

MUNICIPAL BUILDING
Middlesex, NJ 08846

January 25, 2018

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	Present
Betty Platten	Present
Bill Coyle	Present
John Madden	Present
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 9, 2018

Linda Chismar requested a nomination for the Chairman of the Housing & Community Development Committee. Mr. Capolunghi 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 February 16, 2017 Meeting Minutes seconded by Ms. Corcoran and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

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
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TOTAL

\$48,921

Ms. Platten updated the Committee that the Mayor had contacted Middlesex County and was told that HUD funds could be used for the new Community Center. The Senior/Recreation Center move to the Community Center is scheduled to be done by mid-February. This Center will allow for more space for activities to be held, along with a kitchen facility.

The committee discussed using the additional funds (\$15,346) for the refurbishment of the Senior Center to include the wiring of the building and the repair/replacement of the bathrooms so that they are ADA Compliant.

Ms. Platten mentioned to the Committee that she would get an itemized list of current and past HUD funds from Councilman Madden and will forward it to all committee members for their information.

Mr. Capolunghi requested if the Beechwood Fire House could use funds to upgrade the upstairs of the Fire House. It was noted that this Fire House is not in the target area.

Mr. Capolunghi also questioned if HUD funds could be used to reconstruct the American Legion parking lot, once all the construction of the levy has been completed by the Greenbrook Flood Commission. Mr. Capolunghi indicated that the Legion was told that they would have to repair the parking lot, and they do not have the funds to do that. Mr. Capolunghi would like to consider helping them out with HUD funds if possible. Ms. Platten asked Councilman Madden to check with FEMA to see if they are planning to replace the destroyed Legion parking lot and move the picnic grotto back to its original location.

After discussion, Ms. Platten advised the Secretary to contact Mayor DiMura for any additional potential ideas he may have regarding the refurbishing of the Community Center, which will be the new Senior/Recreation Center.

Ms. Platten opened the public portion of the meeting for comments. Seeing that there was no 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

