

1200 Mountain Ave
January 23, 2023

A regular meeting of the Housing & Community Development Committee was held on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m. at 1200 Mountain Avenue, Middlesex NJ.

The following responded to the roll call:

Stephen Greco	Present
Dani Subhash	Absent
Mike Jones	Present
Hardik Shah	Present
Bill Coyle	Present
Carol Schroeder	Present
Bob Dessino	Present
Council Representative	

Secretary Kelsey Meixner opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Meeting Notice of January 6, 2023.

Kelsey Meixner requested a nomination for the Chairman of the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Coyle nominated Mr. Greco for Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jones. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Greco was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Kelsey Meixner requested a nomination for the Vice Chairman for the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Greco nominated Mr. Coyle for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jones. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Coyle was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the February 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Coyle and carried by a unanimous consent of members present.

The Committee secretary discussed how the allocation of funds had been used in the past, and certain salaries that were supplemented with HUD Funding:

The Federal Community Block Grant are funds that Middlesex County gets from the federal government, whom then disburse it to municipalities within the County. Certain regulations and steps must be followed to designate this money, most of which is used for seniors. In addition, it is only for targeted areas around the East bound side of 28 through Mountain Avenue down to South Lincoln. If the funds were/are designated for salaries, the Council would need to fund these items with funds in the current budget. These items included the Senior Van Driver (\$9,205), Code Enforcement Officer (\$10,575), Nutritional Program (\$6,500) and the Senior Coordinator Salary (\$10,000). There will be approximately \$27,000 of grant funds left, and the committee discussed options for these funds.

The 2022 HUD Grant funds included the purchase of Benches and an ADA table for the tot lot park near the American Legion, an awning at the Library and Community room entrances, sliding vestibule doors at main door of Library, and fixing the entrance sidewalk in front of the library where the slant of the walk is allowing water to run into and flood the community room, we are still waiting on information from the County regarding the total funds that the Borough will receive for 2023.

The secretary then discussed suggestions for the 2023 HUD Grant. The Business Administrator and the Senior Coordinator made a few recommendations, such as the repair of the chair lift for the Senior and Disabled Services Bus. They also discussed installing lighting for the parking lot of the Library, by recommendation of the Library Board of Trustees. The Committee discussed these recommendations, and based upon the fact that they are assuming that they have approximately \$27,000 left to distribute (omitting the salaries) they discussed putting the remaining funds towards the recommendations of the Administrator, Senior Coordinator and Library. The Secretary will get quotes for the projects, and the Committee will discuss use of the remaining funds to be used at the next meeting.

Discussion was had on the second HUD meeting date. Mr. Greco made a motion to hold the next meeting on February 13, 2023, seconded by Mr. Coyle and carried by a unanimous consent of members present.

Mr. Greco opened the public portion of the meeting for comments or suggestions. Seeing that there were no public comments, Mr. Greco closed the public portion of the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned on motion of Mr. Greco, seconded by Mr. Coyle.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelsey Meixner, Secretary