

ACCEPTED APRIL 18, 2012

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**APRIL 5, 2012**

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

**6:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairperson Nancy Emerson, Jean Pecunies, Algene Bailey, Constance Carmody, Lynne Langley

Absent: Vice Chairperson Dani Rooney (excused), Bob Layton (excused)

Staff: David Moore, Community Development Director

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Chairperson Emerson opened the meeting and moved to consideration of the minutes from the meetings on January 31<sup>st</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bailey moved to adopt each set of minutes as presented; Ms. Carmody seconded the motion. Chairperson Emerson then recognized Mr. Moore to summarize the draft CDBG Action Plan Budget.

Mr. Moore reviewed each of the programs to be funded in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The draft budget included funding for programs such as the Housing Rehabilitation Program, Residential Accessibility Grant Program and the Portsmouth Non-Profit Loan Program. The budget also included funding for public facilities projects such as the Maynard Park Improvement Project, Ranger Way Streetscape Improvements and the design of an Emergency Access Route in and out of the Atlantic Heights neighborhood. The budget also included funding for the City Hall Accessibility Improvements Project as well as funding for accessibility improvements at the Strawberry Banke Museum.

The Committee discussed the draft budget, the various projects and how these projects benefit the community and those who earn low or moderate incomes and the physically-disabled. The Committee was pleased that the CDBG program is funding additional accessibility projects to ensure adequate access to all city buildings, cultural facilities and other buildings that are accessed by the public and those with disabilities. In addition, the Committee discussed the benefits of the three public facilities projects that are budgeted to take place in the Atlantic Heights neighborhood.

After the discussion, the Committee agreed to move forward with this version of the budget for the purposes of the upcoming public comment session. Mr. Moore advised the Committee that he would prepare a draft Annual Plan for the planned April public hearing based on this draft.

Vice Chairperson Emerson adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.