

Remote Meeting  
February 2, 2021

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

The following responded to the roll call:

Stephen Greco	Present
Subbash Dani	Present
Mike Jones	Absent
Andrea Corcoran	Present
Bill Coyle	Present
Carol Schroeder	Absent
Bob Dessino	Present
Amy Flood	Present
Council Representative	

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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 25, 2021.

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

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

Ms. Corcoran made a motion to approve the May 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes seconded by Mr. Greco 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 \$23,700 of grant funds left, and the committee discussed options for these funds.

The 2020 HUD Grant funds included two awnings for the Recreation Building, two benches, two planters as well as redoing the ceiling tiles in the Recreation Center. At

this time, we are still waiting on information from the County regarding the total funds that the borough will receive for 2021.

Mr. Greco then discussed suggestions for the 2021 HUD Grant. The Senior Coordinator made a few recommendations, such as the remodeling of the men's restroom in the Recreation Center, which was in previous years quoted at around \$60,000 to renovate, and the replacement of picnic tables at Legion Park. 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 Men's Bathroom, and take any additional funds needed from the outstanding funds that have been left in the HUD account..

Councilwoman Flood recommended that the committee consider using some of the funds to provide handicap picnic tables at Legion Park and tents for the seniors to host outdoor activities. These items will be discussed further at the March 2, 2021 Meeting, as the Committee Secretary indicated that the Committee has approximately \$52,476 left in funds from previous years.

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.

The Committee agreed on the following amount to recommend to the Council for the February 23, 2021 Meeting:

Senior Coordinator Salary	\$10,000
Senior van Driver	\$ 9,205
Code Enforcement	\$10,575
Nutritional Program	\$6,500
Senior Center Men's Restroom	\$27,206
Total	\$63,486

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Chismar, Secretary