

MINUTES - PUBLIC HEARING

TOWN OF WINDSOR

7:00 P.M., WEDESDAY, MARCH 28, 2007
COMMUNITY ROOM
WINDOR COMMUNITY CENTER
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

The March 28th, 2007 public hearing held by the Town of Windsor's Office of Community Development to solicit input on 1) the Town's existing community development initiatives, 2) the communities needs in general, and those of low/moderate income in particular, and 3) suggestions for activities for funding though the Community Development block Grant – Small Cities Program was called to order at 7:02 by Jim Hallisey, Community Development Coordinator.

Jim Hallisey noted that a concern had been raised relative to the lack of quorum of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee for the previous public hearing on the Community Development Block Grant. Based on an opinion by the Town it was decided to hold another public hearing held by the Office of Community.

It was noted that communities across the state with populations of less than 50,000 people compete for approx. \$15,000,000 through the Community Development Block Grant – Small Cities Program. Cities with a population of 50,000 or more receive funds on a formula basis. In order to qualify for CDBG funds an activity has to meet one of three (3) national objectives; 1) assist low/moderate income households, 2) eliminate slums and blight, and 3) meet an urgent community development need for which no other resources are available. Eligible activities include housing rehabilitation, public services (conditions apply), infrastructure improvements, special economic development activities, demolition. Hallisey stated that the Town of Windsor has used CDBG – Small Cities funds in the past for the reconstruction of a number of streets, drainage work, sidewalks, the adult day care facility at 330 Windsor Avenue, façade improvements, small business loans and downpayment assistance. The public was invited to make recommendations or ask questions.

Alvin Bingham indicated that he felt that if the Town were to use CDBG funds for infrastructure, they should engage the services of an outside engineering firm. He indicated that, in his opinion, the design and inspection of Corey Street (Broadview Street in particular) was not satisfactory. Stormwater does not drain to the catch basins resulting in icing conditions.

Bradshaw Smith noted that improvements to the Wilson branch Library, which the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Commission has advocated for in the past, would be a

Jim Hallisey noted that the Town is in need of additional funds for its Housing Rehabilitation Program. While the program does operate town-wide, eligibility is based on household income and many of the units that have been assisted by this program are situated in the Wilson and Deerfield neighborhoods.

Improvements to the median was suggested as a possible activity..

The public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

James Hallisey
The Office of Community Development

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SPECIAL MEETING
WILSON DEERFIELD ADVISORY COMMISSION
COMMUNITY ROOM
WINDSOR COMMUNITY CENTER
330 WINDSOR AVENUE
MARCH 28, 2007

1) CALL TO ORDER

The 3/28/07 Special Meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:23. p.m.

Members Present

Violet Nahabedian
Nellie Mason

Also Present

Bradshaw Smith
Alvin Bingham
Jerri Columbia
Earl Martin
Jim Hallisey

2) PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

3) NEW BUSINESS

None

4) OLD BUSINESS

None

5) MISCELLANEOUS

A concern was noted relative to flashing signs at several of the businesses in Wilson.

There was an inquiry as to the status of the redevelopment parcel. Hallisey indicated that there had been no progress of late.

The topic of site improvements at the Hopwell Baptist Church site was raised. Hallisey indicated that the approval had been modified to allow the church

additional time to complete site work. Hallisey indicated he would inquire as to the date of the required completion.

A question was raised as to what is being done about unregistered motor vehicles. Hallisey responded that the Police Department handles complaints involving unregistered vehicles. He further indicated he would look into the actual process and report back to the Commission.

A question was raised as to exactly what was purchased in the way of computers for the Wilson Branch and whether or not the equipment has been installed. Hallisey indicated he would check into it and report back.

The issue of the site conditions at Windsor Automotive was raised. It had previously been reported that this matter was in the hands of the Town Attorney.

There was discussion as to why the proposed improvements to the Wilson Branch Library are not scheduled in the Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Bingham requested that someone who could answer this question attend the next WDAC meeting. Hallisey indicated he would see what he could do.

6) ADJOURNMENT

The 3/28 Special Meeting of the Wilson Deerfield Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

James J. Hallisey
The Office of Community Development