

City of Cambridge

In City Council..... October 15, 1979

The City Council **Committee** on Health and Hospitals, comprised of Councillors Alfred Vellucci, Chairman, Mary Ellen Preusser and Walter Sullivan, held a meeting of the Committee on Tuesday, September 25, 1979 at 8 a.m. at the Neville Manor. ~~to which~~

Councillor Vellucci opened the meeting by stating that Councillor Preusser had heard from Mrs. Christofaro regarding housekeeping issues at the Neville Manor which Mrs. Christofaro feels should be addressed.

Councillor Preusser stated that in addition to the housekeeping issues, it was alleged statements regarding the City Council Committee on Health and Hospitals was not interested in singular issues since a municipal election was forthcoming.

Mr. Lynskey, the Administrator of the Neville Manor, responded that to his knowledge no statement was ever made by him or any member of his staff relative to the committee. He further stated that he had, in fact, held a meeting with the Christofaro Family to discuss the overall case of Mrs. Christofaro's mother. He indicated that there have been several areas of concern between Mrs. Christofaro, her mother and the staff at the Neville Manor. He further stated his concern for both the patients and staff of the entire faculty and in order to effectively administer the Manor he has to put every case in its proper perspective. Mr. Lynskey further stated that a recent unfortunate event at the Manor involving both medical and non-medical staff and Mrs. Christofaro's mother lead him to call Dr. Mahlowitz to examine the patient. Dr. Mahlowitz indicated at the time the patient was not physically ill. The Committee was satisfied that everything ~~Reports,~~ possible has been done in regard to this particular issue.

Relative to the position of a permanent Social Service Director for the Cambridge Hospital, both Councillors Vellucci and Preusser stated that the Committee had previously met on this important issue and urged quick action on filling the vacancy.

Dr. Lee Macht, Chairman of the Social Service Search Committee, stated that the Committee held extensive meetings since last January and have just recommended to the Hospital Director the name of Ms. Carolyn Dillon to be the new Social Service Director. He further stated that it was his belief that Ms. Dillon, who he and the Committee felt to be most qualified, would accept the position. He further stated that the Committee had reviewed 30 resumes and interviewed six finalists.

Both Councillors Vellucci and Preusser stated their concern for more social services to be provided not only to patients at the hospital but to the Cambridge Community as a whole.

Dr. Macht responded by stating that he too felt there was a need for such expansion and thought this would be done with a new Social Service Director in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A. M.

For the Committee,

Councillor Alfred E. Vellucci
Chairman

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Committee on Health and Hospitals for
meeting held on September 25, 1979 re:
housekeeping issues at the Neville Manor.

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