



**Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee -
Board of Representatives**

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

Lila Wallace, Vice Chair

REPORT of Meeting and Public Hearing

Date: Tuesday May 20, 2014
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Democratic Caucus Room 4th Floor, Government Center, 888
Washington Boulevard

The Housing/Community Development/Social Services Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Chair Mitchell, Vice Chair Wallace, and Committee Member Reps. Giordano, Mahoney, McNeil and Moore. Absent or excused was Rep. Uva. Also present were Karen Cammarotta, Grants office; Tim Beeble, Community Development Office; Shari L. Shapiro, Kids in Crisis; Christa Chu, Child Guidance; Eric Koehler and Jeannie Kasindoif, Jewish Community Center; Bonnie Ceirine and Angelica Durrell Intake Music; and Fran Pastore, WBDC.

Chair Mitchell opened the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.:

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. HCD29.10	APPROVAL; of budget for year 40 CDBG 02/05/14 – Submitted by Tim Beeble	Held in Committee

The Committee discussed funding of the CDBG.

A motion was made and seconded to send a letter to Bread of Life Church to resend funding from 2010 of \$21,000 and move the funds to the CDBG contingency fund for reallocation. Said motion was approved by a vote of 4-0-0. (Mitchell, Wallace, Giordano and Mahoney in favor) (Committee will discuss the reallocation at the next Committee Meeting)

Chair Mitchell stated she does not know the status of NEON or The Yerwood Center.

A motion was made and seconded to hold Neon and Yerwood allocated funds and put them into the contingency fund.

Rep. Wallace asked how long would the funds would be in the contingency fund. Rep. Mahoney suggested that the committee could decide that. Mr. Beeble stated the letter would say if the funds are not spent by June 30, 2015 then they would be reallocated.

Chair Mitchell asked if the money is sent to contingency would NEON and Yerwood have to reapply. Mr. Beeble said no they can use the present application for Year 40.

Mr. Beeble explained that they can actually leave the money in the budget because they cannot access the money until they get their [audits](#) in place and actually fund the programs.

Said motion was withdrawn.

- ii. [HCD29.11](#) RESOLUTION and PUBLIC HEARING; approving a list of programs to the State Dept. of Revenue Services in accordance with the provisions of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act. 03/25/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **No Action Taken**

Karen Cammarota briefly explained the program to the committee. The State usually allocates \$5 million per year in tax credits to entities that donate to an approved list of not-for-profits. Local municipalities are charged by the State with approving the not-for-profit; this is done by holding a public hearing and approving the programs. Then, the entities that donate to these not-for-profits are entitled to receive the tax credits (donations up to \$150,000 qualify). In the event the State reaches the maximum of \$5 million, the amount is pro-rated among eligible participants.

The committee heard presentations from the attached [list](#) of presenters.

Chair Mitchell closed the public hearing at 8:20 p.m.

- iii. [HCD29.15](#) PUBLIC HEARING; (2nd) of the Stamford Community Development Office Year 40 Annual Action Plan for the use of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships program funds 05/05/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Held in Committee**

Chair Mitchell opened the public at 6:47 p.m.

Two organizations were in attendance to speak on their organizations:

Angelica Durrell, The Intake Organization and Fran Pastore, Women's Business Development Council.

4. [HCD29.16](#) RESOLUTION; Authorizing the Mayor to Submit the Year 40 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Program of the City of Stamford 05/05/14 – Submitted by Mayor Martin **Held in Committee**

Submitted by,

Elaine Mitchell, Chair

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