

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

March 7, 1944

A joint meeting of the Advisory Council and the Co-ordinating Committee of the Tule Lake Center was held on March 7, 1944, at the Personnel Recreation Hall, from 11:10 a.m. Acting Project Director Harry L. Black presided.

Those present were: Advisory Council: Harry Black, P. Robertson, A. Markley, K. Silverthorne, and L. Huycke. Co-ordinating Committee: M. Shimada, K. Okamoto, J. Naydo, J. Nakao, G. Yamatani, and B. Akitsuki. Others present: Lt. Forbes, W. Schmidt, B. Mayeda, and F. Furukawa.

The Chair first purported that the meeting was called to give preliminary informations regarding an order to be effective March 13, 1944, concerning an overall use of transportation equipment in the center. Mr. Robertson thereon took the floor. All cars and trucks will be issued on trip report ticket and no equipment will be allowed outside of the Motor Pool after 6:00 p.m., with the exception of the fire and police departments, hospital, maintenance, and the Project Director, and also cases of emergencies or prior approvals. In order to give sufficient time for workers to walk to and from their jobs, schedule of working hours have been changed as follows: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Since no government vehicles are covered with insurance, the driver is personally liable in case of an accident. Violation of regulations will result in the revocation of licenses, which will affect WRA personnel as well as the evacuees. In filling out trip report ticket, one must designate the destination and the number of passengers to be carried. Carrying of passengers, otherwise not specified, will be treated as a violation of the regulation. This order, by no means, was intended to hamper efficiency of work, it was stressed. Mr. Black mentioned that the Co-ordinating Committee and the Civic Organization will be given special consideration in view of their work.

As to the re-organization of Judo Club as recommended by the Co-ordinating Committee, the Advisory Council and the Chief of Police saw no objections to it.

Mr. Schmidt believed that the vandalism which occurred in the public school on Saturday or Sunday night may be pointed out as an act of children, since the theft of baseball, marbles, and other equipments were noted.

Upon question raised by the Committee regarding the Motor Pool problem where reinstatement of ex-employees has been delayed or ignored, Mr. Black stated that employers can no longer hire employees by name. He reiterated that the Request for Labor forms must be submitted without specification of names.

Procedure of future pick-ups was described as follows: Fact Finding Committee has been established with Chief of Police, Chief of Community Management, and Project Attorney as chairmen; its main function is to determine who should and who should not be placed in the stockade by investigating their activities, police, WRA, and Army records, FBI reports, and also upon complaints submitted through various channels. Detainment in the stockade is not made on criminal basis.

Other business discussed were:

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Byron Akitsuki
Executive Secretary