

MUNICIPAL BUILDING  
Middlesex, NJ 08846

February 4, 2016

A regular meeting of the Housing & Community Development Committee was held at the above place on the above date commencing at 7:00 p.m.

The following responded to the roll call:

Victor Capolunghi	Present
Andrea Corcoran	Present
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Mike Jones	Present
Sheila Grinnell	Absent
Teri Ledger	Present
Betty Platten	Present
Bill Coyle	Absent

John Madden	Present
Council Liaison	

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Secretary Linda Chismar opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Meeting Notice of January 14, 2016.

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Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Chairman of the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Capolunghi nominated Ms. Betty Platten for Chairwoman, seconded by Mr. Jones. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Ms. Platten was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Vice Chairman for the Housing & Community Development Committee. Ms. Platten nominated Mr. Capolunghi for Vice Chairman, seconded by Mr. Ledger. There were no other nominations, the nominations were closed. Mr. Capolunghi was elected by unanimous consent of members present.

Ms. Platten made a motion to approve the October 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes seconded by Ms. Corcoran and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Ms. Platten discussed the distribution of the outstanding HUD Funds and the status of the funds. It was discussed that Middlesex is designated to receive \$48,921 in funding in 2016. The following items have been funded in prior years,

which includes the Senior Coordinator Salary (\$11,075), Senior van Driver (\$7,500), Code Enforcement (\$7,500) and Nutritional Program (\$7,500). With that in mind, the committee discussed the additional \$15,346 in funding for 2016. Mayor DiMura had suggested the possibility of purchasing garbage cans to put along Route 28 and Mountain Avenue. The committee was in favor of that suggestion, and recommended that they be dark blue metal, and purchase a total of 10 pails, 6 placed on Route 28 (Bound Brook Road) in the target area and 4 on Mountain Avenue.

Ms. Platten opened the public portion of the meeting for comments.

Sheila Fuhrmann, Director of the Office on Aging and Senior Services requested that the Committee consider a prefab carport (pole barn) covering to be installed over the 5 vehicles that are used for the Senior citizens. This covering would eliminate the need for the DPW to clean off the vehicles during inclement weather. The vehicles include the meals-on-wheels vehicle, medical transportation vehicle, small van and the two larger vans that are used for recreational transportation. She also requested that electricity be installed for these vehicles, (to keep the motor warm) as in the past they would hook up to the Borough Tower in the back of the parking lot, but we no longer own the tower.

John Hein, Rescue Squad President requested funding for a generator. This item had been discussed in the past by the committee, and the borough engineer indicated that the funds needed were in excess of \$100,000. Mr. Hein indicated that the squad did not have funds for the generator and requested direction for financial help to obtain a generator, as this building is used as an emergency holding area. Mayor DiMura directed Mr. Hein to speak with his liaison and they may be able to look for grant money to help with this request.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Ms. Platten closed the public portion of the meeting.

The Committee discussed the above items and agreed to recommend to the Council the following distribution of the 2016 HUD Funds at the February 23, 2016 Regular Meeting:

Senior Coordinator Salary	\$11,075
Senior Van Driver	\$7,500
Code Enforcement	\$7,500
Nutritional Program	\$7,500
Garbage Pails (10) & Benches (6) for Mtn. Ave. & Bound Brook Rd.	\$6,000
Prefab Shed for Senior Vehicles	\$9,346

**TOTAL**

**\$48,921**

The following outstanding items from 2015 were discussed:

- a. Daisy Park – Committee agreed to move forward with the fencing, stone driveway, basketball court and garbage pails for the Park
- b. Recreation Center Bathroom Refurbish – Committee agreed to remove this item at this time.
- c. Lincoln Park - The Committee agreed to install fencing, garbage can, install pavers on each side of the sidewalk, install bench (put cement under bench).
- d. Rescue Squad Roof – Committee will investigate this item further
- e. Carport for Senior Vehicles – This was discussed above.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, Secretary