

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 24, 1989

PRESENT

W. Pillarella, Chairman
F. Patnaude
L. Cavanaugh
I. Howell
C. Guiliano
R. Kreh
D. Kulmacz
W. Oliver (5:08)
S. Gadowski (5:48)

ABSENT

E. Hoyle
M. Moroni
D. Davignon
G. Keithan

ALSO PRESENT

W. Kuehn
L. Ozga
A. Julian, Courant
S. Beinhorn, Press
Sgt. P. Pessina
J. Youngs
J. Walter
E. Pakus
D. Kalinowski
P. Nucci
S. Walton
L. Ferry
J. Pestana
J. Rankins
M. Flinter
S. Gionfriddo

Chairman Pillarella called the meeting to order and opened the public session at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building.

Public Session

Sgt. Pessina, Middletown Police Dept. presented an amended proposal to reflect the funds available for public service activities. The amended proposal was for funding the following activities which were previously submitted at the April 19, 1989 Public Hearing:

Project

Cost

Drug Abuse Resistance Education	\$ 5,415.00
Neighborhood Police Center - Long River Village	\$61,210.24

Peter Nucci, The Connection, Inc. requested the CAC's acceptance of his proposal, which was submitted after the April 19, 1989 deadline. Mr. Nucci explained he had been out-of-town in April; and, mentioned that last year's CDBG funds allowed the Connection, Inc. to increase service and address the needs of clients, whom without the funds, would be on a waiting list.

Jeff Walter, Rushford Center, Inc. addressed the CAC concerning the proposal for the acquisition of the Town Farms Inn property and mentioned the following:

- . The relocation to Town Farms would allow for a 50% increase in services. The funding requested (\$168,500) would account for only 5% of the financing package, but a crucial part of the dollars needed for the CBT, DOH & DHR funding.

S. Walton, representing NAACP, told the Committee she, and on the behalf of W. Walton, was present to request an apology, for the remark made by W. Kuehn at the April 19, 1989 Public Hearing. A brief discussion followed.

Fred Evans, St. Vincent dePaul Place, told the Committee he was new to his position and did not meet the deadline, but would like his application considered.

Mr. Evans mentioned 50% of St. Vincent dePaul Place's budget is funded through small grants and contributions.

Chairman Pillarella closed the Public Session at 5:20 p.m.

Minutes

Upon a motion by F. Patnaude, seconded by W. Oliver, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 19, 1989 meeting.

GMCC Administration Fee Increase

D. Kalinowski, GMCC, mentioned the last increase was in 1983; therefore, she is requesting that the fee be raised from 15% to 18% of the project costs. D. Kalinowski also mentioned the HUD average is 22%. Upon a motion by F. Patnaude, seconded by I. Howell, the Committee voted unanimously to table this item until the next meeting.

1989 Entitlement Applications Received After the April 19, 1989 Deadline

W. Pillarella mentioned the applications received from St. Vincent dePaul Shelter and The Connection, Inc. were on the agenda for the Citizens Advisory Committee's consideration. Staff also presented an additional late application received on May 23, 1989 from the City of Middletown, Health Department. W. Pillarella mentioned and confirmed with staff, that if the application were to be accepted, the CAC would have to hold another public hearing. F. Patnaude mentioned all the projects were good, but we, the CAC, go by guidelines, and this would not be fair to those who submitted their proposals on time. F. Patnaude emphasized that there is only \$62,400 available for public service activities.

W. Oliver mentioned there is a great need at St. Vincent dePaul Shelter and he recommends that this Committee accept this application. No second.

D. Kulmacz asked if the three applicants could appeal at the June Council meeting, and Chairman Pillarella responded--yes. F. Patnaude made a motion not to accept the late applications. R. Kreh mentioned if we move to accept these late applications, we will be creating a precedent for next year.

R. Kreh seconded the motion on the floor. The vote to not accept the three late applications was as follows: Ayes - I. Howell, L. Cavanaugh, R. Kreh, C. Guiliano, F. Patnaude, D. Kulmacz; Nays - W. Oliver.

Financial Statement Review Subcommittee

The Subcommittee prepared a report which staff distributed to the Committee. Of all the applications received, only one agency--Nehemiah Housing Corporation--had a questionable financial need. W. Pillarella asked staff to explain why Gilead's application was questionable. Staff responded that it had nothing to do with financial need, but the inability of the project to meet one of the three mandatory national objectives.

1989 Entitlement Program: Allocation of Funds

The Committee decided to allocate the hard costs eligible activities first. I. Howell mentioned she would be abstaining and left the room. F. Patnaude mentioned that the following must be made:

General Program Administration	\$ 55,200
GMCC Rental Rehab Administration	\$ 10,140

and moved the above plus the following hard costs project allocations:

YMCA Residence	\$ 64,000
Housing Authority	\$ 10,000
Rushford Center	\$168,500
CAGM	\$ 45,760

D. Kulmacz seconded. Discussion followed. R. Kreh mentioned he didn't see the need to fund the YMCA for the 80 door replacements this year, that more funds should go to CAGM, and moved to amend the motion to:

YMCA Residence	\$ 32,000
CAGM	\$ 77,760

W. Oliver seconded the amendment to the motion. The vote on the amendment to the motion was approved unanimously. The Committee then voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended.

Soft Costs (Public Service Grants)

F. Patnaude mentioned all the applications were good but he does not feel it would be effective to split the funds and give everyone only \$5,000. F. Patnaude made a motion to recommend the \$62,400 available for public services be allocated for the following activities:

Police Dept's DARE Project	\$ 5,415
Police Dept's. LRV/Maplewood Terrace Police Center Salaries	\$56,985

W. Oliver mentioned that he agreed with the need to fund the Police Dept. projects but said there is a need to fund the NAACP proposals so they can work with the Police Department and address this problem together.

S. Gadomski moved to amend the motion as follows:

Police Dept. DARE	\$ 5,415
Police Dept.LRV/Maplewood Terrace Police Center Salaries	\$51,985
NAACP	\$ 5,000

W. Oliver seconded, and the vote on the amendment was approved unanimously.

The Committee then voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended.


GMCC Invoice

Upon a motion by F. Patnaude, seconded by S. Gadomski, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the payment of the May 2, 1989 invoice from GMCC for \$1,081.00.

Other

W. Kuehn told the Committee he, Mr. Walton and the Mayor had met, and a letter was mailed three weeks ago.

Upon a motion by F. Patnaude, seconded by S. Gadomski, the Committee voted to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.


Linda A. Ozga

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