

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2010**

ATTENDANCE: Angel dePara, Chair; Robert Curwen, Co-chair; Lydia Martinez, Council President Thomas McCarthy

STAFF: A. McGoldrick, City Grants, Ted Grabarz, Public Facilities

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member dePara called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

32-09 Grant Submission: re American Institute of Architecture (AIA) Sustainable Design Assessment Team Program

Mr. Grabarz and Ms. McGoldrick came forward and introduced themselves to the Committee. Council Member Martinez requested copies of the information from Ms. McGoldrick. Ms. McGoldrick gave her copies the material.

Mr. Grabarz then reviewed the overall proposal and reminded everyone about the UI study that resulted in the formation of the Neighborhood Revitalization Zones (NRZs) plans for the individual neighborhoods in Bridgeport. He pointed out that based on the individual NRZ plans, it would be good to begin linking the plans together. The grant would allow for a one day planning session with input from the communities on ways to sustainable link all the neighborhoods together in terms of vehicular circulation, bicycle routes and permeable surfaces.

Ms. McGoldrick explained that the Grant has already been awarded and the group would come to have the full day planning session. The budget for the entire grant is not an monetary award, but the value is worth approximately \$20,000 with a \$5,000 match for technical support along with in kind support. The funds would come from the Public Facilities operating budget and would provide marketing materials and technical support.

Chairman dePara asked if the Public Facilities budget had \$5,000 for this project. Mr. Grabarz said that there was. Council Member Martinez asked about the connectivity of the neighborhoods. Mr. Grabarz said this was so. Council Member Martinez asked which organizations would be involved. Mr. Grabarz said that he had a meeting with Ms. Saltero and Mr. Cobal about this and that all the NRZs would be involved. He was planning on contacting them in the near future about the process and scheduling the

planning session for late April or early May. Council Member Martinez expressed concerns about having other groups who provide services to the community. Mr. Grabarz said that he would like to have the Council members review a list of organization and indicate the names of the groups that they would support in terms of participation.

Council Member Curwen asked for line item that the \$5,000 would be taken from. Mr. Grabarz said that he did not know but would get the information to Council Member Curwen the following day. Mr. Grabarz said that he needed to get permission from Mr. Wood before allocating the funds for the program.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 32-09 GRANT SUBMISSION: RE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTURE (AIA) SUSTAINABLE DESIGN ASSESSMENT TEAM PROGRAM.
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Chairman dePara requested that this item be placed on the consent calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER CURWEN MOVED TO
** COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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