

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL**

**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson Nancy Emerson, Vice Chairperson Dani Rooney, Jean Pecunies, Algene Bailey, Bob Layton, Lynne Langley, Constance Carmody

Absent: William Thorpe (called)

Staff: David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director

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Chairperson Emerson opened the meeting and moved to the minutes of the January 22, 2009 meeting. Mr. Layton moved to accept the minutes and Ms. Rooney seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Chairperson Emerson then recognized Mr. Moore to provide an introduction to the FY 2009-2010 budget discussion. Mr. Moore noted that the City has not heard what the FY 2009-2010 entitlement grant will be but he expected it to remain level. He advised that he has received a lot of calls from agencies requesting funding through the Public Service Agency Grant program and noted that the federal stimulus legislation includes funding for CDBG which could result in additional funds coming to the City.

Mr. Moore then provided a summary of the budget discussion from the previous meeting. He noted that new proposed projects included generators for a residential facility and a homeless shelter; phases II and III of the Raleigh Way Streetscape Improvements; and a request for exterior infrastructure upgrades at New Franklin School.

Mr. Moore provided information about the eligibility for the generator and New Franklin School projects. He reported that after consulting with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development representatives, it was determined that the proposed generator projects for Betty's Dream and Cross Roads House were eligible activities, met a national objective, and served clients who earn low or moderate incomes. HUD Manchester advised that the New Franklin School project may be eligible in that it would provide additional capacity as opposed to repair of existing facilities. However, in order to determine if the national objective for serving individuals who earn low or moderate incomes is met, the City would need to conduct a household-income survey at the school using the HUD income survey methodology.

The Committee discussed the new proposed projects generally. The Committee expressed unanimous support for the generator projects at Betty's Dream and Cross Roads House. The Committee discussed the survey that would be needed to determine eligibility for the New Franklin School project. There was consensus that the Committee would not recommend moving this project be included in the Annual Plan and Budget. The Committee expressed concern about the project's eligibility and the needed administrative steps to determine eligibility, and how there may be other ways to address the concerns raised in the funding request. There was consensus to move forward

with both phases of the Raleigh Way Streetscape Improvement project. The Committee also discussed continuing funding for the current programs.

Mr. Moore summarized the evening's budget discussion and indicated that he would provide a draft budget which reflects the consensus developed during the meeting. He advised the committee that next year the City would need to prepare a new five-year Consolidated Plan, which would provide the framework for each successive annual plan for the years between FY 2011 and FY 2015. He indicated additional information about the planning for the five-year plan will be forthcoming in the next year.

Chairperson Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.