

Community Development Advisory Committee Minutes

Date: February 1, 2016

Member Attendees:

Ms. JoAnne Hanrahan Mayoral Appointee, Chair
Ms. Sharyon Gardiner Mayoral Appointee, Vice Chair
Ms. Mary Ann Callahan, 1st District, Secretary
Mr. John Young, 2nd District
Mr. Sean Massey, 3rd District
Ms. Majeedah Razzaq, 4th District
Mr. Jerry Kunkle 7th District
Ms. Debra Hogan, Mayoral App.
Ms. Sarina Barrera, Acting Council at Large Appointee.

Staff Members Attending:

Mr. Stephen Carson, Grants Administrator
Ms. Juliet Berling, Director of Planning, Housing, and Community Development

Public Attendees:

None

Meeting called to order: 6:02 PM by the Chair

1. Agency Presentations:

- a. **City of Binghamton Department of Housing** : Mr. Steve Quinn, Housing Supervisor, Ms. Susan Lalley, Housing Caseworker

Mr. Quinn reviewed the revenue sources for the Planning Department, providing programmatic and funding figures.

See Attachment B Ms. Gardiner asked for clarification from Housing regarding the amount of \$134,000 remaining in the Housing Department budget from FY 2015. Ms. Razzaq asked if there was anything that could be done for people who were being evicted from their homes by landlords who ostensibly are converting their properties to student housing. A question was also asked by Mr., Massey regarding the addressing of fair housing impediments potentially using CDBG funding. Discussion concerning landlord/tenant education programs and a possible set aside for them was discussed. It was brought to the attention of the CDAC

that a fair housing impediments analysis was done in 2015. Chairwoman Hanrahan asked whether the results of that research could be reported to the CDAC. Ms. Hanrahan further requested that a potential plan for redress of the impediment and educational issues could be created by the Housing Department and presented to the members at the next meeting. Mr. Massey asked if there was any knowledge of the current status of money in the amount of one million dollars that was set aside in FY 2013 for possible use in a matter concerning the Regency Hotel that he thought was part of CDBG funding. The question was referred to Mr. Carson with a recommendation that Mr. Massy also pursue the matter with City Council.

b. **Southern tier Homeless Coalition:** Ms. Shari Weiss, Chair, Coalition of Care (CoC)

Ms. Weiss presented an overview of the various programs functioning within the Coalition as well as the potential impact of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order on the homeless, which will affect Fiscal Year 2017. She deferred to the individual agencies to present actual budget figures, but discussed the role of the CoC in advising on relevant agencies and their participation within the CDBG funding. See Attachment C

A question regarding the advisory role of the Coalition was asked, especially since CDBG funding is finite and the needs of the community are great. Mr. Carson indicated that the CoC had made recommendations for funding in the past. A question was asked regarding the funding amount CoC asked for last year. Concerning the limited funds for every agency; a question regarding matching funds was also asked.

c. **City of Binghamton Department of Public Works:** Ms. Bernice St. Claire, Street Superintendent

Ms. St. Claire reviewed the number of streets that were either paved or rebuilt in 2015, along with the streets planned to be done in 2016. She provided figures reflecting money left from FY 2015-2016 and the proposed budget requested for FY2017. See Attachment D

Members discussed the figures for road work that were listed as being rolled over from FY 2015-16 to FY 2016-2017. A question was asked regarding future planning on how streets

were selected. The answer: selections came from the suggestions of residents, interns, and engineers. The question of which roads are CDBG eligible and funding allocation was discussed. Clarification that CDBG eligible roads have to be located in low-mid income primarily residential areas was made by Mr. Carson.

2. Certifying Minutes

- a. CDAC Secretary, Mary Ann Callahan, approved the minutes presented to the members
- b. Voting to certify minutes was taken and was unanimous

3. Disclosure Statements

- a. Disclosure statements submission form the members was requested for those members who had not already completed one

Mr., Carson indicated that this year members who were close to being removed for non-attendance would be notified and advised of their status,

4. Member Status Update\

- a. The status of Ms. Barrera has still not been decided. It is a City Council matter which Councilman Papastrat must make a recommendation, which will then bring the Committee to full membership.
- b. Members will be getting new ID badges, and a time for the required photos will be announced as soon as it can be coordinated with the City Clerk's Office.

5. Final attendance & Adjournment

- a. Chair Hanrahan asked if a final list of all requests that will be made to the Committee be prepared
- b. Vice Chair Gardiner asked for a list of all unspent money by each entity receiving funds.
- c. Next meeting will be on February 16, 2016, The City of Binghamton Department of Economic Development and Binghamton Police will be presenting
- d. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM