

**CITY OF MIDDLETOWN  
 CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

*December-19-2007*

**Present**

L. Wallace, Chair  
 A. Marino, Vice Chair  
 B. Plum  
 G. Faulkner Jr.  
 P. Pessina  
 V. Amato  
 A. Watson  
 D. Mitkoski

**Absent**

R. Pelletier  
 M. Podolin  
 E. Noglow  
 R. Bantum

**Also Present**

M. Wackers  
 J. Crescimanno

Linda Wallace called the meeting to order at 5:05PM.

Linda Wallace tabled reviewing the minutes and moved to the next item on the agenda.

Michiel Wackers updated the Committee on the 2008 applications and 2008 funding that the City could expect. The City has been notified it will receive approximately \$407,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds. The CAC will have January off with February being a voluntary meeting for Committee members how have questions on the applications that have been submitted for funding. The March meeting will be the public hearing for all applicants to present their proposal in five minutes with five minutes of questions and answers.

Linda Wallace called for next item, the proposed ADA audible signals request on Main Street.

Phil Pessina the City's ADA coordinator presented the proposed new signals that would be installed on the South of Main Street. This request is to improve ADA access of Main Street, especially now that downtown does have a blind resident. The Committee asked why the North end was not included for new signals. Phil Pessina replied that the North End of Main Street is a State Highway and the standard audible signal is buzzer as opposed to the voice signal. The buzzer signal causes numerous complaints by other residents. The voice signal is much more resident friendly and Phil Pessina is working to try and get the State to install the preferred style of ADA audible signal. The committee expressed concern that the North End of Main Street was being neglected. Avery Watson suggested that part of the approval of the request should be to direct that the North End signals should be changed as well.

Phil Pessina motioned to approve the request to provide \$3,756.00 in CDBG funds for ADA audible signals for the South End of Main Street and require that the North End be signalized as soon as possible. Barbara Plum seconded and the motion passed with Grady Faulkner and Avery Watson voting against the motion.

Motion to approve the request to provide \$3,756.00 in CDBG funds for ADA audible signals for the South End of Main Street and require that the North End be signalized as soon as possible.						
<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		

Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)						X
Phil Pessina (Common Council Seat-GOP)	X		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
Julianne Crescimanno (non-voting Youth Seat)			*			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

Linda Wallace called for the Committee to review the minutes.

Barbara Plum moved to accept the November minutes. Grady Faulkner seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. Phil Pessina abstained.

Motion to approve the November 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			
Donna Mitoski (Handicapped Seat)			X			
Evan Noglow (Middletown Housing Authority Seat)						X
Richard Pelletier (Labor Seat)						X
Phil Pessina (Common Council Seat-GOP)					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
Julianne Crescimanno (non-voting Youth Seat)			*			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>7</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

Vincent Amato motioned to adjourn. Barbara Plum 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			
Vincent Amato (Greater Middletown Preservation Trust Seat)	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
Phil Pessina (Common Council Seat-GOP)			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
Julianne Crescimanno (non-voting Youth Seat)			*			
<u>TALLY</u>			<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>
Motion Approved						

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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 Michiel Wackers, Deputy Director of Planning, Conservation and Development