

BOROUGH OF YEADON
SPECIAL MEETING - CDBG
DECEMBER 28, 2011
6:16 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Asher Kemp Jr., Council President, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Asher Kemp Jr., President	Present
Sandra D. Thomas, Vice President	Absent
John F. Byrne	Absent
John Holden	Present
Deborah Robinson-Howell	Present
Florence "Penny" McDonald	Present
Denise H. Stinson	Present
Dolores Jones-Butler, Mayor	Present
Caren Andrews, Manager	Present
Robert Scott, Solicitor	Present

President Kemp asked for public input. A citizen asked for a summary of eligible projects. Todd Frey, the Borough Engineer summarized the projects that were previously discussed at the December 15th Council meeting. They were the Yeadon Swim Club demolition and site clean-up, the Yeadon Swim Club site and architectural plans, and physical improvements to the intersection of Guenther Avenue and Church Lane to address vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Asher Kemp asked for the engineer's recommendations on phasing in the improvements to the Yeadon Swim Club site. Mr. Frey recommended as Phase One the demolition of the existing building and site clean-up. The parcel is blighted and presents significant safety concerns. He suggested as Phase Two the site and architectural plans.

Clifford Brock asked what is in place to ensure minority and neighborhood participation. Jacquelynn Puriefoy-Brinkley stated there is a Borough ordinance addressing minority hiring. Ms. Puriefoy-Brinkley announced a few years back the Borough had a planning consultant examine this parcel and prepare a report. Mayor Jones-Butler stated Delaware County is aware of the CH Planning Study for the Yeadon Swim Club property which includes a recreation facility and police station.

Dr. Harris described the public participation rules for the CDBG process.

Terry McGirth spoke in support of Mr. Brock's position on minority hiring and recommended the Borough hire from within the community. Mr. McGirth asked if the Borough needs to provide local funding if the grant is approved. Mr. McGirth was concerned about the Borough's fiscal health. Mr. McGirth asked if the Zoning Hearing Board and Code Department are involved in the Yeadon Swim Club project.

Mr. Frey stated the cost for filing the CDBG application rests with the Borough. Mr. Frey estimates the application costs associated with engineering are approximately \$ 2000 per project. He anticipates the engineering fees for Phase One, demolition, will fall under this estimate. In addition, if the grant gets approved the Borough must fund the administrative components of the grant such as contract development, bidding, and inspections.

Mayor Jones-Butler stated the Yeadon Swim Club property is a public nuisance and safety hazard. She urged that Phase One go forward.

Mr. Wilborn expressed concerns about high taxes. There was a series of questions concerning the earned income tax collections. Jacquelynn Puriefoy-Brinkley announced the fiscal issues predate this administration. There was a brief discussion amongst the public on previous tax increases, budgets, the prior Borough Manager, and the recent Manager search.

Dr. Harris told the public there are eight phases of development. The demolition is Phase One.

President Kemp requested a motion.

Motion: Council to adopt the Resolution to submit a CDBG application for the Yeadon Swim Club Property, Phase One, Demolition and Clean-Up of the Site.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

There was a discussion about adding a second alternate project. Due to time constraints everyone thought it was best to submit one project with said project being the Yeadon Swim Club demolition and clean-up.

The motion passed 5 to 0.

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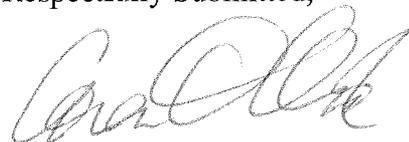
President Kemp asked for a motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm.

Motioned By: Councilor Holden

Seconded By: Councilor Stinson

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote, 5 to 0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caren D. Andrews
Borough Manager/Secretary