

TOWN OF HAMDEN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

December 9, 2009
5:30 PM
Keefe Community Center
11 Pine Street
Hamden, Connecticut

Commissioners in Attendance: Lee Campo, Chairman
Kurt Bauknecht, Vice Chairman
Joyce Blandon
Michael Brooks
Peter Curtis
Terre Daniels
Janet Lyons

Others in Attendance: Chris Marchand, Community Development Program Director
Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Campo called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Blandon motioned to accept the Minutes of the November 2009 meeting as presented. Commissioner Brooks seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF PROGRAM MANGER

Rehabilitation Program

There are currently six rehabilitation projects in active phases for a total of \$172,450. There are four projects in on-hold, cost estimating or specs/bid stages.

Four projects have been completed since November 18, 2009 for a total of \$53,730.

There are currently 14 projects on the waiting list. Without other applications or funding this list will be exhausted by the winter of 2010.

The exterior work at Keefe Community Center has been completed.

Mr. Marchand said that for the first time, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money will run out. We have received \$80,000 in HOME Funds. Mr. Marchand added that, hopefully, they will continue this funding.

191 Butler Street

The family that resided in the home on State Street that was declared uninhabitable/condemned continues to stay at the house on Butler Street. They have now been there three months. There was a discussion regarding how long a family can continue to reside at the residence.

Down Payment Assistance

There has been one closing since the last Commission meeting. This was for \$5,000 in matching funds. There are three closings scheduled for December.

Fair Rent/Housing

There are currently no mediations or hearing scheduled. There has been a Fair Housing discrimination case filed by a resident against the Hamden Housing Authority. They have hired outside counsel to handle this complaint. Mr. Marchand has discussed this with the Town Attorney. No action by his office is necessary.

Commercial Rehabilitation Program

The Concord/Dixwell Streetscape project has been approved by the Connecticut Department of Transportation. This project will go out to bid in December/January.

Mr. Marchand said the department is in receipt of an application for a property at 863 Dixwell Avenue for improvements to the exterior for a convenience store scheduled to open January 1st. The bid results for the Concord/Dixwell project will determine if there will be funds available in the current project year for this project.

Miscellaneous

There was a discussion regarding the Dadio Farm Project that will go out for bid this winter. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$1.1 million. Chairman Campo asked if the government is cutting funds for this project. Mr. Marchand is not aware of this. He added that he does not believe there is State money involved.

Public Service Agency (PSA) applications were sent out and are due back by January 29, 2010. One person from the library will be coming in at 6:00 PM this evening to discuss PSA funding requirements.

Mr. Marchand reported that there could be more money for CDBG next year.

Next, Mr. Marchand reported that the Human Rights Commission will host a Human Rights Day event "Bring Human Rights to Life" at Miller Memorial Library, Thornton Wilder Auditorium, on December 20th at 7:00 PM. Community Development will share a table and provide information to residents regarding CDBG programs and Fair Housing.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business to come before the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business to come before the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to come before the Commission and Chairman Campo called for a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Bauknecht motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commission Brooks and passed with a unanimous vote.**

Submitted by:

Peggy Craft, Commission Clerk