

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes: November 18, 1992

PRESENT

L. Cavanaugh, Chairwoman  
E. Garofoli  
D. Mitkoski  
I. Howell  
D. Kelly  
S. Engelhart  
J. Robinson  
W. Corvo  
A. Vasiliou (5:10 p.m.)

ABSENT

D. Kilbourne  
R. Kreh  
V. Amato  
J. Bunch  
L. Wallace  
G. Keithan

ALSO PRESENT

J. Walter  
C. Rodenhizer  
L. Ozga

L. Cavanaugh called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in Room B-20 of the Municipal Building.

L. Cavanaugh introduced E. Garofoli to the Committee.

Public Session

Public Hearing on the Reallocation of \$54,000 from a 1991 Entitlement Program Cancelled Activity

Chairwoman Cavanaugh opened the public hearing at 5:07 p.m.

Those members of the public who came forward to address the Committee were as follows:

Jeffrey Walter, President, Rushford Center, Inc.

J. Walter presented a request for \$15,880 for four (4) capital improvements to comply with the American Disabilities Act (A.D.A.) and to make the Rushford treatment facility as accessible as possible. A short discussion followed.

Carl Rodenhizer, Development Director, The Connection, Inc.

C. Rodenhizer presented a request for \$54,000 to undertake "Community Industries: Community Based Capital Improvement Program." Mr. Rodenhizer identified four (4) key components of this proposed program:

"Community Industries, will consist of a community based capital improvements program, whereby:

- 1) the economically disadvantaged residents of Middletown, including residents of the local emergency shelter and transitional housing, who are unemployed or underemployed will be given priority as remunerated labor for the identified projects;
- 2) That projects completed will make a productive contribution to aesthetics and life in the City of Middletown;

- 3) That "on-the-job" training will be available for unskilled individuals to develop marketable skills that are transferrable to other job sites and opportunities;
- 4) That this initial effort through the Community Development Program, would set the foundation for future projects through private resources. This endeavor would maintain a long term employment environment that will consistently target new applicants from the economically disadvantaged or those facing employment barriers."

A short discussion followed. A few members of the Committee voiced their concerns on the adverse impact this program could have on struggling private industries.

There being no one else present from the public wishing to make comments/presentations, Chairwoman Cavanaugh closed the Public Hearing at 5:56 p.m.

#### Public Session

##### Public Disclosure: Frank and Ann Marie Marchese Residential Rehab Loan Applications.

L. Ozga read the memo she wrote to the Committee dated November 16, 1992 -- a copy attached to and should be considered a part of these minutes -- outlining the nature of the conflict. There were no comments from the public or Committee members.

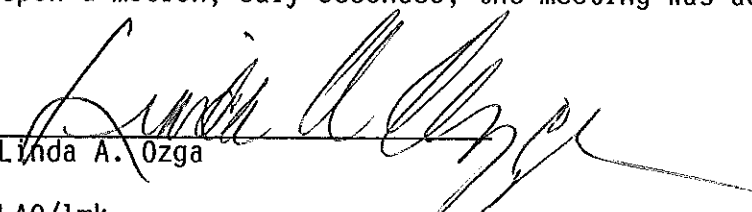
#### Project Status Report

L. Ozga reported Oddfellows will be signing a purchase agreement with Liberty Bank this month for 128 Washington Street property. L. Ozga also mentioned there were three small businesses which have to be reallocated from the 128 Washington Street property in accordance with federal regulations.

#### New Business

Upon a motion by W. Corvo, seconded by D. Mitkoski, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Common Council at their December meeting that the Rushford Center proposal for \$15,880 be funded; and upon a motion by W. Corvo, seconded by A. Vasiliou, the Committee voted to put the remaining \$38,120 of funds available back out to a public hearing.

Upon a motion, duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

  
Linda A. Ozga

LAO/lmk