to the meeting in which they were asked, etc.

Q. When Ward 10 at the hospital was closed, what happened to the patients?

A. They were moved to Wards 12 and 14.

Q. Patients in Ward 12 were moved to a "jail like place" when patients from Ward 10 came in. What can be done for them?

A. They were moved to the sun room. It is a nice place and they are getting the same care as before.

Q. Patients seriously ill are said not to be admitted at the hospital because of the shortage of workers unless of course, they are accompanied by a member of the family who can take care of them. In that case what

happens to a bachelor or someone without a family who is seriously ill?

A. Anyone who should be admitted to the hospital will be admitted, regardless of whether a member of the family accompanies them or not.

Q. Why won't doctors visit homes? Must people die a "dog's death" because of the shortage of doctors?

A. Doctors have difficulty taking care of patients in the hospital. They cannot visit homes. Anyone seriously ill should be in the hospital. The Public Health Nurse visits homes to make examinations.

Q. Can't we have more evacuee doctors?

A. The only doctors available are in internment camps and the Council is making negotiations. We are having difficulties because of the internee's status.

Q. What happened to the books confiscated in the Assembly Centers?

A. We have written to the State Department and the Spanish Council regarding the matter, and we expect results soon.

Q. Stray dogs in camp are too numerous. In a year there will be more dogs than people. What can be done?

A. Let us hear from Mr. Fujii, who is here from Topaz, regarding the dog situation.

Mr. Fujii of Topaz stated that all dog owners in Topaz are requested to register their dogs and are given a license. All dogs that do not have licenses are picked up, and after three days of confinement, if the dogs are not claimed for by the owners, they are disposed of. Rabies injection are given at the hospital, and the owner of the dog assumes all responsibility if a person is injured by the dog or if property is damaged.

Q. It has been said that the hospital performs no operations

because the surgical nurse is relocating because of pressure from the Caucasian nurse. Is it true?

A. Miss Uno is relocating. However, it is for personal reasons, and we have not heard that pressure has been used to force her out. There is a Caucasian nurse to help in the surgery, and although the doctors are operating on "absolutely serious cases", those that need it are being taken care of.

Q. Is it true that Dr. Neher is a horse doctor?

A. No. Dr. Neher is a registered and trained M.D.

Q. How is the medical care in the Center as compared to the outside?

A. According to Drs. Ito and Akamatsu, who recently relocated, the people in the Centers are receiving better medical care than people on the outside.

Q. How is the health condition here?

A. It is good.

Resident: If the health condition here is good and we receive better medical care than the outside, we have no problem.

(Audience laughed at this remark)

Q. The weather is getting cold. Can some arrangements be made so the nurses aids' working on the night shift can wait in the Internal Security Sub-stations?

A. That was the arrangement last year, and we shall see to it that it will be the same this year.

Q. A great deal of the food is wasted in the mess halls because the food is not what the evacuees can eat. We should have more quality and less quantity.

A. So desu ne.....(That is so)

Q. Has it been decided to have a secretary of the Koenkai in

an office at the hospital? If so, will you announce it to the people present?

- A. People are being contacted for that job. An executive secretary of the Koenkai will have an office in the hospital where the residents can bring their hospital problems, and this man will make contacts with the hospital personnel.

Mr. Doi of "Central Service" spoke at this point on the coal situation and asked the residents not to pick up lumps but to use a shovel and start at the base of the pile.

- Q. The Council assumed responsibility for the burning of the rip-rap, but since it was not known who did the act, it was outrageous for the Council to assume such a responsibility.

- A. It was not known at the time that an evacuee set the fire, but it was thought that was the best thing to do in order that residents might have access to the canal for fishing, etc. However, it was later found out that an evacuee did do it. Our cooperation in repairing the rip-rap brought about good relations with neighboring towns.

- Q. The residents elected the Councilmen trusting in their ability, and with confidence in them. We are contributing 5% per person per month to the Hospital Benefit Fund.

This is not compulsory, but voluntary. Is this not so?

- A. That is so.

- Q. All right. There is a list of contributors and the amounts they contribute on the block bulletin boards. The names of the people who do not wish to contribute are also listed, publicizing that these people did not contribute. As a

result these individuals are shamed, so that they are forced to contribute. Is it the policy of the Council to shame people into contributing and at the same time say that this plan is not compulsory?

A. The Council at no time has given out instructions to list the names of persons who do not wish to contribute. If this is true, it must be the idea of the person in charge of that block.

Q. The Council states that it has unanimously passed a resolution to set 50¢ as a standard Kosai hi (social obligation fee). This has not been enforced. What is the use to pass such a rule if the Council does not enforce it?

A. It was unanimously passed, and in my block it is in use. However, some blocks state that they have a system and are continuing with it.

Q. It is getting colder and the small children have no place in which to play. Can't part of the Rec. Halls be used for this purpose?

A. We shall see what can be done about it.

Q. We elected the Council in good faith. We ask the Council, "whom we have elected" in great confidence, to be more firm in their stand in their dealings with the administration. They must let people know that we do not have to take things just because this is war and there is a manpower shortage everywhere. We have been thrown in here against our will, and the government has a definite responsibility to take care of us. It should not be necessary for the people to work if there is a shortage of workers in the hospital,

in the coal division or anywhere else. We are enemy aliens, but there are also American citizens placed here. We have been forced to evacuate and thrown in here. Now they force relocation and seasonal work, and as a result we suffer a manpower shortage. What kind of reasoning is this? I ask that the Council take a firmer attitude. It has been too weak, spineless (yowa goshi). We have been stripped of our homes and businesses, we have nothing further to lose. Let's go all the way in demanding our rights. (This speech was loudly applauded by TWO people).

- A. You may be right in principle by saying the government has an obligation to us since they placed us here. However, there is a manpower shortage outside, and we have to do all we can to keep the camp operating ourselves. There is no sense in demanding what cannot be accomplished. When a situation occurs, it is the people who suffer. Let us cooperate, to make the best of the situation for our own benefit.
- Q. It is said that the head Caucasian nurse is very disagreeable to the nurses aides. No matter how many nurses aides we have they won't stay if they are mistreated. What can be done about that?
- A. For such purposes we are having an executive secretary of the Koenkai, who will have his office in the hospital, where he can observe the situation that exist in order that conditions can be improved.
- Q. Student nurses should get credit as an encouragement to to take up nursing.

Q. It seems to me that the policies of the WRA are very conflicting. They force relocation upon us by their various methods and encourage seasonal work, thereby creating a labor shortage in the Center. I do not assume that the Council can stop persons leaving the project, but it seems that something ought to be done. (Applause from the audience).

A. As we all know, to relocate the people is the primary object of WRA. Since the people who leave for seasonal work are out to earn money for their personal uses, a plan is being considered by the Council whereby persons who return can make voluntary contributions. By this manner persons who remained in the Center, and who are doing extra hard work, will in some way be compensated (shoe repair for the coal crew, etc.).

Q. Does the Council know how many persons there are in the project who are able to work but are not doing so?

A. A Manpower Commission to gather statistics of this nature has been organized. This Committee is meeting for the first time tomorrow.

Q. We have heard the report of the Council tonight for the first time. Will it be possible to have such reports in the future. For example, one every month so that the residents will know what is going on?

A. Thank you. We will take that into consideration.

The above questions and discussions are all the ones the analyst was able to get. Other questions and discussions of course were carried on, but due to the situation and the problem of taking notes and transcribing them into English from the Japanese

restricted the reporting.

A few brief remarks are in order, otherwise the discussions speak for themselves. The following things seem, from the analyst's point of view to stand out:

1. The Council is not receiving the full support of a large number of the residents. This is due to ignorance, failure of the Council to keep the Community thoroughly advised and up-to-date on basic factors involved in the administration of the community activities and that of the WRA.
2. The Council is forced, because of this antagonism, to move slowly in certain instances until complete information is disseminated among the residence. Also, the Council must, in many instances, take a more-or-less negative stand on certain administrative issues in order to "give voice" to this negative group in the community.
3. The areas in the project are stressing different things. For example, in the area around the hospital, the question of the hospital seems to be the most interesting problem; the areas in Blocks 8-19 and 21-28 seem to be the most anti-administration and anti-Council; the area beyond Block 28, on the whole, is the most serious and most positive region.
4. A well-known resident and one who is objective in matters of the Center has this to say concerning the meetings (This person attended all of the meetings):

"The 2nd and 3rd meetings were the most negative. There were persons present with very pronounced and negative attitudes, with the intentions of 'persecuting the Council' before the residents and making an issue. These persons seemed to be endeavoring to make the Chairman of the Council and the Council look ridiculous before the people. Generally speaking, the residents of the community learned much about the work the Council has been doing. However, the answers to questions asked by the residents were often not answers, and some of Mr. Fujii's 'answers' were not very strong at times, giving the impression that he was evading some of the issues. 'Kangaete crimasu', "we are thinking about it", or "we are considering it", was given too many times. Of course, in some instances this answer was true, but for others this answer was pure evasion."

5. The Area A meetings were not well attended due primarily to the reason that the publicity was not well organized. The meetings in Area B were well attended. There were few people present at these meetings who could be considered as real leaders in the community. It must not be lost sight of that many persons did not attend the meetings because they consider the Council as merely the "stooge" of the WRA administration and did not consider it worth while to come out to hear such "stuff."

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Minidoka

COUNCIL MEETING WITH GYMNASIUM WORKERS

Date: November 14, 1944

Time: 9:30 A. M.

Place: Council Chamber

Councilmen present: Messrs. Fujii, Mayeno, Osawa,
Hikida, Doi

Labor Relations Advisor: Mr. Sakoda

Workers present:

Arthur Hiroo
Ushigoro Kawasaki
Moritsuchi Murakami
Tokusaburo Nakatani
Tazo Nishimura
Toshio Nishimura
Manzo Tokita
Orikichi Watanabe
Itsugoro Yoshimoto
Kamenatsu Norimatsu

Isamu Hirata
Sengo Nishimatsu
Manabu Taniguchi
Isataro Kasahara
Buheiji Hattori
Tomoji Tomoguchi
Kyukichi Shigio
Tsuneichiro Nishikawa
Roy Yokoyama

The meeting was opened by Mr. Fujii, who explained that the Council had met with Mr. Stafford, and had asked him to prepare a statement in both English and Japanese to be presented to the workers for their consideration. He explained that it was entirely up to the workers themselves whether they chose to return to work or not.

Mr. Fujii then explained that two factors had complicated the present matter. One was the change in the supervisory setup, which lowered Mr. Ishimitsu's position. The other was the recording of the actual number of minutes worked by the workers.

The chairman stated that yesterday Mr. Ishimitsu had

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come to the office and stated that he was handing in his resignation because of poor health. He also said that he wanted the workers to make up their own minds about returning to work, and did not want it believed that he had influenced them one way or the other. Mr. Omura had also sent a note to the Council office stating that he wanted to be counted out because he had handed in his resignation.

About five minutes prior to the opening of the meeting, Mr. Stafford's memo, in both English and Japanese, to the workers arrived, and the chairman asked Mr. Mayeno to read the Japanese version. After the memo was read, the workers were allowed to express their reaction.

In regards to the implication in Mr. Stafford's memo that "the apparent slow rate of accomplishment per man per day" was partially responsible for the gymnasium not being ready for use by August, 1944, several workers protested that the carpenters were not to blame. They pointed out that they never contracted the construction in the first place, that they had never heard of the August, 1944, deadline, that the number of workers were cut down in the springtime, and that they were required to work on other work projects. On the other hand, the workers claimed, they were interested in finishing the gymnasium. They felt that they had worked hard, when it was considered that only about ten men had put up the tresses, and that at Tule Lake it took 65 carpenters more than eight months to complete the car-

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penalty work alone. They had planned to finish at least the stage and the auditorium, since they were given such short notice. It was the administration, they said, that was obstructing these plans.

In regards to the number of hours of work, the workers declared that they had worked hard and worked without regard to the number of hours put in.

In regards to the statement made by Mr. Stafford that the workers would not be paid during the period of work stoppage, opinion was divided. Some workers expressed the opinion that they did not expect to be paid when they did not work, whereas others declared that they should be paid during the period of negotiation.

One worker stated that he did not believe that the workers should make up their minds without first consulting Mr. Ishimitsu. It was pointed out to him that Mr. Ishimitsu had desired that the workers make up their own minds about returning to work, and that if the workers did return to work it would not be difficult to persuade Mr. Ishimitsu to join them.

Concerning Caucasian supervision, several workers blamed Mr. Plank for being mean and putting too much pressure on the workers. Some workers declared that they did not object to Caucasian supervisors, but they objected to their attempt to force people to work. In contrast, Mr. Beattie

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was praised for his evident understanding of the evacuees and his ability to maintain a smooth working relationship with them.

Mr. Fujii then suggested a counter-proposal to be presented to Mr. Stafford. The counter-proposal included the following points:

1. To have Mr. Plank keep away from the gymnasium.
2. To have evacuee foremen.

This did not mean that Caucasian supervisors were not to be allowed on the gymnasium, but also did not preclude the possibility of a reduction in the number of Caucasian supervisors now employed on the premise.

3. To be allowed, say, 50 carpenters.

4. To assure the administration of the confidence of the crew (and Mr. Ishimitsu) to complete the main hall, the stage, and the lavatories by the end of the year. This assurance, according to Mr. Fujii, was not to be a guarantee. On the other hand, it might be an offer to the administration to allow evacuees to undertake the completion of the hall without interference from Caucasians, especially in the matter of supervision and timechecking.

5. To have the matter of time-checking shelved for the time being. This, however, according to Mr. Fujii, did not mean that the administration would agree to cease checking on the time, and it included the possibility of

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the workers having to work on a convoy schedule.

6. As a result of a discussion with the workers, two items were added to the possible counter-proposal. The first was a request for several stoves in the gymnasium so that workers would not have to stand around to warm themselves up, and an added suggestion that a night watchman be assigned to have the gymnasium heated by the time workers arrived in the morning.

7. The second suggestion was the assignment of two convoys instead of one so that time would be saved in conveying the workers.

The reaction of the workers to this counter-proposal was generally favorable. There was agreement among the workers that if they were not obstructed by Caucasian supervisors they could undertake to finish the hall, the stage and the lavatories. There were some difference of opinion as to the number of hours that they were to work. Some workers declared that they were willing to stay on the job until 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mr. Mayano urged the workers to show improvement in the number hours of actual work shown on the daily progress report.

With the general understanding that Mr. Fujii would approach the administration with the above counter-proposal, the meeting was adjourned.

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MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 16, 1945
Time: 2:00 P.M.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken and those present were Messrs. Fujii, Mihara, Doi, Mayeno, and Hikida. Messrs. Osawa and Chikata were absent.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.

III. Officers report:

Subject: New policy on Mess Operation.

A memorandum from Mr. Stafford, dated January 11, 1954, which in effect means 60 days deferment from the date previously set effective January 1, 1945, was read. There were no further discussions on this matter.

IV. Committee's reports were omitted.

V. Unfinished business--none.

VI. New business:

1. Subject: To establish a special facts finding committee, under the supervision of the Community Council, to make a comprehensive study involving the question of closing centers.

In view of the seriousness of the problem, the council is in it's opinion, that a comprehensive analysis of the situation in the project should be made to find concrete problems based upon the fact, and ~~that such a committee shall~~ draft sound recommendations and suggestions for a final solution, that will possibly pave the way for the majority of the residents to take. After serious consideration, it was agreed that the Council shall recommend the establishment of the Facts Finding Committee of seven, who shall be chosen from among the block delegates. including the block commissioner by at least three delegates. Each block shall be represented by at least three delegates including the block commissioner at a special joint meeting, which shall be called by the Council at a later date. The council further decided that this recommendation shall be submitted to the next joint meeting with the block commissioners for their approval.

2. Subject: Nominating Convention

In accordance with the provision stipulated in the Community Council charter, a nominating convention shall be called by the Council sometime this month. Therefore, the date for such a convention must be decided at this meeting, since time

is already pressing. Thereupon, it was decided that the nominating convention shall be held at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday January 23, 1945, in the Council Chamber.

In view of the fact that community Clerk has experienced the difficulties in securing the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominating, it was suggested that a special committee of three including the Community Clerk shall be established, and such a committee shall be given full discretionary power to reject any declinations whose reasons are not justified. After due consideration, it was decided that the proposed recommendation to establish such a committee shall be submitted at the nominating conventions for discussion.

3. Subject: Letter of appreciation for the Christmas gifts

It was unanimously decided to go record that the Council take this means to extend deepest gratitude for the splendid spirit of brotherhood shown by those friends outside in sending such generous amount of gifts to our children in the project.

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF A JOINT MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
WITH THE FACTS FINDING COMMITTEE OF 7 MEMBERS

DATE: February 12, 1945

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken and those who were present were; Messrs. Fujii, Mihara, Mayeno, Osawa, Doi, and Hikida from the Council and Messrs. Takeoka, Ogawa, Shiiki, Nakasone, Oyama, and Suzuki, the appointed members of the Facts Finding Committee.

II. At the opening of the meeting, the Chairman made a brief explanation in connection with the action taken by the Council at its meeting held Saturday, February 10, 1945, in compliance with the decision made by the joint meeting of February 9, 1945. He further reported that after the Council, having taken careful consideration, agreed upon the selection of the following persons; Messrs. Takeoka, Ogawa, Nakasone, Suzuki, Takeuchi, Nakayama, Oyama, Shiiki, Hayano and Tomihiro. Then, after making personal contacts in attempt to secure the acceptance from such persons as were selected, the Council Office was in receipt of two formal declinations, namely from Mr. T. Takeuch and Mr. H. Nakayama and subsequently we now have only six members to serve on the Committee, and one more member is to be appointed.

Then the members decided to request Mr. H. Hayano to be a member of the Committee and asked Mr. Nakasone to make a call on Mr. Hayano to secure his acceptance.

III. DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE

Questions pertinent to the selection of the delegates were introduced by the Chairman for discussion. Thereupon, Mr. Mayeno expressed his view points stating that, as to the selection of the four delegates to be sent to the conference, he felt that the selection of two delegates from among the Council members and the other two from the Facts Finding Committee would make a logical choice, and his selection would be Messrs. Mihara & Fujii, Ogawa and Takeoka to be members of the delegation.

Mr. T. Ogawa raised a question pertaining to the term, "7 members of the Facts Finding Committee", to be clarified. After due deliberation and discussion, it was agreed upon that the question of the term should be determined at the joint meeting.

In connection with the question of delegation, it was unanimously decided that the above mentioned persons were to represent our residents to the conference. However, it

was suggested that Mr. Fujii should stay here for the meeting with Mr. Myer and then leave for the conference later.

Since our time is very limited before the conference, we must undertake hasty action in drafting our report to be taken with the delegates. The Chairman solicited any suggestions to be made by the members. Then Mr. Nakasone was requested to draft a rough outline of the proposed report based upon the materials submitted by the blocks' residents which is to be presented at the next meeting. It was decided that the next meeting would be held at 1:30 P.M. Wednesday, February 14, 1945 in the Council Chambers.

IV. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

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MINUTES OF
MEETING OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND BLOCK COMMISSIONERS
with Mr. S. T. Kimball
January 4, 1945

Fujii: I want to explain the purpose of this meeting. We had two meetings since the announcement. Mr. Stafford said that the pamphlets were on their way. Since the problem was serious, we decided we would discuss it after the arrival of the pamphlets. This is just as important as the evacuation, if not more. We really don't have a home to return to. This is an important problem. Might not there be a necessity of taking this problem to Congress? This problem should be discussed by everyone concerned and not the Council and block commissioners alone. We avoided questions until the arrival of of the material. Now we have them on hand.

From Washington Mr. Kimball has come. I don't know his main reason for coming here, but I believe that it is for this purpose. I wish you would give him requests that he could take back to Washington with him. We didn't have time to send you this pamphlet beforehand. It seems to contain the same material already announced. Perhaps the outlook by the Washington office is too optimistic.

What would you like to do, Mr. Kimball. . . We shall listen to Mr. Kimball's explanation.

(Introduces him. Applause.)

Kimball: I think this is the third time I have met with the Council.

It has been a pleasure to discuss problems. I have come here at the request of Dillon Myer, when it became definite that exclusion was to be lifted on the Coast. It was also felt that if some one person could go to each of the Relocation centers, it would help if there were common understanding, and if criticism and suggestions as to the adequacy of the present program, by both the staff and residents, were offered. I have nothing new to add.

I might make a few observations, however. In the first place, the WRA was created by the President and established by Congress as a War emergency agency. Funds were appropriated by congressional act for the purpose of: (1) center operation, and (2) to assist people who were able and desired to leave the center and live outside of the excluded area. Funds were made available for transportation and subsistence grant. These funds in no sense were intended to be used for rehabilitation. The WRA does not have this function, but there are other agencies that have that responsibility, such as the FSA, RFC and others. The WRA responsibility is to provide a place to stay during the emergency created by evacuation. When that emergency no longer existed, then it became necessary to consider liquidation, since the reason for continuance of the centers no longer existed.

The announcement of the closing of the center in 6-12 months-- why was that decision made? This I know. During the past 2 years there has been a tremendous change regarding the necessity of evacuation -- military necessity no longer exists. Another reason is the outstanding military record made by Nisei in Italy and France. This record is responsible for a wholesale change in public opinion.

How was this to be accomplished within a year? Relocation offices have been established throughout the country. It is the intention to establish the same kind of offices on the Pacific Coast for those who wish to return. Secondly, a large amount of information has been accumulated about individual cases, and it is hoped that each family will be aided sufficiently to readjust itself on the outside. The Leave Office and Social Welfare Office will, service offices, adequately organized to carry out their function, to successfully assist residents.

WRA is aware that many people have lost everything they had, have husbands and sons in the Army, are in the hospital, are crippled, blind, widows with small children. The first important job is to establish contact with the agencies that are equipped to help these people to adjust. Many people with established business and farms,

will need little assistance, and others will need loans and aid. Until we begin to deal with concrete families, it is impossible to know how successful this is going to be. There is little question of the success of people with connections -- jobs, businesses, farms. It is not so easy for those who do not have a job or a home to go to. For those, the service organizations are necessary. Adjustment should be worked out on an individual family basis, and we must get a total picture.

One reason I came was that I wanted to get an expression of problems. If we do not have answers to questions, they should be sent to those who can answer them.

Fujii: I think you can get what Mr. Kimball said from the translation. I would like to have you ask questions of Mr. Kimball now.

Hosokawa: Will the WRA set up hostels to help evacuees?
Are they going to help those who want to look for houses? (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii) HOSTEL

Kimball: The problem was discussed. This may help some. If there are families where some person is in the Armed forces or are unable to care for themselves, if several of those families can live together and help each other out -- perhaps some member in the total group can work -- if they get together and work out an arrangement to live as a group, then that group of families should request assistance to find living quarters to which they would like to go. Although it is impossible to assume that such a house can be found, an attempt will be made to meet their need. At this moment, I know of no plans to establish hostels as such, although some religious group may have such a plan.

Hosokawa: Those who have houses or jobs will receive grant. Those who don't won't receive any. They'd like to live in a place they know. If there is no house they can't go out. On what will he base his source of security. In Seattle they might open the Japanese School building for living quarters. If no such facilities are made available, people will be afraid to leave. If we make such a request, will they listen to it? (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii)

Hashiguchi: With "no plan" we can't get out. Do we have to go out even then? Then it becomes a general problem.

Fujii: Now I want to raise a question. What is the justification for closing the center? There are quite a number of problems in moving out. I want to know the justification to close the center. The explanation is not clear enough to satisfy the residents. When we were in the assembly center we found a clause, incorporated in the pamphlets which were distributed among evacuees, stating to the effect that the center would be open for the duration. Since that promise was made, I don't see the justification for closing. Then it means that the pamphlet issued by the government doesn't mean anything. We should have a clarification about the closing. JUSTIFICATION FOR CLOSING THE CENTER

Kimball: You gentlemen know that is a difficult question. I don't feel that the statement I make will be satisfactory to you. The determination whether an emergency exists was first made by the government, and the government also determined whether it no longer existed. In regard to the pamphlet, I don't know what it stated exactly. The best I can do is to say that you do have this course of action. You do have the right to petition to request clarification, to have an answer to this question and others. State your position, and forward that statement to Dillon Myer. In so stating, you want to give specific reasons why the statements given here in the pamphlet are not satisfactory.

Fujii: 2nd question: Since the Japanese were evacuated, the government has the responsibility of finding housing and living quarters for them. If those who cannot relocate run into a large majority of the residents, what are the plans of the WRA to meet this situation?

Kimball: Only in terms of concrete houses and jobs can I answer that question. But I cannot answer that question. That question will only be answered by an orderly procession of family aid -- asking for aid on individual problems, letting the WRA make the contacts to determine whether a house and other things are available. Until we begin to work out those things we do not know the answer. The housing and job situation changes from month to month. In terms of obligation, the procedure has been established to find housing and jobs. The important point is that "there is a method whereby you can find out."

What will happen if there are still people remaining? There is no answer at the present. This agency has tried to place people in the community they want to go to. Only when we begin to work that out do we know how successful that program will be. The WRA believes that it will be successful.

Fujii: Next question is: Now the public sentiment and military situation might be changed. But when the situation gets worse again, in order to protect those on the Coast, what will the government do -- send them back to the camp?

WHA
PROTE
TION

Kimball: I can't answer that question, again. Somebody should take the responsibility to officially ask that question.

AVAILABLE

Kuraoka: I'm a visitor, can I ask a question? I want to ask -- closing, was established on the assumption that most people want to relocate. Most Isseis want to stay for the duration. Some people may want to return to the West Coast. Others, because of insecure condition and prejudice (contrary to what Mr. Kimball said, the prejudice of a large number of hakujin is bad) for the duration want to be allowed to stay here -- there are a lot of people like that. For those people what action will the government take? (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii)

Mr. Kimball: Well, one of the problems that has affected all of us has been the failure to understand each other's point of view. I can go back only to one position. That is, there is an obligation on the part of the government and residents to put forward their point of view to further understanding. The point of view of the government is that people are largely free to go wherever they wish, and that the government should aid this movement. It is the stand of Myer and others that when the facts are known, by the end of the period the centers can be closed and that people will have found new homes for themselves. Those who refuse to move will not be a problem. Satisfactory solution will have been found for each family. This January 4. That is the way it looks.

Nomura (Block 4): The person who is trying to reestablish himself in business -- will any assistance be given?

Kimball: WRA is not a loan or rehabilitation agency. There are agencies which loan money -- RFC for business purposes, FSA for farm purposes. There are private sources, too. It is possible to get loans, but not until applications are made will it be known whether loans can be made. If he can't get a loan, the WRA will assist to secure favorable consideration to get loans to establish himself. You can't tell unless you try it.

LOANS

Fujii: We are informed that servicemen discharged are eligible for loans up to \$2000 to establish business. Ickes stated that evacuees are the No. 1 victims of circumstances due to war. Evacuees should be classified with servicemen for loan. From what source does the serviceman get that loan?

Kimball: There's an agency called the Federal Security Agency; but really I don't know. There again there is a feeling for a need for a particular approach. Now's the time to make a proposal of that kind. At least you can find out.

Hosokawa: I don't think that the lifting of the ban and the closing should come together. Those who have business and homes on the Coast can leave, but it doesn't apply to others. The hospital facility is not adequate, the school is not of the best, children are ..

being spoiled, and people want to go out but can't. Those who haven't houses, the majority of people haven't a thing because they sold everything. They won't have a chance to look for a job. At the present, most people can't go out. Returning and closing shouldn't be brought up together. We'd like to go out, but we request adequate aid -- not only transportation expenses. Public opinion is not good. We're responsible for children. We have to get an assurance of security before we leave. We'd like to have it possible to leave before the closing is mentioned. (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii)

Blk. Comm.: Letting people go out is all right, but why put a time limitation when the problems haven't been worked out yet. Closing down the school, for instance, we should protest that.

CLOSING
OF
SCHOOL

Mayeno: The opening and the closing were announced together. It has disturbed the residents. The closing of school -- the teachers aren't teaching the regular amount of hours. The teachers are leaving. The closing provision cannot be scratched off, I suppose, but it can be softened. We'd like to make it so that teachers will feel more secure in teaching school. (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii)

Kimball: I would hope that most of the teachers would continue their very best. The general attitude of the teachers has been very good. I don't think that they would let down on their obligation. Some of them may be able to go into non-school work. But after the closing there won't be any work for most of them.

Mayeno: One of my daughters is taught only about 3 or 4 hours. Most of the teachers are looking for other jobs aren't they.

Kimball: Teachers usually make new contracts in May.

Yoshida: People from Hood River have had fruit ranches. There are about 35 families. They are glad of the lifting of the ban. They worked hard for their farms and even built their own houses. Unfortunately the prejudice is strong. They expect to have a meeting in January. What protection will the American government give these people? (Interpreted by Mr. Fujii)

HOOD RIVER
PEOPLE

Kimball: Are these families in a position to move in the immediate future, or later in the year?

Yoshida: They differ. Some can return right away. They won't go back until they find out that it is safe.

T. Yamada: I heard that it is convenient if they can go back this month because of the crop.

Kimball: I would suggest that some heads of families arrange a meeting with Stafford and McLaughlin, and a course of action be determined to find out the actual situation, and what assurance and protection can be gotten.

Kusumi: Most of the people lost their property at the time of evacuation. He knows of the losses, but he doesn't say what he'll do about them.

INDEMNITY

Kimball: Is that in regard to the indemnity?

Kusumi: Yes.

Kimball: That is a question which is a difficult one. The question has to do with the work "restitution", of repaying a person for a loss he has suffered .. I want to explain a point of law. Under a system of government here and in England, a government cannot be sued except as it is willing to be sued. Is that clear? If a man employed by the government damages a private car, the owner cannot collect damages from the government except if the government is willing to pay it.

Nomura (Block 4): If a person lost \$5000 at the time of evacuation,

he can't get it back?

Kimball: No. To get the money back, there must be a law passed by the government. Payments may be made, but it is not usual that they are made during war. During the Civil War there were damages. Following the war they set up a claim court. I did not say that Congress would open the way for payment; but that is the legal recourse that any person has.

(Request by a block commissioners for a translation into Japanese of answers by Mr. Kimball.)

Kuraoka: The reaction of the majority of the people to the announcement of the closing might be presented to Kimball in writing.

Fujii: We ought to have a mass meeting to determine the general reaction of the residents.

Kuraoka: I think that there is a necessity of determining the reaction of the residents.

Hosokawa: We don't have the facts, but the Nakano family went back to Port Townsend. Recently the story is that they can't get gasoline and food. If that sort of thing happens, there wouldn't be a relocation office in a small town. What should a person in that predicament do?

Kimball: In the first place, those employed by the WRA, although we may be over-optimistic, feel that the situation is good, except for a few localities. There are a thousand persons evacuated who returned. Many people are living in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other places, without any trouble. If trouble of that sort does arise, and if a situation is dangerous, we are going to know. If they can't get groceries, we are going to know. It is our information that many Caucasian families have gone out of their way to help. But I don't know what can be done if it does happen. I think it's unlikely to happen. But we don't know until things do occur.

Fujii: Thank you very much, Mr. Kimball.

Kimball: I'd like to make a final statement. The only way to get concrete answers is to go ahead and do something. The WRA is prepared to handle those questions. If we can get a mechanism whereby those questions get answers, I think it would help a great deal to eliminate fear.

(Applause)

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: January 16, 1945
Time: 2:00 P.M.

- I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken and those present were Messrs. Fujii, Mihara, Doi, Mayeno, and Hikida. Messrs. Osawa and Chikata were absent.
- II. Minutes of the previous meeting was omitted.
- III. Officers' report:
Subject: New Policy on Mess Operation.

A memorandum from Mr. Stafford, dated January 11, 1945, which in effect means 60 days deferment from the date previously set effective January 1, 1945, was read. There were no further discussions on this matter.

- IV. Committee's reports were omitted.
- V. Unfinished business--none.
- VI. New Business:

1. Subject: To establish a special facts finding committee, under the supervision of the Community Council, to make a comprehensive study involving the question of closing centers.

In view of the seriousness of the problem, the Council is in its opinion, that a comprehensive analysis of the situation in the project should be made to find concrete problems based upon the facts, and that such a committee shall draft sound recommendations and suggestions for a final solution, that will possibly pave the way for the majority of the residents to take. After serious consideration, it was agreed that the Council shall recommend the establishment of the Facts Finding Committee of seven, who shall be chosen from among the block delegates. Each block shall be represented by at least three delegates including the block commissioner at a special joint meeting, which shall be called by the Council at a later date. The Council further decided that this recommendation shall be submitted to the next joint meeting with the block commissioners for their approval.

2. Subject: Nominating Convention.

In accordance with the provision stipulated in the Community Council Charter, a nominating convention shall be called by the Council sometime this month. Therefore, the date for such a convention must be decided at this meeting, since time

is already pressing. Thereupon, it was decided that the nominating convention shall be held at 1:30 P.M., Tuesday, January 23, 1945, in the Council Chamber.

In view of the fact that the Community Clerk has experienced the difficulties in securing the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated, it was suggested that a special committee of three including the Community Clerk shall be established, and such a committee shall be given full discretionary power to reject any declinations whose reasons are not justified. After due consideration, it was decided that the proposed recommendation to establish such a committee shall be submitted at the nominating convention for discussion.

3. Subject: Letter of appreciation for the Christmas gifts.

It was unanimously decided to go ^{on} record that the Council take this means to extend deepest gratitude for the splendid spirit of brotherhood shown by those friends outside in sending such generous amount of gifts to our children in the project.

VII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

NOMINATING CONVENTION

Date: Jan. 23, (Tuesday) 1945

Time: 1:30 P.M.

Place: Council Chamber

- I. Meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken, and of the total 79 delegates, 49 were present.

In the opening address, the Chairman stressed upon the importance of having a very careful selection of capable leaders to fill the Council's positions for the coming term, in the light of the fact that we are facing the final phase of center operations.

The Chairman then, went on to explain the proceedings that were being stipulated in the charter, stating that there were a few points to be discussed and clarified before the floor should be opened for nomination.

- II. The Chairman introduced the following questions for discussion:

1. No. of candidates.

In accordance with the Charter, it provides that the Nominating Convention shall nominate at least ten and not more than 21 candidates for the Community Council. After due discussion, it was unanimously decided that 21 candidates shall be selected to go on the ballot.

2. Proposed recommendation.

A special committee of three including the Community Clerk shall be established, which shall secure the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated. This recommendation, after being discussed pro and con, was killed. There upon, a new motion was properly introduced and seconded, that the Community Clerk shall be given full power in performing his duty as defined in the Charter, which reads as follows:

"The Community Clerk shall secure the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated."

This motion was carried unanimously.

3. Election Tellers.

The Chairman asked the members their opinions pertinent to the number of election tellers and the method of selection. It was then moved and seconded that the Chairman be given full power to appoint ten appropriate

persons from among the delegates present to act as the election tellers at this convention. The motion was carried unanimously.

The following persons were selected:

Messrs. Ikoma, Sugeno, Hamamoto, Imamura, Nagai, Yoneyama, George Hara, Sawada, Tom Takeuchi, Rex Yamashita, and Takayoshi.

III. Nominations:

Chairman, also explained that nominations shall be verbal and a second required. The floor was then opened for nominations. The delegates were called in the order of their blocks, starting from Block 1, and the following persons were nominated.

Messrs. Harry Hatate, Eiji Fujitomi, Yoshio Hamamoto, Sadahiko Ikoma, Yosajiro Doi, Yukimasa Nomura, Fukuichi Mori, Kintaro Taketa, Yoshito Fujii, Genji Mihara, Setsugo Hosokawa, Buhei Nakasone, Iwao Matsushita, Yoshio Urakawa, Masamori Hashimoto, Kunitaro Yamada, Hiroshi Nagai, Ikutaro Masumoto, Kuhachi Kimura, Tom Ogawa, James Sakoda, Kunizo Mayeno, Motosuke Hayasaka, Roy I. Akiyama, Shuji Ikeda, Iwao Oyama, Daiichi Takeoka, Yorisada Matsui, Teruo Tsuboi, Senichi Tomihiro, Tom Takeuchi, Terukichi Yoneyama, Hajime Sata, Goro Mochizuki, B. J. Yoshida, Saburo Sunohara, Harukichi Fugami, Rinta Morimizu, Zenshiro Kikoshima, Shotaro Okumura, Ihachi Chikata, Gyoza Otaki, Floyd Tokuda.

IV. Election:

Then, Chairman introduced a question for discussion, that for how many of nominees, each delegate shall vote. Thereupon a little discussion was taken placed, and it was unanimously decided that each delegate shall vote for any number, not more than 21 nominees, and the first 21 candidates receiving the highest number shall be declared duly elected.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot, and the result was as follows:

Messrs. Yoshito Fujii, Genji Mihara, Yosajiro Doi, I. Oyama, T. Ogawa, Harry Hatate, S. Ikoma, Yoshio Urakawa, Floyd Tokuda, I. Matsushita, James Sakoda, Y. Matsui, D. Takeoka, R. Akiyama, Tom Takeuchi, M. Hayasaka, S. Okumura, Jack Chikata, E. Fujitomi, K. Taketa and K. Mayeno.

Others in the order of votes received: Messrs. T. Tsuboi, S. Sunohara, K. Yamada, T. Yoneyama, S. Ikeda, R. Morimizu, Z. Kikoshima, Y. Hamamoto, S. Hosokawa, K. Kimura, I. Masumoto, G. Mochizuki, H. Nagai, J. Nomura, G. Otaki, J. Yoshida, H. Sata, H. Fugami, B. Nakasone, and M. Hashimoto.

V. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00

P.M.

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH BLOCK COMMISSIONERS

DATE: Feb. 6, 1945

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

PLACE: Community Council Chamber

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 2:00 P.M. Roll call was taken, and of the total 33 commission members, 24 were present. Also all 7 council members were present.

At the opening of the meeting, the chairman made a brief explanation of its purpose as follows:

1. To discuss the amendment proposed by the Community Council, which has been found necessary to amend nomination procedures; and
2. To discuss the matters pertinent to the proposed all-center conference which is to be held at Salt Lake City, commencing on the day of February 16, 1945 and to last till February 23, 1945.

In connection with the matters of nomination, Mr. S. Sunohara, Community Clerk, was requested to give his points of view and difficulties encountered in securing the sufficient number of candidacies as required in the charter. Then Mr. Sunohara made his remarks by saying that, in his opinion, for those who have some family difficulties, that declination is necessary. There were many cases whose justifications were not acceptable. However, he has felt that in the event when he executes discretionary power to determine each case, then the discrimination is inevitable. For this reason, he has accepted a majority of declinations, and it resulted in the failure of securing the sufficient number of candidacies as required.

Furthermore, it is his belief that one of the main reasons for the declination is because of the loss of the residents' confidence in the Community Council which, in his opinion, is obviously being the result of improper communication between the Community Council and the residents. In realization of the importance of block meetings, he strongly recommends that the block meeting shall be held regularly every month.

I. PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Chairman asked the members for their discussion on the proposed amendment and welcomed their opinions and suggestions. After due discussion, Mr. Hashiguchi moved and Mr. Muramatsu seconded that we adopt the proposed amendment as submitted by the Community Council. It was carried by

23 affirmative votes and 8 negative votes.

II. ALL-CENTER CONFERENCE

Relative to the proposed All-Center Conference, the Chairman introduced the following messages:

1. A teletype message from the Topaz Community Council dated February 6, which in part states as follows: "Other centers desire earlier date for the conference than proposed by Minidoka. It has been decided that conference be held at Salt Lake City Feb. 16 to 23. Please advise number of delegates to attend and we will make hotel reservations. We have requested Manzanar for their attendance. Letter will follow."

2. A teletype message from Gila River Council dated January 31, which in part states as follows: "Gila River Council recommend that all-center conference be held in Salt Lake City week of Feb. 18. 4 delegates will attend from this center."

3. A copy of proposed agenda prepared for the conference by the Heart Mountain Community Council dated January 24, 1945.

Thereupon a question whether the Minidoka Community Council should send a delegation to the conference or not was introduced. In view of the seriousness of the problem, it was unanimously decided that the Minidoka Community Council should send a delegation not exceeding 4 in its number. Upon the motion made by Mr. Kimura and seconded by Mr. Hashiguchi, it was also agreed upon that the expenses involved in sending such a delegation shall be borne by taxing every full block the amount of \$10.00, with the exceptions of those half blocks whose tax would be \$5.00 each. It was further decided that the selection of delegates shall be made at a special joint meeting with block commissioners and the special representatives of 2 to 5 in number from every block, which shall convene at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, February 9, 1945 in the 22 Rec. Hall.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL FACTS FINDING COMMITTEE OF 7 TO MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY INVOLVING THE QUESTION OF CLOSING CENTERS

The above question which has been proposed at the council meeting of January 16, 1945, was introduced for discussion. Then it was decided to have on record that the Council's plan of a seven man committee shall be submitted at the special joint meeting which will be held on February 9, 1945.

IV. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MINIDOKA
COMMUNITY COUNCIL CHARTER

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution of the Community Council of the Minidoka Relocation Center reads as follows:

Section 5. Nominating Convention:

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 Council and shall nominate at least ten, and not more than twenty-one candidates for the Community 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 Council.

AND, WHEREAS, it has been found necessary to amend nomination procedures, so as to assure the acceptance of candidacy by such persons as are nominated.

THEREFORE, The Community Council, hereby would like to submit their proposal for your approval, which reads as follows:

Section 5. Nominating Convention:

Every block shall be represented by two delegates at a Nominating Convention. Prior to the convention, the Community Clerk shall request the Block Commissioner in each block to hold a meeting of the residents in his block for the following purposes:

1. To select one or two qualified candidates from the block or other blocks to run for the office of Councilman, and
2. To secure the acceptance of the candidacy from such individuals, and
3. To select two block delegates from among the qualified electors to represent the block at the Nominating Convention.

The Block Commissioners shall report the names of nominees in writing to the Community Clerk before or on the date set by the Community Clerk.

The Nominating Convention shall convene at the call of the Community Council and shall nominate by secret ballot at least ten, and not more than twenty-one candidates for the Community Council from among the nominees as are selected by the blocks. Each delegate shall be limited to one vote. 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 the 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 Council.

This Amendment to the Minidoka Community Council Charter shall be known as Amendment No. 3, and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

This Amendment passed, February 6, 1945, by Twenty Five affirmative votes and Eight negative votes, of a majority of the Community Council and a majority of the Coordinating Commission of the Minidoka Relocation Center, in assembled session. This, the 6th Day of February, 1945.

Community Council

/s/ Y. Fujii

Chairman, Community Council

Attest:

/s/ S. Sunohara

Community Clerk

The within Amendment to the Minidoka Relocation Center Community Council is hereby approved this 10th Day of February, 1945.

/s/ H.L. Stafford

Project Director

MINUTES OF A
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: February 10, 1945

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council. Roll call was taken and those who were present were: Messrs. Kayeno, Doi, Osawa, Hikida, and Fujii. Mr. Sunohara, the Executive Secretary, was also present.

II. Minutes of the previous meeting-----omitted

III. OFFICER'S REPORT:

1. Election Schedule

- a. Block Commissioners have been requested by the Community Clerk to call their block meeting at any time before February 14, 1945.
- b. Names of candidates shall be reported before or on February 14, 1945.
- c. Nominating Convention shall be held on Tuesday, February 20, 1945, at the Council Chamber.
- d. Final election date has been set on Monday, February 26, 1945.

IV. Committee's Report-----omitted

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Facts Finding Committee:

The establishment of the Facts Finding Committee as being proposed by the joint decision of the Community Council and the Block Commissioners has been approved by the special block representatives of the residents. Furthermore, the Community Council has been given full descretional power in selecting seven men to serve on the Committee. In accordance with the foregoing, the Council, after having taken careful consideration, made the following selections:

Mr. Daichi Takeoka	31-6-D
" Tom Ogawa	10-5-D
" Tom Takeuchi	34-6-D
" Buhei Nakasone	8-1-G
" Hiroshi Nakayama	16-7-E
" Iwao Oyama	39-2-A

In the alternative list, there are those who have been nominated as:

Mr. Junji Yukawa	14-11-A
" Tokiharu Hayano	19-12-E
" Keijiro Kida	39- 3-D
" Senichi Tomihiro	37- 4-B
" Rikizo Shiiki	31-10-C

2. The next Committee Meeting.

It was decided that it shall convene on Monday, February 12, 1945, at 1:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

VI. There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
WITH THE
COMMUNITY COUNCIL AND THE BLOCK COMMISSIONERS

DATE: February 13, 1945

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

I. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Y. Fujii, Chairman of the Community Council, at 1:50 p.m. Roll call was taken and those Councilmen present were: Messrs. Fujii, Mihara, Mayeno, Osawa, Doi and Hikida. There were also 28 Commissioners present.

II. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved without any corrections, additions and deletions.

III. OFFICER'S REPORT:

The Chairman made a brief explanation about the tentative dates set for the block meetings, the nominating convention and the final election of the Council. The substances of his report were as follows: (1) the Block Commissioners have been requested to call the block meeting at any convenient time before Wednesday, February 14, 1945 and report their nominee or nominees before the closing of the business hour on Wednesday, February 14, 1945, to the Council Office; (2) the Nominating Convention would be held on Tuesday, February 20, 1945; (3) the final election day has been scheduled for Monday, February 26, 1945. He also mentioned that these dates have been so set so that the result of each event may be publicized in the Irrigator.

Then the Chairman entertained the questions from the members. A question was raised to clarify the status as to the eligibility in this election of those candidates who have been nominated and declined their candidacies. The Chairman gave his interpretation in regard to the qualification of such persons forgoing, by saying that, since the last nominating convention has resulted in failure due to the large number of declinations, it has been found necessary to amend nomination procedures and such an amendment has been made and approved. Subsequently, this election shall be conducted entirely under the new scheme regardless of any record being established in connection with the previous convention. The other question was introduced. The question was, "Is it probable for any block to nominate a person who has been nominated by other blocks?" Then the Chairman explained his view point by saying that it would happen in many cases, and that in his opinions, it would be a good indication to select the most capable leaders for the Council positions.

IV. Committee's Report-----omitted.

V. Unfinished Business-----none

VI. New Business:

1. Establishment of the Facts Finding Committee of 7 Men.

The Chairman named seven newly appointed members of the Facts Finding Committee as follows: Messrs. Ogawa, Takeoka, Suzuki, Nakasone, Oyama, Shiiki, and Hayano. He explained that these selections were made at the special council meeting of February 10, 1945, in compliance with the decision made at the special joint meeting of February 9, 1945.

He further stated that the Council has met with this 7 man committee last Monday, February 12, 1945, and has jointly made the selection of 4 men delegates, namely Messrs. Y. Fujii, G. Mihara, D. Takeoka, and Tom Ogawa to represent the residents of this project to the conference. The drafting of a report based upon the materials submitted by the blocks has been started by the committee. The delegates are scheduled to leave this project on February 15th, with the exception of Mr. Y. Fujii, who is planning to leave here after the meeting with Mr. Myer, which is being scheduled on Monday, February 19, 1945.

2. Preparation for the Meeting with Mr. Myer.

The Chairman asked whether the presentation of our problems and requests should be in the form of writing or not. The members expressed their opinions in favor of the written form. After a discussion, they unanimously agreed upon the establishment of a temporary report drafting committee of five, who are capable in the English language. Thereupon, the Chairman named for the approval of the members the following: Messrs. James Sakoda, Dick Kanaya, Ken Yamada, Shige Osawa and Tom Takeuchi.

The Chairman asked for any problems, questions, constructive suggestions and recommendations to be incorporated in such a report. Subsequently, the following subjects were brought up for discussion:

A. Subject: "No Japs" Poster.

The WRA should take necessary actions to take down any and all of such anti-Japanese posters like, "No Japs", "We don't want Japs", and etc.

B. Subject: Insurances.

It has been reported that dentists and physicians have encountered difficulty in securing Public Liability Insurance due to the fact that no insurance

company underwrites insurance for Isseis because of their status as enemy aliens. Since their loyalty has been proven, the WRA and other government agencies should give them all possible assistance to open up equal opportunities in which they may enjoy their privileges and rights.

C. Subject: Protection.

The Government should provide special protection through Federal agencies, such as the "F.B.I.", for the life and property of returned evacuees.

D. Subject: Governor Wallgren's Statement.

The Government should establish better coordination and understanding with the State Officials so that the returning evacuees will entrust the local authorities.

It was quite a disappointment for the evacuees who wanted to return to the State of Washington to hear the statement recently released by Governor Wallgren, the States High Official. In our opinion, it was contrary to the statement released by Secretary Ickes when the lifting of the general exclusion orders was announced.

E. Subject: Living Quarters.

Housing facilities should be provided for the returning evacuees, and that establishment of hostels in cities like Seattle and Portland should be sponsored by government agencies.

F. Subject: Relocation Programs.

That the relocation facilities be improved:

- (a) To give more concrete information of business opportunities.
- (b) To provide both English and Japanese information for the Issei group whose average age is about 60.
- (c) To employ Japanese Isseis who understand both languages, English and Japanese, as field agents.

G. Subject: Those families whose boys are in the armed services.

That special considerations be given to their difficulties because of the absence of their boys in whose names they had leased, licenced and operated their business.

H. Question: Has the WRA any policies to meet the situation mentioned above?

I. It was also suggested that the minutes of the meeting with Mr. Myer should be recorded in detail and be distributed to every apartment.

VII. There being no further suggestion, recommendation, and business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE NOMINATING CONVENTION

DATE: February 20, 1945

TIME: 1:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. K. Mayeno, Councilman, who acted as a temporary Chairman upon the request of Mr. Fujii, who was unable to attend.

Roll call was taken, and there were 45 delegates present. However, six blocks failed to be represented, namely Blocks 2, 6, 15, 17, 21, and 28.

The Chairman made a brief introductory remark by stating the reasons why the last nomination resulted in the failure and it has been found necessary to amend the last nomination procedures. He also explained the provisions incorporated under the newly amended nominating procedures, known as Amendment No. 3 of the Minidoka Community Charter. Then he names the 23 nominees who had been duly selected by the block residents, and being reported to the Community Clerk as the certified candidates for the Council positions of the coming new term.

Thereupon, Mr. Ritsuji Akiyama, obtaining the floor, made a verbal request to withdraw his name from the list of the 23 nominees for the following reasons:

1. That, he had not been contacted by anybody about his acceptance of the candidacy, and

2. That, he had no intention to run for the position as a Councilman.

After having given careful consideration and checking up on the case, his declination was accepted by an unanimous vote.

Then again, Mr. Takeo Go, one of the 23 listed nominees, made his declination on the similar grounds mentioned above. His declination was also accepted by an unanimous vote.

The Chairman declared that the floor was open for nomination, but no additional nomination was made. Since the two names of the nominees had been taken off, 21 names remained on the list, and the number of the remaining nominees had fallen within the limitation of from 10 to 21 candidates, as being required in, according to the term stipulated in the Charter.

In the light of the foregoing, Mr. Okumura made a motion and seconded by Mr. Koura, that all of the remaining nominees shall be elected as candidates for the Council positions, and their names shall be listed on the election ballot in alphabetical order. It was carried by an unanimous vote.

Mr. Koura raised a question as to why those blocks had failed to send their delegates. It was his recommendation that the justifications, if there were any, must be clarified by the Community Clerk. It was agreed upon that the Community Clerk would make an investigation and shall report back to the members at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.