

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

May-27-2009

Present

L. Wallace, Chair
 A. Marino, Vice Chair
 R. Bantum
 R. Pelletier
 G. Faulkner Jr.
 B. Plum
 P. Murray
 A. Watson

Absent

V. Amato
 E. Noglow
 P. Pessina
 M. Podolin
 D. Mitkoski

Also Present

M. Wackers
 Jennifer Saines-Pinch
 Ron Krom
 Michael Sciola
 Chris Widmer
 Bruce Tyler
 Arthur Meyers
 John Elmore

Linda Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:10PM.

Linda Wallace opened to the public hearing on CDBG Stimulus Funds to members of the public.

Jennifer Saines-Pinch and John Elmore of Friends of McCarthy Park spoke in favor of their improvement project.

Bruce Taylor spoke in favor of the Godfrey Library Handicapped Accessible bathroom project.

Chris Widmer and Michael Sciolia spoke in favor of Oddfellows Playhouse roof renovation project.

Ron Krom of St. Vincent DePaul spoke in favor of the Soup Kitchen relocation and renovation project.

Arthur Meyers of the Russell Library spoke in favor of the Russell Library improvement project.

Seeing no more comments from the public Linda Wallace closed the public hearing.

Linda Wallace called for the Committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting; Antony Marino motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Richard Pelletier seconded and the Committee approved the motion with Grady Faulkner abstaining.

Motion to approve the April Meeting Minutes.						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Linda Wallace, Chair (Social Service and Housing Relations Seat)			X			
Anthony Marino, Vice Chair (Real Estate Seat)			X			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)						X
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)	X				X	
Ronnie Bantum (Minority Seat)			X			
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)						X
Patricia Murray (At-Large Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier		X	X			

(Labor Seat)						
Phil Pessina (Common Council Seat-GOP)						X
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)			X			
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)						X
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (Elderly Seat)						X
TALLY			<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

Michiel Wackers presented the proposed adjustment to the 2009 CDBG Entitlement plan. The Common Council wished to see the Worker Prep program received more funding and that St. Vincent DePaul receive some funding. Seeing that the City has \$110,460 in CDBG Stimulus funding, Michiel Wackers recommended that those funds be used to help address this issue without having to reduce any other recommendations from the CAC.

Grady Faulkner motioned to fund the following applicants in the following amounts:

Organization	Program/Project	Grant Amount
Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut	Parent Tutoring	\$ 1,000
Russell Library	Job and Career Services	\$ 15,000
Middlesex Business and Industry Foundation	Worker Prep Program	\$ 3,200
St. Vincent DePaul	Amazing Grace	\$ 6,000
Green Street Arts Center	After School Program	\$ 15,000
North End Action Team	Homeownership and Foreclosure Counseling	\$ 15,000
Oddfellows Playhouse	At-Rick Youth Troupes	\$ 5,000
Shiloh Christian Church	Adventures in Learning	\$ 2,000
Godfrey Library	Handicapped Accessibility	\$ 35,000
Mercy Housing	Shepherd Home Improvements	\$ 36,515
CHC, Friends of McCarthy Park	McCarthy Park Improvements	\$ 14,485
The Connection Inc.	Eddy Shelter Security	\$ 5,000
Middletown Police Department	North End Security Cameras	\$ 30,000
City of Middletown	Section 108 Loan Payments	\$ 45,000
City of Middletown	Code Enforcement	\$100,000
City of Middletown	Program Administration	\$ 80,000

Richard Pelletier seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to approve the recommendation for the 2009 CDBG Entitlement funding.						
MEMBER	Author	Second	YEA	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Linda Wallace, Chair (Social Service and Housing Relations Seat)			X			
Anthony Marino, Vice Chair (Real Estate Seat)			X			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)						X
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)	X		X			
Ronnie Bantum (Minority Seat)						X
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Patricia Murray (At-Large Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)		X	X			
Phil Pessina						X

(Common Council Seat-GOP)						
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)			X			
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)			X			
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (Elderly Seat)						X
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Motion Approved						

Richard Pelletier motioned to fund the following applicants in the following amounts:

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Program/Project</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Middlesex Business and Industry Foundation	Worker Preparation Program	\$16,500.00
City of Middletown	North End Security Cameras	\$30,000.00
CHC, Friends of McCarthy Park	McCarthy Park Improvements	\$32,560.00
Godfrey Library	Handicapped Accessible Bathroom	\$12,000.00
Russell Library	Building Improvements	\$ 9,400.00
St. Vincent DePaul	Relocation and Renovation Study	\$10,000.00

Patricia Murray seconded and the motion was approved.

<u>Motion to approve the recommendation for the 2008 CDBG Stimulus funding.</u>						
<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Author</u>	<u>Second</u>	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Linda Wallace, Chair (Social Service and Housing Relations Seat)			X			
Anthony Marino, Vice Chair (Real Estate Seat)			X			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)						X
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)			X			
Ronnie Bantum (Minority Seat)						X
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Patricia Murray (At-Large Seat)		X	X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)	X		X			
Phil Pessina (Common Council Seat-GOP)						X
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)			X			
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)			X			
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (Elderly Seat)						X
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>9</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6</u>
Motion Approved						

Richard Pelletier motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barbara Plum seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation and Development