

NEW PHILADELPHIA-UHRICHSVILLE

PY 2018 CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS

PUBLIC HEARING NO. 1

Meeting Notes

April 9, 2018 7:00 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 Rebecca Hall with Hall Community Development LLC. Present were Councilmembers Dan Lanzer, Aimee May, Dean Holland, Kelly Ricklic, John Zucal; Mayor Joel Day; Council President Sam Hitchcock; Clerk of Council Julie Courtright; Service Director Ron McAbier, Treasurer Tom Gerber, Safety Director Greg Popham, Auditor Beth Gundy, Law Director Marvin Fete.

ITEM(S): To inform the Citizens of New Philadelphia of the federally funded program available in fiscal year 2018 with funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program and HOME Programs, both of which are administered by the State of Ohio.

PRESENTATION BY REBECCA HALL WITH HALL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LLC

What I'm here for is with any of these grant programs you have to have two public hearings. This is the first public hearing, and this is the general public hearing where we give an opportunity to look at the programs that are available for funding and among the funding is the CHIP activity. On your sheet that we handed out we've got the announcement of the Public Hearing that did appear in the Times Reporter on March 29, 2018, then we also have an explanation that was in the program. It's a consolidated plan that lists the different programs and budget amounts. This is for the 2018 program which starts in September of this year. I did mark that the Community Housing Impact Preservation Program that's the CHIP, the budgeted amount for that Statewide. Then also another area that you are participating in is the Community Development Block Grant Program. That will be an application next year and there will be a Public Hearing at that time. In addition to the information provided here there's also a sign in sheet. There's actually two sign in sheets. One for the Fair Housing Program which is a part of both the CHIP Program and the CDBG Program, and then a sign in sheet for the Public Hearing. The CHIP Program this year has been reduced by \$100,000, so the amount that New Phila and Uhrichsville can apply for now is \$650,000. That's down from \$750,000 in the past. In addition to the CHIP I'd like to talk about our current program. We're underway, we have a number of applications. We had proposed in the PY 16 Program to rehabilitate 15 homes. Right now we've got 5 in the bidding process, one under construction, two completed, and we've got 7 more that we're working with to try to meet our goal by the end of this year. This is both New Phila and Uhrichsville. We have plenty of applications for the New Philadelphia portion of the grant but we're finding in Uhrichsville that some of the homes there are exceeding our program limit. We've also got 8 homes of home repair. We got four completed. Our priority is to try to get the Owner Occupied Rehab Project that's underway finished. We also need to talk a little about fair housing. Attached with the packet were two brochures, one was the fair housing general guide and then the other was the tenant and landlord information. So very often fair housing complaints happen to be a tenant and landlord issue. That seems to be the majority of the complaints. During this particular CHIP Program what was done was an agreement was made with the Tuscarawas County Office of Community Development for them to actually coordinate the entire fair housing effort for this county. It seemed to be more complicated when you had fair housing complaints coming to the City of New Philadelphia and then if the people lived just outside the border of the City then their fair housing complaints would go to the County. There is training with fair housing. That training deals with fair housing law, where people can go with questions and concerns that they have and they will receive referrals to various places that deal with their complaints.

THE FLOOR WAS OPENED UP TO QUESTIONS FOR MS. HALL: NO QUESTIONS

Action: No action was taken.

With no further questions or comments regarding the CDBG and NRG Programs, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

