

**Public Hearing Minutes  
March 8, 1999**

President Eline called the hearing to order at 7:15 PM. Those present in Council Chambers included Ms. Giles, Mrs. Gustafson, Mr. Woodward, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Streeter, Mr. Murphy and Mayor Troxell. Staff present included Manager Sterner, Secretary Stull, HPO Powell, Highway Superintendent Lawver, Rec Director Crouse, Beth Kanagy representing the Gettysburg Times.

Dr. Powell gave a brief summary on the second hearing to disburse the remaining \$8,651 in FY 1994 Community Development Block Grant funds. He noted that this money needed to be expended by June 13th, when the FY-94 contract expires, and that the funds, originally allocated for "Acquisition/Relocation" at the former Brandon Trailer Court on South Washington Street were ultimately not needed. He indicated that he had received letters from South Central Community Action Agency and the Lincoln Cemetery Project Committee requesting that they be considered for allocation of a portion of those funds, both pledging to be able to spend them within the next three months. He suggested that the funds be divided in the following manner: \$4,551 to the Lincoln Cemetery Project and \$4,100 to South Central Community Action Programs.

Brian Allen of South Central Community Action Programs, Inc., spoke briefly on behalf of the Agency, noting that they had requested a portion of these funds for use at Meade School in order to strip the paint around the exteriors of windows and repaint to eliminate the lead paint for child safety.

Dr. Powell noted that the request by the Lincoln Cemetery Project Committee was for additional funds to undertake an archaeological survey of the boundaries of the cemetery prior to the installation of a fence.

In noting funds previously allocated for the former Brandon Trailer Court, Mrs. Gustafson asked if the concrete retaining wall at the Brandon site should be taken down since it is a hazard to the children in that area?

Dr. Powell reported that it would be premature to take the wall down at this location, now known as the "Diggs/Monroe" site, as substantial archaeological resources had been located behind the wall, and the Borough is still awaiting a mandated Phase II. final report from John Milner Associates, the firm that conducted the archaeological work last summer. He noted that the recommendations of that report would certainly have an impact on possible use of the site. John Lawver noted that removal of the retaining wall would also cause some major soil erosion problems, and he did not think it advisable to do so until a final use for the lot was determined.

Mr. Andrews asked how much it would cost to put a fence or bricks in front of the wall to give it a nicer appearance.

Mr. Eline asked Dr. Powell to give an update at the next Community Development meeting on the results of the Milner report.

With no further business, President Eline closed the second hearing at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sara L. Stull". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "S" at the beginning and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary