

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

MAY 13, 1991

7:00 P.M.

President Frazee called the meeting to order with all of Council present except Mr. Eline. Also in attendance was Mayor Linn, Mr. Sterner, And Dr. Powell.

Dr. Powell gave a brief review of the Community Development Block Grant Funds that have been approved since the program began in 1984.

Dr. Powell explained the proposal for the \$111,173 of CDBG Funds as follows:

1. Administrative Support for Homeownership Program -- \$5,000
2. Public Service Funds to establish Homeownership Coordinator at Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation -- \$16,686
3. Funds for Acquisition of 35 Breckenridge Street -- \$30,000
4. Funds for Housing Rehabilitation -- \$42,306

Mr. Frazee asked if 35 Breckenridge Street had already been purchased, and what portion, if any, of the CDBG money might be recovered through its resale in the Homeownership Program. He also asked what the remaining \$17,000 of the \$111,173 (not noted on the breakdown of funds) would be used for.

Dr. Powell noted that the remaining \$17,000 would be reserved for use in Administration of the CDBG Program. He also advised President Frazee that Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation had already secured an option agreement on 35 Breckenridge Street, but hoped to be able to find a qualified low-income buyer to transfer the option to before its expiration date, thus eliminating the need for the \$30,000 in CDBG funds for Acquisition. He also noted that it was Interfaith's intent to minimize CDBG funds actually left in the property.

Mrs. Daniels asked if in the future money from this program could be put towards a public swimming pool at the Recreation Park.

Mr. Schmitt also noted that he felt a Community Swimming Pool at the Recreation Park would be a good idea. He suggested that a Committee of Council make a trip to Taneytown to see the Community Pool there, noting that Taneytown is only one third the size of Gettysburg.

Mr. Schmitt asked if money from this program can go towards restrooms at the Parking Deck.

Dr. Powell noted that a swimming pool might be acceptable for consideration with CDBG Funds if it served a predominately low-moderate income clientele. Restrooms might be acceptable also if they are handicapped equipped. Dr. Powell noted that if Council wanted to seriously consider this and other possible uses of CDBG funds, an appropriate committee should be formed to review the matter. He also noted that because the Three Year Community Plan for the CDBG application needed to be updated annually, this was especially important at this time.

With no public comment the meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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