

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2018

The Community Development Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Johnathan Hyde at 5:00 PM.

Committee members present were Councilman David Quarry and Vice-President Sean Steeg.

The following members were present, Councilman James Bair, Councilman Robert Jackson, Borough Manager Daniel Varner, and Borough Secretary Richard King.

The following guest were present, Grants Administrator George Drobnock, Anthony Bullett, Patricca Hunter, Cynthia M. deVries, Jean R Collins, Alexandra Bressler, Amily Buennosho, Darla Malcolm, Schawne Kilgus, Debra Tumlin, Caroline Gillid, Tammy Stuber, Tyler Kawroski, Linda Crossin, Caroline Cuff, Andy Murry, Mark Meckstroth, Lisa McDaniels, Beth Smolojc, Carolyn Lidston, Linda Dearnitt, Carol Guye.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde asked for any comments from the guest.

Anthony Bullett passed out packets to council on non-discrimination ordinance.

Pat Hunter spoke on her son and name calling.

Jean Collins spoke on Huntingdon not being a safe community.

Vice-President Sean Steeg asked if they have checked with the other 52 places to see how it is working. Anthony Bullett said they have checked 1 and it is going good. He also said he has checked with State College.

Anthony Bullett said that this is a hybrid of other ordinances.

Chairman Johnathan Hyde said that we will email a copy to our Solicitor Richard Wilson.

The group said that Juniata College is in full support of this ordinance.

Grants Administrator

George Drobnock said that Huntingdon County is doing the 2018 grant application. He said what the borough had sent, DCED said that we could not put an elevator in the American Legion because they charge membership fees but we could do the windows at the Senior Citizens building. It was mentioned it may be possible to include Ricky's wheels. There was a discussion on the Elevator issue and we will be fighting the denial of this.

George Drobnock said that we need to have a second hearing and submit the grant by November.

George Drobnock spoke on the Microloan and said there has not been a decision on this program. We are still waiting results of our monitoring.

George Drobnock said that he could justify a drawdown of \$8,000.00 but there is \$537.00 that he cannot account for.

George Drobnock mentioned that the 2014 grant, we will need to spend by July 2019. He mentioned that we could release some funds for Engineering and Administrative.

George Drobnock said that to do curb cuts and sidewalks, that the engineer must approve 1st.

George Drobnock spoke on the FAÇADE grant and said we must plan and submit the application and after the job is done it will take about 18 months to get reimbursed.

George Drobnock said that 2000 was the last update of the Current plan and we should update this. We will need to hire an outside consultant.

George Drobnock mentioned about the downtown plan and that we would need drawing and a budget put in place. George said that we did this last time was in 1997 and/or 1998 and we spent \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 and now you are looking at around \$40,000.00 or more.

George Drobnock said that the muddy run repairs will be a huge project, there are 17 culverts and we could try for multimodal grant and we would need to identify places where muddy run crosses the street, like 12th Street, Oneida Street, Mifflin Street and Washington Street.

Chet Isett arrived at 5:49 PM.

Dan Varner asked that we hold off on the Community Development Strategic Plan till next year.

Councilman James Bair asked if we could do something at the Community Center or the William Smith Center with CDBG funds. George said that you would need to identify what projects you will be doing. George said that the more documentation you have the better.

There was a discussion on the Town Clock and that we would have to be the applicant and sign a commitment to fund. Dan said what does it need, do we just buy new electric motors and bushing or take it back to the existing structure of 1950 or completely update it. He said that this is an historical preservation. Dan said that if we commit \$50,000.00 and they do not collect most of the money then we are stuck paying.

Linda DeArmitt said that the Huntingdon Event Center could do a fundraiser for the clock.

It was mentioned that Huntingdon Landmarks 250th 5K run was to go the clock and is around \$2,000.00

Dan Varner mentioned that Bob Carper came to him and said that when he was doing his sidewalk that he was told by the past Borough Manager that he would have to put curb cuts in and said that we would need to open back up CDBG to pay for this. The past Borough Manager told him to go ahead and get a separate bill and bring it in and he would take care of it. The cost is \$1,250.00 and that if this was what Bob was told then we need to pay this. The Committee agreed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by,

Richard S. King
Huntingdon Borough Secretary