

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 18, 1987

MINUTES

PRESENT

M. Schmidt, Chairman
S. Leinwand
R. Kreh
L. Cavanaugh
W. Pillarella
I. Howell
W. Oliver

ALSO PRESENT

T. Gionfriddo
D. Kalinowski
M. Masselli
A. Street
L. Ozga
W. Kuehn

ABSENT

M. Moroni
D. Kulmacz
B. Adams
D. Davignon
C. Guiliano
J. Marino
J. Reynolds

The meeting was called to order by M. Schmidt, Chairman, at 5:05 p.m. in Room 208 of the Municipal Building.

Public Hearing

Chairman M. Schmidt opened the public hearing on the reuse of funds from the 1984 and 1985 Entitlement Grants as advertised in the Middletown Press on February 7, 1987.

M. Masselli, in explaining the amendment by the Common Council to the Town Improvement Program funds, said that the Community Health Center had needed additional funds for the Child Guidance Center. He then conferred with the Housing Authority which had TIP money. It was his intent, he said, to come before the CAC; however, there were numerous meeting cancellations. He asked that failure to not involve the CAC not be held against the proposal to reallocate monies from Community Health Center projects to the Long River Village Community Center.

T. Gionfriddo, Director of the Middletown Housing Authority, said that his office had originally asked for CDBG funds in 1986 for the community room at the Long River Village. Hence, the proposed switch of funding will fulfill a request that had been made previously to the CAC. He noted that plans and specifications had been completed for the project and asked for the amendment to the CDBG funds. In response to a question, he said that the Authority has advertised for demolition bids for the existing center at the Village and for the Long Hill School. The bids are presently over budget.

Regarding the proposed community room at the Village, T. Gionfriddo said that the plans show a slightly smaller facility than originally contemplated but will result in a 16' by 32' addition on the southwest corner of the project. T. Gionfriddo

A. Street, Executive Director of the Greater Middletown Preservation Trust, requested architectural and engineering funds in order to conduct necessary studies for the Middlesex Mutual Project. S. Leinwand suggested that she present this request to the Municipal Development Committee for use of the Economic Development Fund.

I. Howell, Executive Director of Community Action for Greater Middletown, in referring to a letter of February 21, 1987, said that the Children's Center needs funds for kitchen improvements to be in compliance with the Health Department. In response to a question by S. Leinwand, I. Howell noted that the kitchen is not being threatened by a close down.

There being no further testimony, the public hearing was closed at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes

Upon a motion by S. Leinwand, seconded by W. Pillarella, the minutes of January 21, 1987 were unanimously approved.

Project Status Reports

D. Kalinowski, Executive Director of the Greater Middletown Community Corporation, said that there is a backlog for 1986 funding.


1984 and 1985 Entitlement Programs

S. Leinwand moved, seconded by W. Pillarella, a recommendation to the Common Council to reprogram \$57,274.47 from the 1984 and 1985 Entitlement Programs as advertised in the public notice to an account for the Middletown Housing Authority to construct a community room at Long River Village. In supporting this motion, S. Leinwand noted that the Housing Authority came in last year requesting funds but were "zeroed out". He also noted their urgent need for the facility so that the summer lunch program can be conducted. The vote on the motion was as follows: Aye - S. Leinwand, R. Kreh, L. Cavanaugh, W. Pillarella, W. Oliver; Nay - I. Howell. Motion approved.

Miscellaneous

W. Pillarella asked staff, when time permits, to develop an accounting of the general use of CDBG funds since 1975.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.


William M. Kuehn, Jr.