

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 12, 2011**

ATTENDANCE: Angel dePara, Co-chair; Robert Curwen, co-chair; Anderson Ayala, Lydia Martinez, Council President Thomas McCarthy; M. Evette Brantley (6:15 p.m.); Michelle Lyons (6:30 p.m.)

STAFF: Kelly McDermott, Central Grants & Community Development Senior Manager

OTHERS: Council Member Susan Brannelly

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Curwen called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

35-10 Consolidation Plan 2008-2013 for Program Year 37 Annual Action Plan: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Home Investment Partnership Program, Housing Opportunities for persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

Public Services

Council Member Curwen then read through the list of requested funding and the recommendations by the Citizen's Union for Public Services.

Council Member Martinez asked about the transfer of the one request for the East End to the Public Service. Ms. McDermott said that the paperwork and the application had not been processed for this.

Council Member Brantley joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Council President McCarthy left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Council Member Lyon asked about the Veteran's Affairs. Council Member Curwen said that the positions had been moved into the General Fund, which is why there was no funding allocated.

Council Member Lyons joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Council Member Brantley asked about the McGivney Center. The programming will provide youth programs and \$5,000 was allocated for the funds. Council Member Brantley said that she had concerns about the youth on the East Side. Council Member Martinez said that she was

recommending that the funding be given to the NRZ, which has not requested funding before. Discussion followed.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED PUBLIC SERVICES FUNDING REQUESTS AND ALLOCATIONS AS AMENDED WITH THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:**

AFFORDABLE HOUSING CENTER - \$0.00
AMERICAN RED CROSS - \$0.00
BHA NORTH END SUMMER PROGRAM - \$0.00
BHA UNIQUE AND UNIFIED - \$7,000
BPT YMCA SOUTH END COMMUNITY CENTER - \$8,000
BPT NEIGHBORHOOD TRUST HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM - \$0.00
CAROLINE HOUSE - \$0.00
CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER SIHRY - \$5,000
COB DEPT ON AGING SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM - \$37,729
COB EAST SIDE SENIOR CENTER RENTAL - \$40,000
COB EAST SIDE SENIOR CENTER PROGRAM - \$0.00
COB HUMAN RESOURCES YSB GRANT MATCH - \$40,000
COB MAYOR'S CONSERVATION CORP. - \$74,408
COB ONR NRZ LEADERSHIP TRAINING - \$0.00
COB ONR EAST END NRZ - \$0.00
COB EAST SIDE NRZ - \$6,000
COB OPED ONR FINANCIAL LITERACY - \$0.00
COB OFFICE OF PERSON'S W/DISABILITIES - \$46,035
COB PARKS/RECREATION SENIOR PROGRAM - \$0.00
COB SOCIAL SERVICES DEPT - LANDLORD/TENANT PROGRAM - \$2,500
COB SS EMERGENCY RELOCATING - \$55,110
COB VETERAN'S AFFAIRS - \$0.00
CRRA GARBAGE MUSEUM - \$0.00
CT FREE SHAKESPEARE/DANDELION PROD. \$0.00
BEARDSLEY ZOO WILD ASSEMBLIES - \$5,000
DOWNTOWN CABARET - \$3,828
FSW - \$5,000
GBATT - \$0.00
GROUNDWORK BRIDGEPORT - \$6,091
HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE ELLA JACKSON SR. CTR - \$8,000
IDEA FOR AUTISM - \$0.00
MCGIVENY CENTER - \$4,000
MT. AERY DEVELOPMENT CORP. \$0.00
NEW BEGINNING MINISTRY - \$0.00
NORTH END COMMUNITY COUNCIL - \$0.00
OPERATION HOPE - \$0.00

ORIGINAL WORKS, INC. - \$3,000
PIVOT MINISTRIES - \$0.00
BPT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE - \$3,000
PRAYER TABERNACLE CHURCH OF LOVE - \$0.00
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RALPHOLA TAYLOR COMM. CENTER - \$9,000
SICKLE CELL - \$2,500
SWAHEC GIVE KIDS A SMILE - \$0.00
TASTE AND SEE OUTREACH MINISTRIES - \$0.00
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST COMMUNITY SUPPER PROG. - \$2,500
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST PROJECT LEARN – \$0.00
VIP COLLEGE PREPARATION - \$5,000

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON AYALA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Housing

Council Member Curwen then read through the recommended allocations of funding for the Housing.

Council Member Brantley asked why Supportive Housing Works was not receiving any funding. Council Member Curwen and Ms. McDermott reviewed which allocations covered the salaries. Council Member Martinez said that she felt that there was not a good balance between residents in need and allocating funds for salaries.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HOUSING FUNDING AS ALLOCATED:**

CG & CD HOUSING PROGRAM DELIVERY - \$140,000
CG & CD LEAD FREE FAMILIES - \$25,000
CG & CD RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROGRAM - \$0.00
COB HOUSING/COMMERCIAL CODE - \$109,225
COB LEAD POISONING PREVENTION - \$144,388
COB ONR RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROGRAM - \$0.00
THE KENNEDY CENTER – \$0.00
MUTUAL HOUSING OF SW CT - \$0.00
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING WORKS – \$0.00
THIRD STONE RIDGE - \$0.00
UNITY HEIGHTS - \$0.00

**** COUNCIL MEMBER ANDERSON AYALA SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Public Facilities/Infrastructure

Council Member Curwen then read the list of funding requests and the recommendation by the Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC FACILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURES:**

ABCD FREEMAN HOMES - \$0.00
AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION - \$0.00
ARK OF CHRIST MINISTRIES, BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS - \$0.00
BRIGEPORT COMMUNITY LAND TRUST - \$0.00
CARDINAL SHEHAN CENTER BUILDING REPAIRS - \$22,525
COB OPED ONR NRZ IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS – \$8,705
COB PARKS AND RECREATION TREE PLANTING PROGRAM - \$0.00
COB PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC PARKS IMPROVEMENTS - \$0.00
GBAPP - \$0.00
HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE HVAC - \$0.00
IDEA FOR AUTISM - \$30,000
LIBERATION PROGRAMS - \$0.00
MCGIVNEY CENTER - \$0.00
NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIOS OF FFLD COUNTY - \$0.00
RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAM - \$0.00
TASTE AND SEE OUTREACH - \$0.00
UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY – \$0.00

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Economic Development

Council Member Curwen then read the list of funding requests and the recommendation by the Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND BUSINESS LOAN FUND - \$50,000
COB OPED SMALL BUSINESS GAP FUND – \$0.00
COB OPED STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - \$0.00
GREATER BPT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE MATTRESS RECYCLING - \$50,000

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO WITHDRAW THE FIGURES FOR
COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND BUSINESS LOAN FUND - \$50,000
AND GREATER BPT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE MATTRESS RECYCLING -
\$50,000**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
FUNDING FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

**COMMUNITY CAPITAL FUND BUSINESS LOAN FUND - \$47,000
COB OPED SMALL BUSINESS GAP FUND – \$0.00
COB OPED STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - \$0.00
GREATER BPT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE MATTRESS RECYCLING - \$0.00**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Anti-Blight

Council Member Curwen said this would be funded elsewhere.

Planning/Administration

Council Member Curwen then read the list of funding requests and the recommendation by the Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING
FUNDING FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION:**

**SEASIDE VILLAGE HOMES - \$0.00
COB ONR NRZ PLANNING – RESERVIOR AND PHASE II BLACK ROCK - \$0.00
CG & CD CDBG ADMINISTRATION - \$504,935**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Section 108 Loan Repayment.

Council Member Curwen explained that the City must repay the required amount of 1,045,196.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE SECTION 108 LOAN REPAYMENT AMOUNT OF 1,045,196.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER DE PARA SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT

Council Member Curwen then read the list of funding requests and the recommendation by the Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:**

**ABCD ENERGY ASSISTANCE - \$15,000
ABCD RENTAL ASSISTANCE - \$15,000
ABCD ST. STEPHEN'S - \$6,366
ALPHA COMMUNITY SERVICES - \$25,000
ARK OF CHRIST MINISTRIES – \$0.00
BPT. TABERNACLE SDA - \$5,000
COB HUMAN SERVICES VETERANS FOOD PANTRY - \$5,000
EAST END COMMUNITY COUNCIL - \$2,500
HABANSKY FOOD PANTRY - \$5,000
GREATER BPT ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PROGRAM - \$3,500
HEALING TREE KINGS PANTRY - \$5,000
NORTH END COMMUNITY COUNCIL - \$2,500
PRAYER TABERNACLE CHURCH OF LOVE - \$0.00
RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAMS/HEAT TIMER - \$0.00
REFOCUS OUTREACH MINISTRY/BRIGHT SPACE - \$0.00
UNITED CONGREGATION /FEEL THE WARMTH - \$0.00
UNITED CONGREGATION /FEEL THE WARMTH FOOD PANTRY - \$5,000
CG & CD ADMINISTRATION - \$7,000**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

HOPWA

Council Member Curwen then read the list of funding requests and the recommendation by the Committee.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:**

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AIDS PROJECT GREATER DANBURY - \$75,000
ALPHA COMMUNITY SERVICES - \$0.00
ARK OF CHRIST MINISTRY/COUNSELING CENTER - \$0.00
CATHOLIC CHARITES/SCATTERED SITE HOUSING - \$70,000
CHEMICAL ABUSE SERVICE AGENCY - \$43,000
MID FAIRFIELD AIDS PROJECT - \$120,000
RECOVERY NETWORK OF PROGRAM/PROSPECT HOUSE - \$80,000
REFOCUS OUTREACH MINISTRY, INC. - \$75,000
ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE - \$111,583
CG & CD ADMINISTRATION - \$17,770

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Home Allocation Plan

Council Member Martinez asked for clarification on the Home Allocation program. Ms. McDermott said that she would provide all the Council Members with a break out on the various aspects of the program. She gave a brief run down on the program. Council Member Lyons asked about the administration, which is required.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:**

ADMINISTRATION – \$107,206
RENTAL PRODUCTION - \$800,000
HOME OWNERSHIP ACTIVITIES – \$ 164,856

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RECESS

Council Member Curwen announced a break at 7:55 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Housing Reprogramming Funds

Council Member de Para asked about the financial details for Unity Heights. Ms. McDermott provided Council Member de Para with the information.

Council Member Brannelly asked about the request from the Kennedy Center. Council Member Curwen said that when homes are removed from the tax rolls, he has difficulty when they come for CDBG funding, despite the good that they do. He pointed out that 48% of the property in Bridgeport belongs to non-profits. He said that in his opinion, this was encouraging non-profits

to take more property off the tax rolls. Council Member Brannelly pointed out that many of the organizations requesting funds were non-profits. Discussion followed.

Council Member Ayala left the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING REPROGRAMING AMOUNTS:**

HOUSING:

CG & CD RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROGRAM - \$175,000

UNITY HEIGHTS - \$185,000

PUBLIC FACILITES:

ABCD FREEMAN HOMES - \$20,000

COB PARKS AND RECREATION GLENWOOD PARK TENNIS COURT - \$180,000

COB PARKS AND RECREATION PUBLIC PARK IMPROVEMENT - \$92,000

GBATT - \$20,000

HALL NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE HVAC - \$20,000

IDEA FOR AUTISM - \$30,000

MCGIVNEY CENTER - \$30,000

UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY - \$41,566

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

COB OPED SMALL BUSINESS GAP FUND- \$125,000

COB OPED STOREFRONT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM - \$125,000

GREATER BPT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE MATTRESS RECYCLING - \$100,000

AND THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT AS AMENDED.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Soltes
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