

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Middlesex, NJ 08846

January 24, 2019

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
Subbash Dani	Absent
Mike Jones	Present
Teri Ledger	Absent
Betty Platten	Present
Bill Coyle	Present

Kevin Dotey (Attending M&C Council Meeting)
Council Liaison

Secretary Linda Chismar opened the meeting with the Sunshine Law Statement saying the meeting had been advertised in the Meeting Notice of January 7, 2019

Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Chairman of the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Coyle nominated Ms. Betty Platten for Chairwoman, seconded by Ms. Corcoran. 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. Coyle. 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 January 25, 2018 Meeting Minutes seconded by Ms. Corcoran and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Ms. Platten discussed the letter dated January 10, 2019 from the County Housing & Community Development Office regarding the reallocation of between \$300,000 - \$350,000 in funding from previously set aside projects & programs that must be spent so that the County can become compliant with the HUD timely spending requirements. Each municipality can apply for up to \$50,000 in reallocated funding, but must be vouchered to the County by April 5, 2019. This application excludes all public service projects.

Ms. Platten explained to the committee the need for the reconstruction of the Senior Center bathrooms and that it would be a valid project to request, as both bathrooms are in dire need of reconstruction, which is very costly. The Recreation Director and Senior

Director were in attendance at the meeting and were in favor of this work being completed as soon as possible.

A consensus of the Committee was reached to move forward with the application for the allocation of addition HUD funds to renovate the senior center bathrooms and jump start this project to meet the deadlines.

Ms. Platten discussed using the funds allotted for salaries, and if these funds were not taken from the HUD grant, they would have to be put back in the budget. Listed below is the most recent breakdown of HUD funds.

Senior Van Driver	\$7,500
Code Enforcement	\$7,500
Nutritional Program	\$7,500
Senior Coordinator Salary	\$11,075
()	\$15,346
TOTAL	\$48,921

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

Phil Lore of the Rescue Squad requested that the borough paint a “do not block” box on the street in front of the rescue squad doors, as vehicles are not aware that they should not block in the Rescue Squad emergency service vehicles. Ms. Platten will refer this request to the Mayor, as the DPW could possibly paint this “do not block” box in front of the rescue squad driveway.

Evan Walter, Second Street questioned if funds could be used for the new handicapped park discussed to be located at Mountain View Park. Ms. Platten indicated that this park is not in the “qualified” designated area and that Mayor DiMura is reaching out for a County Grant to cover this project. Mr. Walter also mentioned making the park behind the library handicapped accessible.

The Recreation Director stated that she could obtain quotes for any potential equipment to purchase that would be handicapped accessible and provide to the Committee.

The committee discussed using the additional funds (\$15,346) to be put towards the refurbishment of the Senior Center bathrooms, as the men’s bathroom also must be reconstructed. A consensus of the Committee was taken to use these funds for this purpose and use the remaining funds for the items that have been allocated in prior years.

Also, a consensus of the Committee was obtained that once the HUD secretary receives a quote from the Recreation Director for the library park handicapped equipment, she will see if we can use some of the outstanding smaller funds remaining in the HUD account and check with the County to see if we can proceed with a “transfer of funds” resolution to purchase this handicapped equipment for the Recreation Director.

Seeing that there was no further public participation, Ms. Platten 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. Capolunghi, seconded by Ms. Corcoran.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, Secretary