

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 13, 1993

Mrs. Simpson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with all of Council present. Also in attendance were Mayor Linn, Chief Gantz, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Lawver, Dr. Powell, and Lucy Basalla representing the Gettysburg Times.

Citizens in attendance:

Bryan Bell, representing PA Rural Opportunities.

Dr. Powell gave a brief summary of the two issues under consideration at this hearing. The first is the proposed reallocation of \$19,000 in the FY-1993 Community Development Block Grant Program. These funds were originally allocated to "Clearance" (the demolition of 135 West Middle Street) and "Removal of Architectural Barriers" (assistance to SCCAP, Inc. for making Meade School handicapped accessible). After a review of funds available from the FY-1992 SCP Program, and Program Income assigned to FY-1991, Dr. Powell determined that only some \$56,000 was available for the proposed acquisition of the Brandon Trailer Court at 230-232 South Washington Street. Since the fair market appraisal of that property came to \$67,500, and funds will also be necessary for relocation of the tenants, it is critical that these extra funds be made available. Moreover, the original purpose for which the \$19,000 was proposed is no longer applicable, as SCCAP, Inc. has been unable to secure Meade School, and CDBG funds will not be used to finance the demolition of 135 West Middle Street. Dr. Powell pointed out that should SCCAP, Inc. be successful in the future in securing Meade School, Borough Council could consider the allocation of 1994 CDBG funds toward that project.

The second matter before Council at this special hearing is a pending application to the Department of Community Affairs for \$630,000 in funds from the Home/Housing and Community Development grant program. These funds are being sought by the Borough on behalf of the Adams County Housing Authority in order to provide construction financing and homebuyer assistance for the proposed Frederick Douglass Homes project at the corner of West High and Franklin Street. The funding, if approved, will be used to assist in the construction of 12 townhouses, which will then be sold to eligible low-moderate income buyers. Dr. Powell then introduced Bryan Bell of Pennsylvania Rural Opportunities of Camp Hill, Pa., who is preparing the application and offering technical assistance to the Adams County Housing Authority. Mr. Bell provided an overview of the project, emphasizing that this would be a homeownership project and that prospective owners would have the opportunity to lease the building first, with a portion of the lease amount being placed in an escrow account to provide for a downpayment on the property after a period of two years.

Mrs. Simpson asked when the project is scheduled to begin.

Mr. Bell said that the bidding process could begin as early as November but actual digging would not begin until January.

Dr. Powell then read the Resolution required of Borough Council to authorize combined home/H&CD program application with the Department of Community Affairs. Council will need to adopt this Resolution at the regular Council meeting tonight.

With no further business or comments the public hearing was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted

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