

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 13, 1998

Vice President Giles called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: John Eline, Charles Woodward, Leonard Andrews, John Wiley, Theodore Streeter, Richard Kreisher, Margaret Gustafson and Mayor Troxell. Jay Schmitt was absent due to an illness. Staff present included Manager Sterner and Preservation Officer Powell.

Also attending the meeting were Beth Kanagy of the Gettysburg Times, Robert Reilly of the Evening Sun, Dan Barbour and Ed Jenkins representing the Adams County Housing Authority.

Ms. Giles announced the purpose of the hearing: to receive comments on the proposed reallocation of approximately \$95,000 in Community Development Block Grant Funds. Dr. Powell to give a brief summary on the proposed reallocation.

Dr. Powell reported that while the advertisement noted "approximately \$95,000," the actual reallocation after a review of funds available was \$89,469 in FY 1996, 1997, and 1998 Community Development Block Grant Funds from "Housing Rehabilitation--CHORES Program" to "Housing Rehabilitation--Homeownership Program." Of these funds, approximately \$10,400 will be set aside for "Acquisition/Relocation" costs from FY-1998. These funds, currently allocated to Adams County Interfaith Housing Corporation, will be used by ACIHC to rehabilitate three housing units at 133, 135, and 137 North Stratton Street for the purposes of resale to income eligible first-time home buyers.

Ms. Giles asked why these funds weren't used in the CHORES Program as originally allocated. Ed Jenkins reported that there wasn't enough interest in that program. The Homeownership Program is a fairly new program.

Councilor Gustafson suggested that maybe the program wasn't advertised or made known to the elderly that it was available. Further that the funds should be used quickly, as there is a need.

Ms. Giles asked if the North Stratton Street properties would be purchased at fair market value. Mr. Jenkins reported that the price negotiated with the owner was well below the appraised value.

There were no citizens in attendance or written comments submitted.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary





Mr. Andrews reported that the Legislative Committee will Meet on Thursday, November 19 at 4:00. Senator Terry Punt plans to attend the meeting. (Subsequently this meeting was canceled due to Sen. Punt's inability to attend.)

Ms. Giles requested that the second paragraph in the Safety Committee minutes be deleted as she had not made that statement.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve RPP parking on East Water Street from Stratton Street to Fourth Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB items A, B & C as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed item D for alterations to the porch at 461 Baltimore Street, Greystone's History Emporium. Some members of HARB were concerned that the glass would be an inappropriate alteration to the porch and very visible at night with interior lighting.

Mr. Streeter asked for a verbal agreement from Robert Housch, representative for Greystones History Emporium, that the alteration be tasteful and not used as a large sign. Mr. Housch said they would be very tasteful about the lighting so that it would look appropriate in the Historical District.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB item D. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Andrews to approve HARB item E, the proposal for new construction at the Jennie Wade House. YEA: Mr. Wiley, Mr. Eline, Mr. Streeter and Mr. Andrews. NAY Mr. Kreisher, Mrs. Gustafson and Ms. Giles. Motion carried.

Mr. Eline directed the HARB proposal to expand the Historic District be sent to the Community Development Committee for further review. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23 at 4:00.

Mr. Eline directed Solicitor Eastman to advertise and schedule a public hearing for next months Council meeting to hear public comment on the proposed sign ordinance amendments.

Mr. Wiley reported the Community Development Committee reviewed the TEA 21 grant program, specifically its application to Steinwehr Avenue. That Committee recommends Council apply for TEA 21 funding.

Moved Mrs. Gustafson, seconded Mr. Streeter to authorize the TEA-21 grant application to be completed and returned by the November 20th deadline. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eline invited all to the Train Station Ceremony on November 19 at 3:00.

Solicitor Eastman thanked everyone for their help in easing him into the Solicitor seat. He looks forward to working with Council.

Managers report:

Mr. Powell and Mr. Weikert are assisting County on updating Borough addresses for submission to federal census office. He noted we should be looking for people to work as enumerators in the 2000 census.

The Eichelberger-Stahle Charity Fund will be prepared for the December Council meeting.

The USS Gettysburg has deployed to the Mediterranean for six weeks. The ship is a part of the Enterprise Battle Group, and is now assigned to the Persian Gulf. Captain Shuford is planning a trip to Baltimore in June or July so that Gettysburgians can visit with them. The Society is collecting money to send to the spouses support group as a Christmas gift. Of course we will be sending cards and gifts to the ship also.

The Borough is accepting monetary donations for our Sister City Leon which suffered tremendous damage in hurricane Mitch. Most infrastructure is damaged and thousands lost their lives.

Moved Ms. Giles, seconded Mr. Streeter to accept the exoneration report for tax years 1995, 1996 and 1997 with the exception of Dwayne Allen who is currently in jail. Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Stull reported that Craig Showvaker has resigned from the Zoning Hearing Board due to job conflicts.

Mr. Trostle reported that the Christmas Parade is scheduled for Friday, November 27th at 7:00 PM.

Chief Gantz reported that his department has acquired the McGruff Dog Costume which will be used to entertain at certain functions and of course be a part of the parade.

Mrs. Gustafson reported that there will be no Human Relations Committee meeting in November. The next meeting will be scheduled for December 10.

With no further business Moved Mr. Kreisher, seconded Mr. Streeter to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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