

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA

MARCH 10, 1986

The regular meeting of the Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Plymouth, was called to order by Chairman Del Erickson on the 10th day of March, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Conference Room in the City of Plymouth, Minnesota. The following members of the Authority were present: Chairman Erickson, Commissioners Gerry Nells, Harold Bakke, Dave Crain, and Rod Hillstrom who arrived at 6:17 p.m. Also present were Planning Director Tremere, Housing Specialist Dale, and City Clerk Houk.

ABSENT

None

MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Nells, seconded by Commissioner Crain, to approve the minutes of the January 27 and February 10, 1986 meetings as submitted.

Motion carried, four ayes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION was made by Commissioner Crain, seconded by Chairman Erickson, to adopt HRA RESOLUTION NO. 86-05 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS for 1986 as follows: Chairman, Del Erickson; Vice-Chair, Harold Bakke; and Secretary-Treasurer, Gerry Nells.

Motion carried on a Roll Call vote, four ayes.

PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG PROGRAM YEAR XII FUNDING

Associate Planner Dale stated the hearing was to consider the proposed funding for Year XII of the Community Development Block Grant Program. He reviewed the Year XI projects and the amounts allocated for each. It is expected that the funding level will be reduced by approximately one-third for Year XII.

Chairman Erickson opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Gayleen Touhey, Suburban Hennepin County Coalition, spoke in favor of the childcare allocation stating they have a waiting list for assistance. She asked the Commission to not cut the funding to zero as suggested by staff.

Director Tremere stated staff is recommending the funding of two projects only; rehabilitation of private dwellings and senior citizen housing site. If childcare is to be funded, the money would come from one or both of these projects. The recommended projects represent eligible community development activities rather than support of social services.

Commissioner Hillstrom joined the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

Director Tremere stated that in the past it has been the HRA and Council's view that CDBG funds were not to be used for services. They've supported childcare for the past two years, but now, with the proposed cutback, it is staff's recommendation to eliminate the childcare assistance payments program.

Grace Norris, Greater Minneapolis Daycare, suggested the City reduce all its projects by one-third and keep the funding for the daycare program.

Kay Hanson, recipient of daycare funding, stated that if she didn't have the help she is getting with daycare, she couldn't be working.

The hearing was closed at 6:27 p.m.

Discussion continued on the income limits for eligibility for the rehabilitation program, the work being done to the homes, and the length of the waiting list.

Planner Tremere stated the amount being proposed for the senior citizen housing site could be used to provide hook-up of sewer and water, construction of sidewalks, street lights, and other eligible uses.

Commissioner Bakke suggested cutting the senior citizen housing project by \$10,000 with an additional amount coming from the rehabilitation program to fund the daycare project with a one-third reduction from last year's amount.

Commissioner Neils stated he is not enthusiastic about maintaining the rehabilitation program for the younger residents but would like to see it continue for senior citizens. He is not too optimistic about the future of the senior citizen housing project and would not like to see more money put into it. He favors keeping the childcare program in tact by reducing the senior citizen housing project to zero.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Bakke, seconded by Commissioner Neils, to adopt HRA RESOLUTION NO. 86-06 RECOMMENDING ALLOCATION OF YEAR XII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS reducing the senior citizen housing site activity allocation by \$16,000 and adding \$16,000 to the childcare program allocation.

Commissioner Neils stated he would prefer reducing the rehabilitation program by \$5,000 and making the childcare program \$20,000.

Commissioner Crain agreed with Commissioner Neils as to raising the childcare program allocation to \$20,000 while reducing the housing rehabilitation program and the senior citizen housing site to \$74,197 and \$5,000 respectively.

Commissioner Hillstrom stated he sympathized with the childcare needs, but he would like to see it reduced to \$11,000 with the funds coming from the senior citizen housing site and the rehabilitation program remaining at \$80,000.

Chairman Erickson's recommended allocation "split" was \$15,000 for childcare, \$75,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$9,197 for senior citizen housing.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Commissioner Neils, seconded by Commissioner Bakke, to adopt HRA RESOLUTION NO. 86-06 RECOMMENDING ALLOCATION OF YEAR XII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS with \$74,197 for the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program: \$5,000 for the Senior Citizen Housing Site; and \$20,000 for the Childcare Assistance Payment Program.

Commissioner Crain suggested that, if there are monies remaining from the scattered site home ownership program, it might be reallocated to the rehabilitation program.

Motion carried on a Roll Call vote, three ayes. Chairman Erickson and Commissioner Hillstrom voted nay.

Director Tremere stated that the City Council will be presented with the recommended allocation for their approval at their March 17 meeting.

SECTION 8 PROGRAM UPDATE

Associate Planner Dale reported that the HRA is currently accepting applications for two bedroom Section 8 certificates. To date 35 applications have been received with the likelihood that some people will be waiting up to 18 months before being interviewed.

SCATTERED SITE HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM

Associate Planner Dale reported that the three houses on Glacier Lane have been sold. The landscaping will be completed this spring. He believes that, if the program is to be repeated, it should be on a one lot, one house at a time basis.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Director Tremere stated the Request For Proposal which will be mailed out shortly reflects the HRA and Council recommended changes. The deadline for submittal is May 2.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Commissioners discussed the HRA meeting schedule and decided that meetings will continue to be the first Monday of the month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Secretary