

APPROVED ON APRIL 5, 2011

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MARCH 22, 2011

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL
Planning Conference Room, 3rd Floor**

6:00 P.M.

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

Absent: Jean Pecunies (called)

Staff: David Moore, Community Development Director

Chairperson Emerson opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Moore to summarize the status of the selection process for the Public Service Agency Grant program. Mr. Moore indicated that the City was still not aware what level of funding the CDBG program would receive in its entitlement grant for FY 2011-2012. As a result, he suggested the Committee not make any formal recommendation to the City Manager regarding grant awards under the program at this time. He suggested that the Committee make a recommendation at its meeting on April 5th, when additional information may be known.

The Committee agreed to not move forward with a formal recommendation and discussed the public service presentations made over the previous three meetings. The Committee discussed the increased demand for CDBG funding by the agencies, but noted that not all requests could be fulfilled. The Committee also discussed the various programs and the benefits that each provide to the Community and those who earn low or moderate incomes.

Mr. Moore then briefly provided an update on the status of the CAC's report back to the City Council regarding the PHA's Wamesit Place loan. He reminded the Committee about its discussion and recommendation from its meeting on February 10th and informed the Committee that the council had accepted its recommendation. A closing date for the Wamesit Place refinancing has not yet been announced.

Mr. Moore briefly summarized the budget process to date and indicated that he would be preparing additional information about the budget in preparation for the next meeting.

Chairperson Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.