

New Philadelphia PY 2016 CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2

Meeting Notes

May 23, 2016 7:01 PM

President of New Philadelphia City Council Sam Hitchcock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers in the John Knisely Centre. The Hearing was presented by Erin Begue, Funding Administrator with W.E. Quicksall and Associates. Present were Councilmembers Cheryl Ramos, John Zucal, Darrin Lautenschleger, Aimee May, Dean Holland; Mayor Joel Day; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Service Director Ron McAbier, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Julie Levensgood Stephen with the New Philadelphia Business and Community Association, as well as Erin Begue, Funding Administrator for W.E. Quicksall and Associates and Construction Coordinator for the project Chip Stephan.

ITEM(S): To provide citizens with pertinent information about the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and Home Programs, including explanation of eligible activities and program requirements.

PRESENTATION BY Erin Begue, Funding Administrator with W.E. Quicksall and Associates: Ms. Begue began by saying this is the 2nd of 2 meetings required by CDBG, the 1st was held on March 14, 2016. The funding available for the City is \$75,000. The proposed project that the City has decided to do is to install a new curb and sidewalk on the side of Fair Avenue from Ray Avenue Rear NE to 5th Street NE. It includes removing an existing curb and sidewalk, widening the road. Existing drive approaches will be replaced in the same project area. The total project cost is \$133,350. The local share is \$58,500.00. The application is due June 17, 2016. A Resolution will need to be passed and authorized in order to submit by that deadline. In order to qualify, last year the City did the 1st phase by submitting Fair Avenue. They had to complete the surveys to qualify because at that time that area was not online eligible. After they completed the survey last year the online came in at 58.33 percent, which put Fair Avenue above the 51 percent threshold. From there the City wanted to pursue the 2nd phase of Fair Avenue, the Block around East Elementary School. Construction Coordinator Chip Stephan is here for any questions regarding the actual project.

THE FLOOR WAS OPENED UP TO QUESTIONS FOR ERIN BEGUE AND CHIP STEPHAN:

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

When will we be considering doing this project?

Ms. Begue had the following response for Mr. Zucal's question:

Phase 1 will kick off this Summer, Phase 2 will kick off next Summer.

Mr. Zucal had the following question:

For Phase 1 are we prepared to move quickly?

Service Director McAbier had the following response.

We just opened bids up on that so we'll announce that June 15th at the latest.

Ms. Begue had the following response:

Phase 1 will be completed prior to the 1st day of school for students at East Elementary.

Mr. Zucal had the following response:

Just an FYI East Elementary also offers Summer School, so we'll have a bus and parents picking up students during that construction.

Mr. Stephan had the following response:

There's no actual construction taking place in front of the school but there might be some lane disruption near Beaver Avenue.

ACTION: Resolution 26-2016 was placed on the Agenda of the May 23rd Regular Council Meeting. The Legislation will need to be passed and the application will need to be submitted no later than June 17th, 2016.

With no further questions or comments regarding the CDBG and Home Programs, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.