

HEARING OF McKEAN TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS

CALL TO ORDER

A hearing of the Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice Chairman Edward Hess at 3:30 p.m. as previously publicized by the ECDP in accordance with the Sunshine Law and took place at the McKean Township Municipal Bldg. The purpose of the hearing was to review the prior use of CDBG funds, discuss how the township may want to utilize its FY 2012 CDBG allocation and review and update the proposed CDBG Three Year Plan.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Edward Hess and Kenneth Neuburger. Guest present was Joe Berdis from ECDP.

It is anticipated that there would be additional cuts to the 2012 allocation.

The range of activities which may be undertaken with CDBG funds includes water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer construction, street reconstruction, and sidewalk/curb replacement, recreation improvements, housing rehabilitation, homeownership assistance, acquisition of property, fair housing activities, and handicapped accessibility improvements.

An eligible activity must meet the National Objective of the program of benefiting low-to-moderate income persons which would be at a minimum 51% of those benefiting from the project must be LMI.

A low-to-moderate income person is an individual whose income is no more than 80% of median income for the area. The 80% is determined by HUD based on a four-person family, and is adjust upward or downward for larger or smaller families.

Recapped projects undertaken with CDBG program funds for 2008 through 2011 are as follows: (1) 2008 project work completed, (2) 2009 completed, (3) completed, and (4) rehabilitation of substandard, single-family, LMI owner occupied housing units and update to the Comprehensive Plan to be completed.

The following needs and objectives were discussed as required by the program:

I. Housing Needs

There are 1,714 housing units in McKean Township of which 14.8% were built before 1940. Many of these older unit households can usually be classified as low-to-moderate income. Given this situation, there is still a need for the Township to continue a program of LMI single family housing rehabilitation.

Housing Objectives

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Continue to address the township's substandard housing conditions through the implementation of a FY 2011 CDBG funded housing rehabilitation project in which the homes of low-to-moderate income families are rehabilitated for compliance with HUD Section 8 Housing Quality Standards. Also, identify rental units which may be in need of rehabilitation.

II. Public/Community Facilities Needs

The ADA accessible walkway/path of the McKean Community Park is in need of repair and additional ADA accessible parking spaces needed near restrooms.

Update of the Township's current Comprehensive Plan which should be updated at ten-year cycles.

Public/Community Facilities Objectives

Provide ADA accessibility upgrades at the McKean Community Park and update the Comprehensive Plan utilizing CDGB administrative/planning funds.

III. Public Service Needs/Objectives

Public services include child care, health care, job training, services for senior citizens, drug abuse counseling and treatment and services for homeless persons.

Economic Needs/Objectives

The major economic development needs in the community include those activities that could be undertaken to create/retain jobs.

Short Term Plan-Year 1 (2011)

Begin implementation of the FY 2011 CDBG funded single family housing rehabilitation projects and update the Comprehensive Plan.

Long Term Plan-Years 2 and 3 (2012 and 2013)

Continue a program of single family housing rehabilitation and identify rental units which may be in need of rehabilitation for the purpose of undertaking a future CDBG funded Rental Housing Rehabilitation Project. Undertake improvements to the existing walkway/path at the McKean Community Park and provide additional handicapped accessible parking spaces. Extend sewer service along Grubb Road and service extension connections. Also, consider relining or replacing sewer lines and laterals in Idyll Whyte Mobile Home Park.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no objections, the hearing adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

As typed by,

Janice T. Dennis, Secretary