

**EAST HAVEN URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 25, 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Moscato  
Commissioner Midolo  
Commissioner Fucci  
Commissioner Sparaco

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Tara Pisaturo-Pelatowski, CDC  
Mike Harris, Larry Wagner & Associates

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner Lynn

Commissioner Fucci called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Fucci made a motion to approve the minutes of the November meeting with a second by Commissioner Sparaco. **MOTION CARRIED**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Tara Pisaturo-Pelatowski addressed the commission's question regarding HUD's 203 K program. Literature was passed out to all in attendance. Tara explained that the program was not a town assistance program. HUD's program allows for the mortgagee and the lender to make extensions and grant variances on existing loans to prevent foreclosure. Tara also mentioned HUD's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) that is applied for through DECD. East Haven was not selected as one of the seven recipients in the State. The commission discussed foreclosure rates in the Town and what can be done to prevent more foreclosures. Tara explained that the Town had been selected to participate in a program run by the National Workforce Camp, which is affiliated with the Tubor Church located in Branford. The

organization will help build some ADA ramps and do some light house repairs for disabled and elderly residents during Summer 2009.

Tara expressed interest in forming a Strategic Planning Committee to identify future commercial and residential development for the Town. She explained that there are other grants available to the Town and is looking into that. She will keep the commission abreast to her progress. The commission asked for a copy of the Town's Housing Rehabilitation project list. Mike Harris will send out a report to Tara and the commission next week. The commission also asked to be notified of any "emergency" applicant's as they come through the Urban Renewal Office.

### **SMALL CITIES PROGRAM**

Mike Harris presented to the commission a potential project on 80 Pleasant Ave for Joe and Fran Pisaturo. The project's lowest qualified bid came in at \$31,800 from Menaje, LLC. Mike explained that the property needed lead abatement in the windows and in the siding. Currently, there are small children in the house and the lead poses an immediate health risk to the children and the other occupants. Mike explained that rehabilitating the house would help make the home safe, increase the property value, and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood. The commission agreed to let the Town move forward on the project.

Mike also explained that the Town has an applicant that is morbidly obese and needs a handicap accessible bathroom. The commission agreed that the Town should have a structural engineer assess the property to estimate the costs of building a ADA compliant bathroom. Tara will follow-up with the building inspector and town engineer to find out if they have the credential's do this type of inspection.

Finally, Mike explained the roll that Wagner and Associates plays in the application, bidding, and construction in the Town's Housing Rehabilitation Program.

### **BILLS**

None

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

There being no further business to come before the commission,  
**MOTION** made by Commissioner Midolo and seconded by  
Commissioner Sparaco to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. All were in  
favor, none were opposed and none abstained. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara Pisaturo-Pelatowski  
Clerk