

CITY OF BRIDGEPORT  
ECONOMIC and COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

and ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011

6:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Council members: Curwen; Co-chair, dePara, Co-chair,  
A. Ayala, Brantley, Lyons, Martinez

NON-COMMITTEE: Council President McCarthy

OTHER(s): A. McGoldrick, V.Sorrentino, I. Molina,  
Ted Graybarz, S. Tilischak

Co-chair Curwen called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm.

Approval of Committee Minutes of July 5, 2011(Special Meeting).

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**65-10** Grant Submission: re: 2011-2012 Dial-A-Ride Program.

Co-chair Curwen stated that this item hasn't been funded yet, so there was a request to table the item.

- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO TABLE
- \*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED
- \*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**93-10** Grant Submission: re: 2010 Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grant.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this grant was related to the National Fish and Wildlife project at Bunnell Pond. The amount of the grant is \$60,245 and it has already been awarded. She stated that they will contract out for the project, to construct a concrete fish ramp that will create a larger entrance for the fish to get through. There is no city match.

Ted Grabarz further explained that adjacent to the existing fish ladder that step up to the dam, it's too steep for the fish to get up, so this project will allow for the creation of shallower steps and the fish will stay wet until they reach Bunnell Pond. There will be little pools of water captured, so as they get up each step, they will stay wet.

Council member Martinez commented that it was nice to see the city cares about the fish.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
**\*Consent calendar**

**106-10** Grant Submission: re: 2012 Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) for an Elderly Hispanic Grant Program.

Iris Molina stated that this was the fifth or sixth year they were applying for the grant, although they receive less money each year. The goal is to target Hispanic seniors who don't have access to services. The caseload is currently at (210) seniors and the grant will allow them to increase services. She explained that no one is denied and all Hispanic seniors qualify.

Council member Martinez asked who handles the caseload. Ms. Molina said they have two bilingual workers that conduct SSI re-determinations, Title-19 re-determinations and other services that are offered, which prevent seniors from access due to the language barrier. As of July 1, they will begin cross training and the grant is for \$17k. She further noted that they will also begin accepting walk-ins from Monday through Thursday.

Council member Brantley asked if it was a citywide program. Ms. Molina said yes, the program is for all Bridgeport residents.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS MOVED TO APPROVE**  
**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY SECONDED**  
**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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**107-10** Grant Submission: re: 2011-2012 Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) for a Senior Transportation Services Grant.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this grant is to provide senior transportation service to seniors throughout the city to take them to medical appointments and senior centers. The grant amount is \$27k and it's an in-kind department match. The grant money will pay for transportation dispatch services.

Council member Brantley asked what the process is for seniors to access the program. Ms. McGoldrick said the program is run by Rose, who gets the information out to the community.

Council member Martinez asked if the Dial-A-Ride program was the same type of program. Ms. McGoldrick said no, she explained that Dial-A-Ride provides transportation for senior group trips to restaurants, shopping and movies.

Council member Lyons asked if the program focused on all seniors in the city. Ms. McGoldrick said yes, they go through the Eisenhower Center where the program is coordinated. She noted that persons interested should contact the Eisenhower Center.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER LYONS SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**108-10** Grant Submission: re: 2011-2012 Southwestern Connecticut Agency on Aging (SWCAA) for an East Side Senior Center Grant.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that this grant is to fund nutrition and social services and for the coordinator of the program and program supplies. The grant amount is \$17,894. She noted that the award was reduced and it's an in-kind match.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER BRANTLEY MOVED TO APPROVE**

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA SECONDED**

**\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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**109-10** Grant Submission: re: State of Connecticut OPM, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Pilot Program.

Ms. McGoldrick stated that the grant was from the Office of Policy Management. The plan includes an area at Pleasure Beach up to I-95 and Route-1.

Steve Tyliszczak stated that they applied for a \$1 million grant to fund the Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

Mr. Tyliszczak further stated that this program will piggyback on the \$190k grant that was received last year for work at the Bridgeport Rail Station to improve service for residents in the area. The bond commission approved the funding and OPM put together the grant package. The purpose of the approval is to conduct a Transit Development Study. He noted that the study will also take into consideration the contaminated environmental issues. He said that OPM is allowed to apply for up to \$1 million, so they will apply for that amount.

Co-chair Curwen asked if there was a rough plan of the project available yet. Mr. Tyliszczak said no. He explained that typically, the process is to receive city council approval up front and submit the application. After that, they hope to receive the funding and then they will devise the plan.

Ms. McGoldrick clarified that the application is due and the actual planning will be done after the project is awarded.

Co-chair Curwen said he understood that, but he felt that the usual process is to submit a plan, so that the committee can have an idea of the project details.

Council member Brantley mentioned Waltersville School. She asked if the project will be closer to the school. Mr. Tyliszczak said the project will be done on Central Avenue to the east, Pembroke Street to the west and it will encompass the areas in between.

Mr. Tyliszczak clarified that the station will be located on Barnum Avenue between Helen Street and Seaview Avenue and they will develop the plan around the rail station.

Council member Martinez commented that there are schools, and a hospital in the area, so there will be plenty of customers using the station, which will be good in limiting car traffic.

Council member Lyons asked if the planning phase is expected to be a lengthy process. Mr. Tyliszczak said they needed to address the environmental issues and go through DEPP. He thought that it would involve a year's worth of work in order to develop the plan.

**\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER dePARA MOVED TO APPROVE  
\*\* COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ SECONDED  
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## ADJOURNMENT

**\*\* COUNCIL BRANTLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN  
\*\* COUNCIL dePARA SECONDED  
\*\* MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Graham  
Telesco Secretarial Services