

Minutes

Public Hearing

Camden Town Council

March 13, 2007

CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Grant

Public Comment Period

The public comment public hearing for the CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation was called to order by Council President Peter Wagoner. Present were Council Member Andy Robison, Clerk-Treasurer Pat Casserly, attorney Anne Briggs and twenty-one guests. Mark McCarty of Star Development was introduced and spoke on the project.

Mr. McCarty reported that the allowable work was completed on fourteen homes in eleven months (grant program allows eighteen months for the work to be completed). The final inspections were completed in January. All draw downs are complete, the contractors have been paid and the paperwork is in proper form for close-out audit.

The public was invited to give their input as to how well the process worked for the grant recipients. Mr. Wagoner stated the meeting was open for input – good or bad. The Council President further remarked that the comments at prior meetings had been positive with citizens stating the program was good for the community.

Mr. McCarty further reported that thirty persons had attended today's two meetings on a second grant application. A few of those were participants of the last funding and will be allowed this round only if grant funds are available. It was explained that the true source of the money for this program is the taxpayers. Their dollars are allowed to HUD who in turn passes them along to the State of Indiana. The state then distributes the funds through CDBG to the local units of government. A citizen asked if rural people could take advantage of the program through the township trustee. Mr. McCarty stated a county or incorporated city/town can be recipients. Townships are not an allowable entity.

Being as there were no other questions or comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 by a motion from Mr. Robison.

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Peter F. Wagoner, President

Andrew Robison, Member

Michele Everett, Member

ATTEST:

P.A. Casserly
Clerk-Treasurer