

Town of East Haven, CT
Urban Renewal Agency Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2011
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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Moscato
Commissioner Midolo
Commissioner Dynderski
Vice-Chairman Fucci (7:25)

STAFF PRESENT:

Megan McAuliffe, CDC
Paul Hongo, Dir.
Attorney Cofrancesco

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Janet Messina
Scott D'Aniello
Elizabeth Serrano

Chairman Moscato called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Commissioner Midolo and seconded by Commissioner Dynderski to approve the minutes of the August 23rd meeting. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hongo stated he really didn't have anything to report, however he asked the commission if they could hear from members of the public who were present at this time.

Janet Messina, a recipient of a rehab loan was in attendance and handed out a letter to the commission and then proceeded to read the letter to them. There were many issues she discussed especially the fact that she terminated the contractor that had been doing some work on her home. She wanted to see how it could be corrected. It was agreed at the last meeting that the agency would go back out to bid for the project and she was here to see if and what she could get done so that she could finally get back into her home.

Elizabeth Serrano, who is also a recipient of a rehab loan, then spoke regarding the issues that she has encountered with her home. There are several problems that she relayed to the commission members. Both homeowners thanked the commission for letting their concerns be heard.

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After hearing from both residents, Attorney Cofrancesco stated that there were a few things that needed immediate attention. The contractor needed to be put on notice and the insurance company needed to be involved. It was also mentioned that the residents could get the Security Fund involved as well as Consumer Protection. A lengthy discussion was held with the commission, the residents and Attorney Cofrancesco. Director Hongo and CDC McAuliffe will call Mt. Carmel construction to discuss the warranty information for the Serrano home.

There were several questions asked regarding how contractors were selected, who was advocating for the homeowner and why things had to come to this in order for them to get fixed. The homeowners had several concerns over what they saw as the common factor, which in their opinion was the representative from the administrator of the program.

At this time, 8:15, Vice-Chair Fucci made a **MOTION** to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Midolo seconded. Those allowed in Executive Session were the commission members, Director Hongo and Attorney Cofrancesco.

Commissioner Dynderski made a MOTION to exit Executive Session at 8:45. Commissioner Midolo seconded.

Director Hongo recommended to the commission the following items:

1. The Messina Project will be put back out to bid including both inside and outside. This will go through Larry Wagner, not his representative.
2. The homeowner is committed to doing whatever is necessary to get this complete including but not limited to pursuing every avenue with regard to the roofing contractor and the home contractor.
3. The agency will commit to the inside as long as the homeowner turns over the funds to the Town including insurance money and any other monies secured toward reimbursement.

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Commissioner Midolo made a **MOTION** to follow the recommendation of Director Hongo. Commissioner Dynderski seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

SMALL CITIES PROGRAM

CDC McAuliffe gave an update on the wait list and the current projects that were about to begin. Project #s 164, 180, 202 and 208 were set to begin. Ads were going in the paper for bids by this weekend. Project #208 was just waiting on documents from the contractor. There was discussion held with regard to program guideline changes, but won't be introduced until the next application and will be discussed again at the next meeting. We are still waiting for an answer on the 2011 Grant application. The decision usually comes out in October.

BILLS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

There being no further business to come before the commission, **MOTION** made by Vice-Chairman Fucci and seconded by Commissioner Dynderski to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda S. LaLuna
Clerk