

ACCEPTED APRIL 20, 2010

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING

APRIL 6, 2010

PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

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

Absent: None

Staff: David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director

Chairperson Emerson opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Moore who reminded members of the Committee that April 4 through 11 was Community Development Week. He reminded Committee members a display of the CDBG programs recent past projects and ongoing programs was located in the first floor hallway of City Hall.

Chairperson Emerson then recognized Mr. Moore to provide an overview of the budget process to date as well as present the DRAFT FY 2010-2011 budget. Mr. Moore explained that HUD had recently released the entitlement grant amount for the FY 2010-2011 budget year, which will be \$712,605, an increase of approximately 8% over the previous year. Mr. Moore then reviewed a draft budget, which he recommended be the basis for the draft annual plan and budget for the upcoming comment period and associated public hearing to be held on April 20, 2010.

Mr. Moore reviewed each item of the draft budget and the Committee discussed generally. The budget included funding for the on-going programs funded through CDBG including the Housing Rehabilitation program and related administrative costs, the Residential Accessibility Grant Program, the Non-Profit Loan Program, Public Service Agency Grant Program, and General Administration. In addition, funding is identified for the Cross Roads House Redevelopment Project (Family Building), Concord & Porpoise Way Streetscape Improvements and City Accessibility Improvements.

The committee wanted to fully support the ongoing CDBG-funded programs that assisted individual households including the RAP and Rehab programs as well as the Portsmouth Non-Profit Loan Program, Public Service Agency Grant Program and General Administration line items. There was brief discussion on the public facilities related projects. The CAC indicated it would be helpful to Cross Roads House to participate in the final phase of the redevelopment project, because the building would be used to benefit homeless families whose numbers have been increasing. In addition, Mr. Moore mentioned Cross Roads House would be applying for State CDBG dollars as well as public facilities funding from regional entitlement communities and it would be helpful to the agency to show support by the local entitlement community for this project. In addition, the CAC expressed its support for the accessibility modifications requested by

Prescott Park representative Michael Warhurst in his letter dated April 5th. Mr. Moore indicated this project was the latest in a series of accessibility related improvements on City property that the CDBG program has carried out through its curb-cut program and other projects such as the City Hall Accessible Lift and recent doorway modification project.

Finally, the CAC revisited its discussion from the March 23, 2010 meeting in which it discussed its recommendation for the Public Service Agency Grant program. After a detailed discussion about the merits of all of the agencies and their contributions to the community and service to individuals and families that earn low or moderate incomes the CAC voted to adopt the roster of grant recipients under the Public Service Agency Grant program. Mr. Thorpe moved to adopted the FY 2010-2011 roster of recipients and the Ms. Rooney seconded the motion. The motion carried 6 to 1.

Agency and Program	FY 10-11 Funds Recommended
A Safe Place, Direct Services	\$6,500
AIDS Response-Seacoast, Client Services Program	\$10,500
Area Homecare, Home Care Provider Program	\$12,500
Child & Family Services, Family Counseling Program	\$5,000
Community Child Care Center, Tuition Assistance	\$11,500
Cross Roads House	\$10,000
Families First, Dental Center	\$5,000
Families First, Parenting and Family Programs	\$5,000
Lamprey Health Care, Medical Financial Assistance	\$5,000
New Hampshire Legal Assistance-Housing Justice Project	\$1,500
PHA Housing Development LTD, PHA Risk & Prevention Youth Recreation	\$5,000
SeaCare Health Services, Health Access Component	\$5,000
Seacoast Mental Health Center, New Heights	\$5,000
Seacoast Mental Health Center, Psychiatry Program	\$5,000
Seacoast YMCA, ACCESS Financial Assistance	\$6,000
Sexual Assault Support Services, Prevention/Support	\$5,000
Wentworth Connections, Activities Program (Senior Center)	\$8,500
Wentworth Connections, Senior Companion Program	\$5,000
Total FY 10-11 Funds Available: \$117,000	\$117,000

The CAC was supportive of this draft budget as serving as the basis for the upcoming 30-day comment period as well as the April 20th public hearing.

Chairperson Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.