

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was conducted by the Human Affairs Committee on Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Chairman Lori Cardin presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman Marc W. Plamondon, Vice Chair
Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner (7:04 p.m.)
Alderman Kevin E. Gage
Alderman David D. Lozeau

Members of the Committee absent:

Also in Attendance: Alderman-at-Large David W. Deane
Alderman Kathryn D. Vitale
Paul Newman, Manager, Urban Programs Dept.

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Consolidated Plan/Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program

Comments on Past Performance; Identifying Needs for Future Activities

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Chairman Cardin

Paul do you wish to say a few words before we open the public hearing for comments?

Paul Newman

As you all know this is the first of two public hearings during the process during which this committee and the Board of Aldermen contemplate proposals for next year's budget for funding under the Community Development Block Grant and Home Program. This one particularly focuses on what

has been funded in the past and have those expectations been carried out and met.

I expect you will have a number of testifiers tonight on 8 organizations that have received assistance in the past. The next public hearing will be at your meeting on April 20th, which would be in fact the forum for you all to receive testimony on proposals for the next year's funding. In the interim of course is the community forum on the five year consolidated plan. Every five years the city must submit to HUD a five year plan setting out its needs, objectives, and goals for the period for the expenditure of Block Grant funds, Home funds, and other related HUD funding. That community forum will occur on March 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. with the registration, 9:30 will get into full swing. There will be a public notice going out in a day or two, which will be published in the paper as well as invitations to many of the interested individuals, associations, organizations, business associations that we hope fill all participate. We hope that the committee and members of the Board of Alderman that can will as well.

Chairman Cardin

Thank you Paul. I also encourage the members of this committee and the full Board of Aldermen to participate in that meeting. It is important at least for the next five years on the CDBG funds and the decisions that are made by this committee and ultimately the Board of Aldermen. I do encourage them all to try to attend that meeting on March 2nd.

Paul Newman

That will be right upstairs in the auditorium.

Chairman Cardin

Thank you. For the people in the audience we do have handouts on both sides of the room if you are interested.

Alderman Lozeau

Do the CDBG requests also go through Review & Comment?

Chairman Cardin

No, well Alderman Lozeau there is a portion of the CDBG grant that this committee actually decides on how much we are going to give of that grant to the programs and we voted last meeting on 15% of the CDBG grant. That was about \$130,000 I believe. That portion will go through Review & Comment, but the rest of it goes through this committee.

Alderman Lozeau

Thank you.

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR:

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Don Marquis, Chairman, Hunt Building Board of Trustees

Rob Riley, Director, MicroCredit New Hampshire

David Villiotti, Executive Director, Nashua Children's Home

Brian Young, Executive Director, Nashua Center for Multiply Handicapped

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Sister Sharon Walsh, President, MP Housing

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Maryellen Durso, Nashua Area Health Center

Mary Jordan, Director, Nashua Adult Learning Center

Martha Green, Area Agency of Greater Nashua

Beth Raymond, Nashua resident

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Dan Hogan, Abstinence Education Resource Institute

Bridgett Belton-Jette, Director, Neighborhood Housing Services, Greater Nashua

Angeline Kopka, Neighborhood Housing Services

Carol Farmer, Community Council

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION – None

TESTIMONY IN FAVOR – None

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The Public Hearing was declared closed at 7:50 P.M.

Alderman-at-Large James R. Tollner
Committee Clerk