

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

Town Of Trumbull Stern Village – Small Cities Grant Meeting Minutes February 29, 2016 6:30 p.m. Trumbull Town Hall

Present: Rob Librandi – Land Use Planner
Lynn Arnow – Chief of Staff
Harriet Polansky – Executive Director - Trumbull Housing Authority
Thelma Burr – Treasurer – Trumbull Housing Authority
Neil Gerhardt – Finance Consultant – Trumbull Housing Authority
Frank Stellato – Millennium
Larry Wagner – L. Wagner & Associates
George Wiles – Wiles + Architects

Public Comment: Cindy Katske – 129 Meadow View Drive
Gus Aquino – 179 Stern Village
Judith Restieri – 3 Stern Village
Michael London – 15 Lake Avenue
John Koch - 82 Stern Village

Rob Librandi called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., requested the Legal Notice be included for the record (attached) and then introduced Larry Wagner, President of L. Wagner & Associates. Mr. Wagner stated that his company is a development consulting firm that works with cities and towns in a variety of different state and federal funding programs. L. Wagner & Associates provide aid in obtaining funding, assist with grant writing, and manage projects to ensure various compliance requirements are met. He noted Stern Village is applying for a small cities grant that is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development on an annual competitive basis. The project Stern Village is proposing is a part of a long range approach to renovate the entire complex (186 units) with state funding.

Mr. Wagner noted that the Town had previously participated in the Small Cities Program which completed renovations to the Senior Center but had not used the Program recently.

He explained Program Income but also noted the Town had not had funding which would have generated any repayments and that this project would be provided as a grant to the Authority.

Harriett Polansky, Executive Director of the Trumbull Housing Authority, commented that the improvements to Stern Village were critical since upgrades hadn't been done in over 40 years. She reported they plan to install energy efficient ductless heater pumps with air conditioning for all units. Currently, the complex has baseboard electric heat that is outdated and not energy efficient. The heater pumps offer health, safety and energy improvements which not only will lower the residents' heating bills substantially, but include filters that remove allergens and lower

humidity - an added benefit to those suffering from asthma and breathing problems. Ms. Polansky advised that there are also anticipated road improvements to Stern Village which are crucial to aid first responders and necessary for disabled residents. Drainage concerns, sewage issues and curb problems also need to be addressed and she strongly encouraged letters of support be submitted. Stern Village has a nine member Advisement Committee which will present updates and resident participation is essential to procure future grant funding.

Cindy Katske questioned the time line for the heat pump installation and Larry Wagner advised the grant process is initiated in August/September and should be completed around November.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was then opened for public comment and the following spoke in favor of the heat pumps to lower heating costs, improve health issues and bypass use of window air conditioners.

Thelma Burr (Treasurer - THA), Gus Aquino – 179 Stern Village; Judith Restieri – 3 Stern Village; John Koch – 82 Stern Village; John Koch – 82 Stern Village; Michael London – 15 Lake Avenue;

There being no further comments, Rob Librandi made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Andreyka
Clerk

Attachment