



CITY OF DOVER

DOVER PLANNING BOARD – WORKSHOP MINUTES

Meeting Type: Workshop
Meeting Location: Council Chambers – 288 Central Avenue Dover NH 03820
Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010
Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Cole (Chair), Frank Torr (Vice Chair), John Swartzendruber, Doug Steel, Marcia Gasses, Lee Skinner (Alternate) and Gary Green (Alternate)

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Donald Andolina, Dean Trefethen, Linda Merullo and Perry Plummer.

STAFF PRESENT: Christopher Parker (Planning Director), Rick Jones (Community Development Coordinator) and Michelle Beauchamp (Recording Secretary).

The Chair called the meeting called to order at 6PM. As alternates, Lee Skinner stood in for Linda Merullo and Gary Green stood in for Perry Plummer

1. DISCUSSION REGARDING: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding requests for Fiscal Year 2011.

Staff recommendations were presented to the Board. C.Parker noted that he would like the Board to focus on the Public Service Agencies. He added that the Administration, Rehabilitation, Public Facilities and Economic Development Agencies are accounted for and there is no need to shift funding since the requests were not more than what was available.

Marcia Gasses noted that she would like to fund Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Sexual Assault Support Services.

C.Parker noted that he recommends that the Board leave the higher funded recommendations. He noted that these have been ranked based on the consolidated plan.

R.Cole noted that the Board should take into consideration the percentage of Dover residents served by the agencies.

C.Parker noted that \$3,000 is a good minimum for administrative purposes.

L.Skinner questioned the reasons as to why the Dover Recreation Department was included. C.Parker noted that the funds would be used for scholarship kids going to activities such as summer camp, which allows parents to go to work. He added that they have never asked for funds before and usually got 15,000 from general fund this will augment that. R.Cole noted that the Dover Recreation Department would be 100% Dover residents. G.Green noted that this department is well directed and the funds would go to low income children and it is a benefit that would not otherwise be there.

M.Gasses noted that Dover is the only community does not give to Sexual Assault Support Services and she found that disturbing.

F.Torr supports the Sexual Assault Support Services, but moving the funds would upset the balance and will be a lose/lose situation. L.Skinner added that the Board was between a rock and a hard place. He noted that he understands the minimum should be \$3,000, but we would need to cut something.

R.Jones noted that the fact is that we have \$59,949 to spend and \$130,520 in requests.



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R.Jones noted that HUB is in the recommendations based on prior years. R.Cole noted that Seymour and Hub are trying to break the circle by taking these kids and parents and teaching them to do the right thing. M.Gasses noted that she did not think \$3,000 will devastate HUB.

D.Steele questioned if Sexual Assault Support Services received funds from the County. It was noted that of the people they assisted 10% were Dover residents. R.Jones noted that the education component is not eligible for a CDBG. He added that it is good education but we can not support them for direct services.

C.Parker noted that once the Board has finalized their recommendation, the proposal will be submitted to City Council.

M.Gasses noted that Sexual Assault Support Services assisted 97 Dover residents of which 49% of them were low to very low income. She added that if all the other communities supported this, we should support it.

R.Cole noted that there is no right or wrong. He suggested keeping funds in HUB and remove \$3,000 from Recreation Department, leaving them \$2,299. R.Jones noted that there is a \$44,000 budget difference between Sexual Assault and HUB.

F.Torr agrees with M.Gasses but he feels there will be major cuts in the budget and he would like to at least preserve funding for recreation.

The Chair took a straw vote to change two line items in the staff recommendation. Fund the Recreation Department at \$2,299 and Sexual Assault Support Services at \$3,000.

The Chair closed the workshop at 6:50PM.