
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 30, 2000

PRESENT

ABSENT

ALSO PRESENT

L. Wallace - Chair
V. Amato
S. Engelhard
T. Marino
M. Diamond
F. Pappas
D. Mitkoski
S. Shapiro
E. Bogden
A. Kelly
B. G. Butler

Chairman L. Wallace, calls meeting to order. Explains the process.

J. Robinson clarifies that tonight is just for complaints to present.

Minutes:

There is a tape recording of the entire proceeding on file in the Department of Planning, Conservation and Development.

5:15 P.M.

- 1) St Vincent DePaul.
Peter Harding explains request for centralized food distribution center. Other member of partnership explains involvement and provision of important service.
P. Harding explains budget and community involvement.
John Robinson questions time of money. Peter Harding respond. J. Robinson's questions location.
L. Wallace questions refrigerator.
T. Marino questions budget. Peter Harding responds.
- 2) Kuhn Employment
Michael Andrews – Explains Mobile Work Crew and partnership with Park & Recreation.
Amount requested and budget.
T. Marino questions timing of funds. F. Pappas questions workers. G. Butler questions selecting of employees.

- 3) Girl Scouts
Jill Watson explains projet for Girl Scouts and the budget.
S. Shapiro questions Girl Scout policies. J. Robinson questions existing troops and why not incorporate into other neighborhood.
Discussion ensues on placement of girls, existing programs transportation is key issue.
L. Wallace questions what if any supplies could be funded.
E. Bogden questions number of Girl Scouts: Approximately 395-410.
- 4) American Red Cross
Brenda Simmons explains request to support emergency services and requests restoration of funds to provide services.
L. Wallace questions case manager and other duties on current staff. Response: 27 staff.
T. Marino questions budget. B. Simmons explains request clarification on budget.
V. Amato questions support from other towns.
S. Shapiro questions volunteer count. B. Simmons responds: over 200.
G. Butler suggests volunteers from Wesleyan.
- 5) I Have a Friend Youth Center
Barbara Miller explains project and request to continue to fund the program and participants.
L. Wallace questions audit.
T. Marino questions budget.
F. Pappas questions program and costs.
G. Butler questions Science teacher costs.
T. Marino requests budget clarification.

Break for Dinner.
- 6) Russell Library – Withdrawn.
- 7) Chamber of Commerce – James Lane, D. Wilborne and J. Lessor explain requests.
J. Lane explains program and budget request and need for more intensive training.
F. Pappas request information on salary and other costs.
T. Marino questions corporate gifts.
S. Shapiro questions plastics industry.
F. Pappas questions HIV/AIDs.
- 8) Odd Fellows
Margaret Rich, S. Roft explain request and proposal and services. LMI neighborhoods indicates 61% of children from LMI.
L. Wallace questions other grants and 47% LMI.
S. Raft indicates 61% of Middletown children are LMI.
G. Butler questions priorities in need.

William Warner comments on 51% LMI. More information needed.

- 9) North End Initiative
 - M. Taylor Neihmia explains request for funding for north end redevelopment. Summarizes request for funds.
 - F. Pappas questions other agencies and M. Taylor indicates referral to Redevelopment Agency.
 - S. Shapiro questions mix of income groups.
 - L. Wallace questions other support.
 - E. Bogdon questions how far along in Planning.
 - J. Robinson questions Community Builders.

- 10) NEAT
 - L. Brewster explains request for Community Organization and NEAT. Grassroots planning occurring and neighborhood participation and need for paid staff.
 - L. Wallace questions staff person.
 - L. Brewster explains staff persons first project community policy.

- 11) Inovative P.C. Gwen Eddy explains request and mission of IPC and need to get technology into LMI areas.
 - L. Wallace questions training at Community College and Adult Education and other funding sources.
 - F. Pappas questions participants. G. Eddy indicates 25 students are on waiting list.
 - L. Wallace questions library computers.
 - F. Pappas questions ages of clients.

- 12) C. Rodenhizer Connection, Youth Center
 - J. Robinson disqualifies himself.
 - C. Rodenhizer explains need to incorporate youth services staff into youth center at request of Mayor and to improve street entrance. Feels they do satisfy LMI requirement, but will submit additional information.
 - F. Pappas questions budget and work.
 - S. Englehardt questions priority.
 - C. Rodenhizer indicates office is highest priority.

- 13) C. Rodenhizer, Connection Eddy Center explains need for funding and who benefits.
 - F. Pappas questions support is for case management. C. Rodenhizer agrees.

- 14) S. Fazzino PublicWorks – Pedestrian Walkway.
 - S. Fazzino explains request and need. Pedestrian bridge in very poor condition and falling concrete.
 - V. Amato questions why it wasn't part of Police Station project. S. Englehardt questions usage.

- G. Butler questions dismantling and closing off access.
- 15) B. Goodrich explains request to improve facades of historic buildings.
J. Robinson questions why downsizing.
B. Goodrich responds.
S. Shapiro questions matching funds.
D. Bogdon questions historic district locations.
- 16) Jeff Walters and Wendy D'Angelo Rushford Center explains programs and request to renovate residential rooms in Old Town Farms building.
S. Shapiro questions clients point of origin and what other communities support Rushford.
S. Shapiro comments on local purchasing.
- 17/18) Police not present
- 19) Shepherd Home explains request and mission statement and explains transition to work program.
L. Wallace questions coordination with other programs.
S. Shapiro questions clients and program.
V. Amato questions request for funding of now or existing position and PIC funding.
F. Pappas questions budget and numbers of case managers.
- 20) Christmas in April.
Dale Alteri explains program and request for funds and desire to rehab. Five to eight homes.
F. Pappas questions grant.
S. Shapiro questions loan selection.
D. Alteri responds and indicates homes are always LMI – usually elderly.
- 21) W. Vasiliou T. Hardin Senior Center.
W. Vasiliou explains request for funds to redo the Senior Center for safety concerns.
G. Butler questions safety _____ in elevator.
J. Robinson questions elevator operation.
F. Pappas questions tax exempt status.
D. Bogden questions who pays for administration of building.
- 22) Deputy Chief Lawson explains request for gas meters and need for gas meters.
L. Wallace questions LMI criteria.
S. Shapiro and urgent need.
W. Lawson comments on statistics for specifically gas calls most in LMI areas.

- 23) Middletown Youth Football explains need for 160 players 40 cheerleaders.
Need to get concession stand up and running.
William Warner comments on eligibility.
T. Marino indicates monies available in 10/1/00. W. Warner indicates could use Program Income and Reprogrammed Funds.
G. Butler questions concession stand.
Discussion ensues.
S. Shapiro comments on registration fees and Jones Fund.
- 24) William Warner explains Miller and Bridge Plan and need for funding.
Discussion ensues on funding and deplorable conditions in the area.
- 25) Kid City not present
- 26) Community Health Center explains need for handicapped ramp and equipping a dental operating room.
V. Amato questions funding request from other towns.
S. Englehardt questions priority.
Handicapped ramp highest priority.
- 25) Kid City – Jennifer Alexander explains request for fire suppression system in 3rd floor of museum.
Indicates budget was sufficient until code officials indicated sprinkler system is required.
Indicates a domestic system of \$13,000 will work and request to reduce funding from \$50,000 to \$13,000.
J. Robinson asks for anything in writing indicating no sprinkler required.
- 26) William Warner explains request for Neighborhood Rebuilders Fund and administration.
J. Robinson indicates CAC should consider providing entire \$102,000 for Administration.
- 27) C. Widmer, L. Treychi – Alderhouse explain proposal to create an artist residence including a nine (9) unit artist coop with studio and gallery space.
L. Treychi explains Home Funding.
F. Pappas questions recruitment of artists.
V. Amato questions ownership and income levels.
M. Dimon questions gallery.
G. Butler questions ownership contact with Wesleyan and other revitalization efforts. C. Widner responds.
L. Wallace questions audit.
W. Warner explains history of building.

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28) Norman Bishop, Positive Solutions explains request for funding for training persons with HIV/AIDs.

M. Minnick explains program at Holy Trinity.

F. Pappas questions training programs.

Lengthly discussion ensues.

L. Wallace questions number of persons place N.Bishop indicates 34.

Adjourned Meeting at 10:25 P.M.

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