

Community Development Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2020

MINUTES: The Community Development Advisory Commission held a Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on February 11, 2020 in the 2nd Floor Lounge at Keefe Community Center. The following issues were discussed.

Commissioners in Attendance: Joyce Blandon, Brian Courtney, Janet Lyons, Robert Werner, Michael Brooks, Robin Lamott-Sparks

Commissioners Excused: Candace Birks

Commissioners Absent: Mike Johnson

Others in Attendance: Adam Sendroff, Community Development Program Manager
Alyssa Bussard, Commission Clerk

1. Call to order

As a quorum was present, Mr. Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

2. Attendance

Attendance was taken as noted above.

3. Review of minutes from January 8, 2020

Mr. Courtney called for a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2020. Ms. Lyons made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Werner. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Community Development Manager's Report

Mr. Sendroff reminded the commission members that this year he needs to complete a five year plan in addition to the annual action plan. There will be a consultant to assist with the five year plan. The RFP requests closed last week and two came in to the town. There will be a meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2020 to evaluate the RFPs.

Ms. Lamott-Sparks arrived to the meeting at 6:37.

Mr. Sendroff mentioned a gun buy-back event happening on February 15, 2020. The event will be held at the Police Station in Hamden. The funding for the program comes through the Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Injury Prevention Program. The State Police take the guns from the buy-back and destroy them.

There will be an expansion of the Dinner for a Dollar program with hopes to expand even further.

The second annual Health Fair at the Keefe Center will be held on April 4, 2020.

The United Way Pantry Program may be expanded to State Street in Hamden. United Way gives the town a grant to procure food through the Connecticut Food Bank and volunteers would transport the food.

Fair Rent

There are no pending complaints at this time.

Down Payment Assistance

There have been six closings so far, and two have been pre-approved.

Business Assistance

There have been two new sign grants thus far as recorded in last month's minutes.

Blight

There is nothing to report at this time.

Residential Rehab

Five roofs have been completed and there are three in progress at this time. Five furnace replacements have been completed.

ADA improvements

There is nothing pending at this time.

Infrastructure

Nothing to report at this time.

Public Service Agencies

There was a press release and other notices regarding the applications for the Public Service Agencies. Adam received 18 and was waiting on one additional application to come through.

The Public Service Agency grant applications have been received from the following organizations:

1. Arts for Learning Connecticut
2. BHcare, Inc. / The Umbrella Center for Domestic Violence Services (UCDVS)
3. Breakthrough Church, Inc.
4. Clifford W. Beers Guidance Clinic, Inc.
5. Columbus House, Inc.
6. Continuum of Care, Inc.
7. Davenport Residences, Inc.
8. FISH of Greater New Haven
9. Hamden CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)
10. Town of Hamden Community Services
11. Hamden Rovers, Inc.
12. Hamden/North Haven YMCA, A Branch of Central Connecticut Coast YMCA
13. Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of Greater New Haven
14. Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven
15. New Colony Development Corporation
16. New Haven Home Ownership Center (HOC)
17. Partnerships Center for Adult Day Care, Inc.
18. Partnerships in Learning and Creative Exploration

Mr. Sendroff is also waiting on an application from The Kennedy Center, Inc. that he hopes will come in by the end of February 12.

Mr. Sendroff asked the members of the commission to discuss how they would like to conduct interviews. It was decided by the committee that they would create sub-committees to conduct the interviews. Mr. Courtney appointed himself, Mr. Werner and Ms. Lyons as members of the sub-committee. All other present members from the commission will stand in as alternates if needed. It was decided that the Special Meetings will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on February 24 and 25. The Commission Clerk will post notices of the Special Meetings and be present to take minutes at both meetings.

6. Old Business

None at this time.

7. New Business

None at this time.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Courtney requested a motion to adjourn. Ms. Blandon made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Mr. Werner. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Submitted By: Alyssa Bussard, Commission Clerk