

Public Hearing for CDBG Application
and Trustees Meeting
October 10, 2012
Main Street Fire Station
Minutes

Present: R. Ellis and C. Viens, Select Board; N. Howell-Sherman and L. Sayah, Trustees; S. Lotspeich, Community Planner; A. Tuscany, Public Works Director; M. Rivera and M. Luce, Library Commissioners; R. Washburn, Project Champion; C. Nygaard, FEMA; A. Imhoff, ORCA Media; K. Fountain, Waterbury Record; and C. Lawrence, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the public hearing commenced.

OVERVIEW

R. Ellis gave a brief overview of the Town and Village CDBG applications for four projects sponsored by the municipality, to be described in further detail shortly. She explained the LTRC project process that has been occurring over the past several months and stated that in May 2012, the projects were presented to the public and potential funders.

FUNDING SOURCES

N. Howell-Sherman distributed a spreadsheet and explained the funding sources available. Statewide there is \$21 million in CDGB funds available directed to non-profits, municipalities, and businesses. Of that, 80% (or \$17.3 million) will be allocated to the counties of Washington, Windsor, and Windham.

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX PROJECT

S. Lotspeich described the project which involves the development of a complex that includes the municipal offices, police station, library, historical society, and community meeting space. The municipality is looking at the Stanley and Wasson Hall site at the State Complex and will be applying for a \$1 million grant. The total budget for the project is estimated at \$5 million. There will be many more meetings for public input.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLANNING PROJECT

M. Rivera explained that the grant application is for \$100,000 to be matched with UDAG funds of \$56,000 and an in kind match of \$5,187. There are three primary objectives: to offer immediate technical support and guidance to the local business community; to create and launch a Local Development Corporation to support Waterbury's municipal government in both recovery related and future economic development activities; and to develop and Economic Development Strategic Plan for Waterbury.

The chosen applicant will contract with the municipality for an 18 month period, and may seek funding for an additional 6 months.

FLOOD-PROOFING THE MAIN SEWAGE PUMP STATION

A. Tuscany explained that the main sewage pump station is the most important component of the sewer system, and the station was flooded during Irene causing an interruption in service and damage to expensive pumping equipment. There are three components to the project: reinforce the flood doors to prevent warping; re-seal existing abandoned wall penetrations; and replace the two existing sewage pumps with two dry pit submersible solids handling pumps. The grant application is for \$115,000 and the total project cost is estimated to be \$153,065.

LITTLE RIVER-VILLAGE CONNECTOR TRAIL

R. Washburn described the purpose of this project, which is to study the feasibility of developing a multi-use recreation trail for mountain bikes from Little River State Park to the Village. She stated that connections to recreational resources are stimulators to local economies. The first phase includes funding of \$30,000 for the feasibility study to look at viable routes and identify project partners.

The LTCR Steering Committee is looking at the whole list of projects in an effort to find good matches between the projects and grant opportunities. It was determined that these four projects are good matches for the CDBG application program.

A discussion was held with regard to the local match component for the main sewage pump station project.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed at 7:30pm.

TRUSTEES BUSINESS

N. Howell-Sherman explained that Sam Andersen, Executive Director of CVEDC has asked for a letter of support from the Boards for a CDBG application for \$1 million in CDBG-DR funding which will provide business assistance and grant funding to meet businesses' unmet needs related to the three disaster events in 2011. L. Sayah made a motion to approve the letter of support and sign on behalf of the Village President. The motion was seconded by N. Howell-Sherman and passed by those present.

MINUTES

N. Howell-Sherman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12th and 26th Trustees meetings, the September 17th and October 1st Joint meetings, and the September 25th public hearing on the proposed charter change. The motion was seconded by L. Sayah and passed by those present.

There being no further business, the Trustees meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carla Lawrence, Town Clerk

Approved on: October 15, 2012