

CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 17, 1975

PRESENT

W. Howard, Chairman
S. Dunford, Labor Council
B. Matteo, Common Council
C. Huntington,
League of Women Voters
W. Chadwick,
Chamber of Commerce
D. Smith, C.A.G.M.
F. Marino, Housing Authority
W. McRae, Common Council
J. Nelson, Human Relations
P. DeRing,
Chamber of Commerce
M. Saldana,
Spanish American Association

ALSO PRESENT

D. Cohn, Press
K. Ezell
D. Vega
D. Roldan
W. Kuehn
Approximately 12 persons representing the Spanish-American and black community.

ABSENT

S. Nemecek
G. Augustine
J.R. Ryan
R. McFadden
R. Bryant
P. Sieracki

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. by W. Howard, Chairman.

W. Kuehn distributed copies of the budget as submitted with the "hold harmless" application to HUD and explained said budget including the changes made by the Common Council prior to its submission.

At the suggestion of W. McRae, the Advisory Council adopted procedural methods whereby persons from the public will be heard prior to the conduct of business by the Council. Once business is initiated, no further comments would be entertained from the public until the close of the business session.

Diane Vega, representing UPROSE, explained the history of that organization and described the services rendered in the past and reaffirmed the desire of the Spanish American community to be again funded.

K. Ezell reaffirmed the need for equipment and manpower at the three community centers, Long River Village, Traverse Square and Maplewood Terrace and explained in some detail the kind of equipment that was referred to such as sporting equipment for outdoor activities. B. Matteo suggested that a list be developed and submitted to the Advisory Council for consideration. W. McRae, in reply to Mrs. Ezell, explained that the Advisory Council was thinking of indoor equipment

and that outdoor needs would be taken care of by the Park and Recreation Department.

Doris Roldan, a member of the Spanish American community, spoke as a private citizen and expressed her intent in attending meetings to ensure the participation of Spanish speaking persons in the community development process.

There being no further comments from the public, the Council discussed the discretionary application process and the deficiency as determined by HUD in Metro South funding. Correspondence from HUD was read which indicated that the budget deficiency through September 30, 1976, was \$495,355.00. The Council agreed that this should be applied for in the 1975 fiscal year as per HUD's suggestion and asked that J. Haze be invited to the next Advisory Council meeting. In discussing other needs which should be applied for in the discretionary application, the Council turned its attention to North End improvements and listed the following items in order of importance; rehabilitation, site acquisition funds; Main Street beautification; and other needs such as offstreet parking and land acquisition for roads, i.e. Gilshenan Place

J. Nelson indicated that he would develop a proposal for social programs for the North End community which would be submitted at the next meeting.

The Council established a meeting date of Friday, March 21st, at 12:00 noon in the Chamber of Commerce office.

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

William M. Kuehn, Jr.
Secretary

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