

ACCEPTED APRIL 5, 2012

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**MARCH 15, 2012**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL  
Planning Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

Absent: Chairperson Nancy Emerson (excused)

Staff: David Moore, Community Development Director

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Vice Chairperson Rooney opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Moore to summarize the status of the selection process for the Public Service Agency Grant program. Mr. Moore briefly reviewed the previous three meeting nights and reminded the Committee that \$78,000 was available for the FY 2012-2013 Public Service Agency Grant Program. He indicated 24% less funding is available for the program compared to last year. These funding levels are directly tied to the decreases in HUD funding in the past two years. In both FY 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 the entitlement grant from HUD was decreased by 20% from the previous year.

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.

After the discussion, Mr. Layton voted to recommend the attached roster of FY 2012-2013 Public Service Agency Grant awards to the City Manager. Ms. Carmody seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Mr. Moore then 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.

Vice Chairperson Rooney adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.