

newsletter items 7/16/74

Alene Smith wants to compile a complete history of FOCUS with special emphasis on the beginnings of the organization. Anyone interested

in working with her on an Archives Committee should call her at 471-1854

Also, anyone having records pertaining to FOCUS or memories of Alene. anecdotes concerning FOCUS' past is asked to share same with ~~Alene~~

TESTIMONY before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

On June 17, 1974 the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on proposal

a ~~proposal~~ to name the Fairfax Community Action Program as the ~~agency~~

agency that would control dispersal of the county's share of federal

anti-poverty funds. On behalf of Reston Black Focus, Mona Blake

testified against this proposal out of concern that access to these the

funds by ~~the~~ black controlled Saunders B. Moon Community Action

Association would be seriously jeopardized under such a plan. The

Board subsequently decided to administer the funds itself.

On July 15, Kath Lamkin testified for FOCUS supporting passage of

the Human Rights Ordinance in the strongest possible form. As of

this writing, no action had been taken on this proposal.

FROM THE CHAIR...

On July 11, 1974, Supervisor James Scott, ~~from~~ Providence District,

appeared at a public meeting sponsored by Reston Black Focus and

explained the details and ramifications of the proposed Human Rights

Ordinance. This was a very informative session. Thank you ~~Rx~~

~~Supervisor Scott~~ Supervisor Scott and thank you Carol Bradley for

making ~~all~~ the arrangements.

Although the meeting was announced a week ahead of time in the

