



## **Community Development Subcommittee**

### **Economic and Community Development Commission**

#### **Regular Meeting**

**July 22, 2014**

The Community Development Subcommittee of the Economic and Community Development Commission conducted a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 in Room 104 of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford, CT pursuant to a notice duly posted.

Members Present: Jason Santi, Fourth District Councilman, Subcommittee Chair; Brian Dempsey, Fifth District Councilman; and Stephanie Philips, Third District Councilman

Members Absent: None

Also Present: C. Duncan Yetman, Jr., Community Development Administrator

#### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Santi at 6:02 PM.

#### **II. Review and Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 27, 2014.**

Mr. Dempsey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Santi and approved unanimously.

#### **III. CDBG Budget Status Report Update**

Mr. Yetman reviewed the Budget Status Report with Subcommittee members. Discussion focused on two projects, Franklin School (Elevator) ADA Improvements and the Connecticut Air and Space Center (CASC) Museum Project.

Duncan provided some background on the Franklin Elevator bidding and contract award. The project will not begin this summer and can only be started next school summer vacation at the earliest. If it is the interest of the Subcommittee to fund the project at that time, he received authorization from HUD to reprogram the majority of the CDBG dollars, but leave a placeholder amount in the account through the next round of CDBG funding so that any additional (supplemental) allocation to the project would not be subject to another environmental review process and could be committed and spent soon after the next CDBG application is due at HUD on May 15, 2015.

Mr. Santi asked for a motion to reallocate \$45,000 of the amount devoted to Franklin School ADA Improvements (CD Project #3812) to the Sidewalk Improvements Project (CD Project #3813) with the following street priority of sidewalks to be repaired:

1. Birdseye Street, where needed,
2. Thompson Street,
3. College Street,
4. Otis Street,
5. Graham Street (west of Thompson Street),
6. Sedgewick Avenue
7. Collins Street
8. Edwin Street, and
9. Peace Street (west of Thompson Street)<sup>1</sup>.

Mr. Dempsey made the motion, seconded by Ms. Philips, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Philips asked that the Subcommittee pursue the same approach with the CASC Project and inform them by letter that since they do not as yet have a signed lease with the City of Bridgeport that the Subcommittee will reallocate the majority of their funding and give them until February 2015 to have an executed lease or risk project cancelation altogether at that time. If they should have a signed lease and an agreement from the State to use their earlier State allocation for the project by February 2015, then, insofar as possible, the CD Subcommittee will make a supplemental allocation to the project.

Mr. Dempsey made a motion to send the aforementioned letter to CASC and reallocate \$59,000 of the \$60,000 allocated to the CASC Museum Project (CD Project #3912) as follows:

1. Residential Rehabilitation Program (CD Project #4010) \$10,000,
2. Catholic Charities of Fairfield County, Inc. (CD Project #4009) \$30,000, and
3. Sidewalk Improvements Project (CD Project #4014) \$19,000

Ms. Philips seconded the motion and Mr. Santi closed the discussion and called a vote. The vote was 2-1 in favor with Mr. Santi voting no.<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Yetman provided status updates on a few other projects including Stonybrook Field and the proposed Senior Wellness Park.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Santi also had Avo Street and Patchen Street on his list, but these streets are not located in CDBG low-mod areas and are therefore ineligible for CDBG sidewalk funds.

<sup>2</sup> Subsequent to the meeting, Mr. Santi consulted with the Mayor on this motion and planned to schedule a special CD Subcommittee meeting to have a CASC status report read into the record and to address the Mayor's concerns.

**IV. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Mr. Santi entertained a motion to adjourn. Ms. Philips made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dempsey and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "C. Duncan Yetman, Jr." in a cursive style.

C. Duncan Yetman, Jr.  
Community Development Administrator