

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 13, 1999

President Eline called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 PM with Councilors Giles, Andrews, Woodward, Kreisher, Streeter and Murphy. Also present were Mayor Troxell, Manager Sterner, HPO Powell and Secretary Stull. Representing the press was Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times. Citizens in attendance included Jean Odom, Executive Director of South Central Community Action Programs, and Dan Barbour and J.R. Crushong representing the Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation..

Dr. Powell gave a brief presentation on the proposed re-allocation of \$62,631 in FY 1997 CDBG funds and \$20,000 in FY 1998 CDBG funds. He noted that the FY-1997 funds had been allocated originally for "improvements" to the 4th Street bridge in the aftermath of the June 1996 flood, but as a result of the recently completed Army Corps of Engineers Flood Study, the 4th Street bridge project was no longer viewed as necessary. The \$20,000 from FY-1998 had become available because the Adams County Public Library had determined they did not need the money, and had sent a letter to Borough Council to that effect. He noted that additional funds were needed by Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation to complete a pending "CHORES" project at 239 South Washington Street, for emergency work pending on a property at 115 Breckenridge Street, and for potential additional costs for the rehabilitation underway at 133-135-137 North Stratton Street. He also noted a need presented by South Central Community action Programs to do work at Meade School.

Ms. Giles asked if other agencies were interested in funding other than the ones that are represented here tonight, and Dr. Powell replied that none had indicated an interest or submitted a request. Dan Barbour reported that Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation was completing the rehab of three units on North Stratton Street, and had a project pending with Mr. James Cullison at 239 South Washington Street that might require additional funds. He also noted a property at 115 Breckenridge Street needed emergency repairs.. Ms. Giles asked if these projects were presented to HARB. Dr. Powell said that HARB had already reviewed and approved the project on North Stratton Street, and would be reviewing the proposed project at 239 South Washington Street at its September meeting.

Jean Odom reported that the funding for SCCAP would be used to put in chimney liners at Meade School and weatherize the building before replacing the furnace in the spring. She noted they were also requesting funding assistance to undertake the rehab of an apartment for low-moderate rental at 149 N. Stratton Street. Ms. Giles asked if these homes would be kept on the tax rolls, and Jean Odom replied that this property would remain taxable. Dan Barbour noted that the properties on North Stratton Street that Interfaith was working with would be resold to eligible first-time homebuyers and would therefore remain taxable.

With no further business, President Eline declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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Borough Secretary

