

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Town of Hamden
Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission
Minutes of a Special Meeting
Thursday, March 10, 2022
6:00 p.m.
Via Zoom/Telephonically

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Minutes

1. Attendance/Roll Call

- a. In Attendance: Brian Courtney, Commission Chair; Michael Brooks; Joyce Blandon; Mike Johnson; Robert Werner; and Tom Whitbread
- b. Absent: Candace Birks and Robin Lamott-Sparks
- c. Others in Attendance: M. Kroop- Program Specialist; Patrice LeMoine, Commission Clerk

2. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

3. Community Development Manager's Report

- a. **PSA** (Public Service Agency) – M. Kroop sent to the commissioners the applications for this evening's interviews.

With no further discussion, M. Kroop introduced the first applicant.

INTERVIEWS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES

- A. At 6:10 p.m., Louise Perno from **Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven** was introduced to the commission. She discussed the funding and overall plan for the 2022-2023 Literacy Tutoring for Hamden Residents program. The amount requested is \$7,556. The Interview concluded at 6:25 p.m.

- B. At 6:38 p.m., Debra Chavoya from **Partnerships in Learning and Creative Exploration Inc. (P.L.A.C.E.)** attended the meeting to discuss funding for the Hamden Trolley on The Go! project. Their request is \$2,500. The interview concluded at 6:47 p.m.
 - C. At 6:48 p.m., Esperina Stubblefield from **BHcare Inc.** was introduced to the committee to discuss funding for the Domestic Violence Education project. Questions were asked by the Commissioners related to the people the program supports. Their request is \$13,000. The interview concluded at 7:01 p.m.
 - D. At 7:02 p.m., Sandra Kraeuter Kops from **Nutrition Security Solutions, Inc.** arrived to discuss funding assistance for the food program to assist poverty level and mobility impaired seniors which have special dietary needs. Sandra provided a review of the new online software and menu. The request is for \$34,000. The interview concluded at 7:20 p.m.
 - E. At 7:21 p.m., Melissa Jones from **We Are The Village Inc.** met with the committee to discuss funding for the Summer Camp at the Village program. Melissa shared the types of activities, attendance, and purpose of the funds. The request is for \$8,400. The interview concluded at 7:30 p.m.
 - F. At 7:32 p.m., John Michael Parker and Lorraine Brown from **Arts for Learning Connecticut** joined to discuss funding for the Youth and Family Community Arts project. The program supports approximately 500 Hamden residents using art, storytelling, and music activities within and outside of Hamden schools and preschools. The amount of the request is \$5,000. The interview began at 7:32 p.m. and concluded at 7:41 p.m.
 - G. At 7:42 p.m., Bridgette Russell from **New Haven Homeownership Center** joined the meeting to discuss funding for the Teaching the Principles of Sustainable Homeownership program. Bridgette shared the details of the program and the approximate enrollment of people counseled related to Hamden purchases and Hamden Homeowners. The amount of the request is \$ 15,000. The interview concluded at 7:55 p.m.
 - H. At 7:58 p.m., Pastor Joseph Carr with **Breakthrough Church** met with the Committee to discuss funding for the Breakthrough Church Food Pantry Grocery Store program. Pastor Carr described the changes and plans for the pantry the purpose of the upgrades. The Store is under construction but expected to be completed by June 2022. The requested amount is \$5,000. The interview concluded at 8:07 p.m.
4. **Adjournment:** At 8:08 p.m., Mr. Courtney requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Werner motioned and was seconded by Mr. Johnson. The motion unanimously passed.

Submitted by: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission