

Waterbury Long Term Community Recovery  
Steering Committee  
October 10, 2012  
Minutes

Present: R. Ellis, N. Howell-Sherman, M. K. Monley, M. Callan, E. Loomis, S. Lotspeich, M. Rivera, R. Washburn, M. Luce, P. H. Flanders, C. Nygaard, and C. Lawrence.

The meeting was called to order at 4:10pm.

R. Ellis welcomed Corey Nygaard, Community Planning Recovery Coordinator - FEMA Region I, to the meeting. C. Nygaard gave an update on his current role with FEMA. He will provide technical expertise and will be a point of contact for FEMA. He will be here on a regular basis for the short term.

It was mentioned that the Municipality feels out of the loop with regard decisions on the State Office Complex, and the lack of information is causing anxiety. R. Ellis asked if there are regular briefing meetings that municipal members might attend. C. Nygaard recommended reaching out to the state (Sue Minter) to get in the loop.

#### **CDBG APPLICATION – MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

A. Tuscany has talked with S. Roy about a preliminary cost estimate. S. Lotspeich gave a brief update on the application. The two scenarios are to either renovate or tear down and rebuild. The cost for phase I and II services is \$500 - \$600 thousand, and \$600 thousand will be put in the application. The total cost for the project is estimated at \$5 million. The basic parts of the application are roughed out. There will be a joint meeting on Monday to get resolutions approved, and identify the source of funds for the local match.

It was asked if CDBG money can be used for new construction in a flood plain. C. Nygaard believes that the answer is no, but will check with his sources.

#### **CDBG – LETTER IN SUPPORT OF CVEDC GRANT APPLICATION**

A CDBG application for \$1 million is being submitted by the Central Vermont Community Action Council in partnership with Central Vermont Economic Development Corporation and Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation. This funding will provide business assistance and grant funding to meet businesses' unmet needs related to the three 2011 disaster events. The Boards will consider signing a letter of support.

#### **ARTS CENTER UPDATE**

S. Lotspeich and E. Loomis met with M. Callan and 'de-mystified' the project. M. Callan indicated that she now has clear directives and is on task to get a grant application submitted by November 15<sup>th</sup>. She still needs to garner a partner/building owner, and is looking for a \$45,000 grant with a 10% in kind match.

#### **EDA GRANT**

The EDA grant for the LTCR Director and business case worker has been received. A draft RFP is ready to send to publicize the positions.

#### **CDBG PUBLIC HEARING**

There is a public hearing at 7:00pm on the CDBG application for the four municipal projects.

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The next meeting will be an All Champions meeting on Thursday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

The Steering Committee will soon be busy reviewing responses to the RFP's from Economic Development Corporations and interviewing prospective candidates. The deadline for the RFP is October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MINUTES**

M. Luce made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. The motion was seconded by M. K. Monley and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: Oct. 24, 2012