

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MIDDLETOWN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD ON
SEPTEMBER 9, 1969.

PRESENT: Messrs.: Achenbach, Chairman
Camp, Secretary
Thayer
Novicki
Stone

ABSENT: Gamer

ALSO

PRESENT: Kaplan
Haze
Guy
Beinhorn, Middletown Press
Mr. & Mrs. H. Schaefer, Confrontation
Mrs. McLaurin, Confrontation
Diane Reeves, Confrontation

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Achenbach at 5:30 P.M.

The first order of business taken up on the Agenda was a report on the status of the Part II, Loan and Grant Application. Mr. Haze reported that our consultants, Raymond, May, Parish, and Pine are working to answer the Part I comments and that the staff will shortly submit the approved Urban Renewal Plan to HUD with supporting data and has requested that HUD remit the balance of their comments on Part I.

Mr. Achenbach commented that he had remitted a letter to Representative St. Onge, keeping him up to date on our plans and present status.

Mr. Kaplan then reported on the 112 credits hearing stating that the Wesleyan staff has agreed to a joint meeting with the Agency to discuss the necessities for the public hearing to be held prior to the end of the year.

The third item on the Agenda was the presentation of Background Paper No. 9, Project Area Committees. Mr. Kaplan reported that in the past the citizen's committees have not been as effective as they might have been and suggested that the PAC approach, as presented, if clearly task oriented, would become an effective group. These committees must influence decisions in their own areas and be responsible to the Agency and the public whom they shall be serving.

For further explanation, please see Background Paper No. 9.

Mr. Haze reported that the Part I Application reflects a budget figure for funds to be available to PAC and the staff would inquire into immediate availability of these funds.

Mr. Kaplan then explained that the only PAC required by HUD is in the area of conservation and rehabilitation but the necessity does exist for PACs in other areas.

Mr. Higgins asked what type of paid personnel would be allowable under the HUD funding. Mr. Kaplan stated that the budget figure would cover an all-around generalist type of person for administrative purposes.

A motion was made by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Thayer and passed by all present to accept Background Paper No. 9 and forward it to the Mayor for his comments and action, and submit it to HUD as a PAC format adopted by the Agency.

The fourth item on the Agenda was a request by Mr. Haze for Agency concurrence in sending a staff member and a Board member to the NAHRO National Conference in Florida in October.

After due discussion, Mr. Achenbach requested that the staff submit more information on the conference for study and future Agency decisions.

Harwood Schaefer of the Confrontation Series then requested the floor to state that at this time there is a critical need in the community for both Black staff and Black Board members within the Redevelopment Agency. He felt that this was a critical need in the community and requested an immediate response to this need.

Mr. Achenbach stated that the Agency was well aware of this need and when future staff is to be added to the Agency, Black applicants for the open positions would certainly be considered. Mr. Achenbach also stated that additions to the Agency Board were not within the scope of Agency approval but must be appointments by the Chief Executive.

There being no further business to come before the Agency, a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn to Executive Session and passed by all present.

The meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 6:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Camp, Secretary