



TOWN OF HAMDEN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES: The Community Development Advisory Commission held an informal meeting on October 13, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the Lounge, Keefe Community Center, 11 Pine Street, Hamden, Connecticut. The following items were discussed:

Commissioners in Attendance: Lee Campo, Chairman
Joyce Blandon
Michael Brooks
Terre Daniels

Staff in Attendance: Chris Marchand, Community Development Program Manager
Peggy Craft, Clerk of the Commission

Chairman Campo said due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting could not be called to order, however an informal meeting was held.

During the informal meeting, Program Manager Marchand presented the following information to the Commissioners:

A letter was received from the Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church regarding a PSA grant they received for "Homework Café Community Expansion". The letter explains that when they received the documentation regarding the PSA. When they reviewed the documents they said it does not fit their needs. Mr. Marchand hopes that all will agree to put these funds into residential rehab. Mr. Marchand said we have just completed the HOME grant. These funds are now gone. Mr. Marchand is not sure if they we will receive these fund again. He has applied for them, but said CDEC is going toward more project based funding, then program based funding. Has not gotten any indication they will fund again. Regarding the rehab funds, Mr. Marchand said there was \$150,000 allocated originally. There is \$77,000 left. He added that funds could possibly be transferred from another program.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Program Manager Marchand discussed the following information:

Tabernacle letter return grant when they reviewed document they said it does not fit their needs hopes to have all agree to put these in rehab. Just completed HOME grant funds \$330,000. These funds are now gone. Mr. Marchand s not sure they will fund again. He has applied CEDE is going toward more project based funding then program based funding. Has not gotten any indication they will fund again. The rehab funds have been more than half of rehab funds. There was \$150,000 allocated originally. There is \$77,000 left. Funds could possibly be transferred from another program.

RESIDENTIAL REHAB

The Emergency Furnace Program was discussed. Ms. Bandon asked about a furnace rehab that had been done on West Woods Road. She wanted to know if this was in the target area. Mr. Marchand said that emergency furnace repair/replacement is town wide. Ms. Bandon discussed Mr. Brooks' idea to the applicant to pay a percentage of the rehab cost. Mr. Brooks questioned if there is an avenue for the Town to fund emergency furnace repair/replacements. Mr. Marchand said that we will probably not do any sidewalk projects this year, and these funds could be transferred into Residential Rehab. He also discussed ADA requests. These requests include a handicapped bathroom at Brundage Library, and a handicapped accessible entrance to the VFW Building.

There was a discussion regarding the caps for funding of rehab projects. Mr. Marchand explained the program regulations to the Commissioners present.

REMEDIATION PROGRAM

There was a discussion regarding the remediation program and the necessity for 13 homes to be demolished. Dale Kroop, Economic Development Director is negotiating with the owners of these homes to compensate them for the value of their homes.

191 BUTLER STREET

Regarding 191 Butler Street – the family that has been living there will be moving out at the end of this month.

FAIR RENT

Next, Mr. Marchand said Fair Rent has been good; there have been no mediations or hearings.

COMMERCIAL REHAB

There have been two applications for commercial rehab. The sign has been competed at the Dancer's Studio.

MISCELLANEOUS

\$25,000 has been allocated to the Housing Authority to replace the storm doors on the units at Hamden Village. Mr. Marchand said this is a good project as it will save on utility bills.

There was a discussion of the Dadio Farm Project. The CDBG funds for this project have been expended.

It was decided that the following will be added to the Agenda for next month's meeting:

Discussion and vote on the reallocation of funds from the Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church to the Single Family Rehabilitation program.

The informal meeting was closed at 6:30 PM.

Submitted by: