

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

MARCH 13, 2014

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL
Conference Room A**

6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairwoman Nancy Emerson, Vice Chairwoman Dani Rooney, Alison Hamilton, Constance Carmody, Lynne Langley

Absent: Alicia Weaver (excused)

Staff: David Moore, Adam Cannon

Chairwoman Emerson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Next, the Committee accepted the meeting minutes from the January 14th, February 11th, March 6th and March 11th Citizens Advisory Committee Meetings.

The Committee then discussed the recent Public Service Agency Presentations from the March 6th and March 11th meetings and reviewed options for funding the FY 2014-2015 grant applicants. These applicants included the following:

A Safe Place	Families First
AIDS Response Seacoast	New Hampshire Legal Assistance
Area HomeCare	New Heights: Adventures for Teens
Big Brothers, Big Sisters of the Greater Seacoast	Portsmouth Housing Authority
Community Child Care Center	Rockingham Community Action Program (RCAP)
Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	Sexual Assault Support Services (SASS)
Cross Roads House	Seacoast Mental Health Center

Mr. Moore explained to the Committee the funding process. He stated that annually the City receives as part of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) a certain amount of funds that may be used to fund operating expenses of public service agencies. This amount is capped at 15% of the entitlement grant plus the previous years program income. In the previous fiscal year, the City was able to fund \$79,000 for the program. This fiscal year the City is expecting level or near level funding for public services.

The Committee reviewed three funding summaries which included restoring cut funding to existing agencies, allocating any new funding among existing agencies and funding one new agency. These options were discardable and/or modifiable at the Committee's behest.

The Committee discussed the presentations and indicated that all work being done is of high value to the City and its residents. The members discussed Option 2 as favorable, but indicated that more information is needed including the entitlement grant amount and some clarifying information on applications. The Committee then decided to revisit its recommendations at the April 8th Citizens Advisory Committee meeting.

Vice Chairwoman Rooney inquired about how much funding the PHA would need to leverage in order to open up MC3 programming to the community.

Mr. Moore stated that he will ask the Mayor about a recognition of former Citizens Advisory Committee members and the CDBG program at the April 7th City Council meeting (later scheduled for April 21st). Following a presentation, current and former Citizens Advisory Board members and their families will be invited to partake in a light reception.

Following this, Chairwoman Emerson adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.