

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

November-19-2007

Present

L. Wallace, Chair
A. Marino, Vice Chair
R. Bantum
G. Faulkner Jr.
D. Bauer
R. Pelletier
B. Plum
A. Watson
D. Mitkoski

Absent

V. Amato
M. Podolin
E. Noglow

Also Present

M. Wackers
N. Bishop

Linda Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

David Bauer announced that this was his last meeting and Councilman Phil Pessina will be replacing him as the Republican council member on the Committee.

Linda Wallace called for the Committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting.

Donna Mitoski moved to accept the October minutes. Anthony Marino seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Barbara Plum abstained.

Motion to accept the October 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	X			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)						X
David Bauer (Common Council Seat-GOP)			X			
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)			X			
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)	X		X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)			X			
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)					X	
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)						X
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacant (Elderly Seat)						X
Vacant (Minority Seat)						X
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (At-Large Seat)						X

<u>TALLY</u>			<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

Linda Wallace called for comments from the public for items on the agenda. No comments from the public.

Linda Wallace called for the first item under new business, the request by Positive Solutions to use their 2007 CDBG grant for retail training rather than computer training. Norman Bishop presented the request. Linda Wallace asked what the program will accomplish? Norman Bishop replied that the program will give Middletown residents infected with HIV/AIDs the opportunity to gain retail experience that can be used to secure long-term employment. Barbara Plum asked how the \$5,000 will be spent? Norman Bishop replied that it will be spent to paid the salaries of those in the training program and overhead for running the retail training program. Grady Faulkner asked how long is the training program and how many will go on to get jobs of their own? Norman Bishop replied that the program is 12 weeks and placement is done in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses. Education of businesses hiring people with HIV/AIDs is required since they have special needs when it comes to medication regiments and health concerns. Linda Wallace asked how many people will be trained? Norman Bishop replied that the number will likely be

David Bauer commented that the award is not a substantial amount of money and will be used to the same ends.

David Bauer motioned to accept the change from PC Training to Retail Training for the \$5,000 2007 Positive Solutions grant, and that a new budget for the project be submitted prior to the recommendation being considered by the Common Council. Richard Pelletier seconded and the motion was approved.

Motion to accept the change from PC Training to Retail Training for the \$5,000 2007 Positive Solutions grant, and that a new budget for the project be submitted prior to the recommendation being considered by the Common Council.						
<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
David Bauer (Common Council Seat-GOP)	X		X			
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)			X			
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)		X	X			
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)			X			
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)						X
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacant (Elderly Seat)						X
Vacant (Minority Seat)						X
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (At-Large Seat)						X
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

Linda Wallace called for the second item under new business, the request for funding for ADA audible street signals on Main Street. Grady Faulkner had a question about the location, since the blind person is living in the north of Washington Street, but the request is for install signals south of Washington Street. David Bauer commented on the lighting of Main Street. Michiel Wackers commented that the reason for the signals only being proposed for south of Washington Street on Main Street is because it is a City road, whereas the north of Washington Street, Main Street is a State Highway. Anthony Marino commented that the State Department of Transportation should be consulted so that the same signals can be installed north of Washington Street. The Committee requested more information from Phil Caccialo the City's ADA coordinator and tabled the item until the December meeting.

Linda Wallace called for any issues under Other Business on the Agenda. Anthony Marino updated the committee on the ADA Curb cut and drop-off area project on Court Street. The Mayor has verbally informed Anthony Marino that the project will not go forward, given the objections of the management of Old Middletown High School Senior Apartments.

Barbara Plum motioned to adjourn. Anthony Marino seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn.						
<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	X			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)						X
David Bauer (Common Council Seat-GOP)			X			
Grady Faulkner (Common Council Seat-DEM)			X			
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)			X			
Barbara Plum (Planning and Zoning Commission Seat)	X		X			
Matthew Podolin (Youth Seat)						X
Avery Watson (Low and Moderate Income Seat)			X			
Vacant (Elderly Seat)						X
Vacant (Minority Seat)						X
Vacancy (Banking and Insurance Seat)						X
Vacancy (At-Large Seat)						X
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation and Development