

PUBLIC HEARING

APRIL 2, 2012 – 6:45 P.M.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT

Mayor Spencer opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

Beth Salinger, Executive Director of the Somersworth Housing Authority, stated it is a requirement of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project to conduct a public hearing to inform the public of the project's completion and accept public input.

The update was presented by Ms. Salinger as follows:

Project Purpose – Window and Sill Replacement

Charpentier Apartments, a 49 unit, low income, elderly/disabled housing complex owned and operated by the Somersworth Housing Authority (SHA), was in dire need of window replacements due to air and water leakage, which had also created severe sill damage. The present windows were single hung, aluminum frame construction, and were over 25 years old. Elderly could not open or operate windows, many were no longer functional, nor were they energy efficient.

Approximately 235 windows at Charpentier Apartments were replaced with new Paradigm, vinyl, double hung windows. These windows are insulated, easy to operate, and tilt in for easy access and cleaning. An additional 39 dormer windows were replaced.

The rotting sills were replaced with a King Starboard product, a marine-grade polymer that does not rot or shrink, and eliminates the necessity to put on a laminate.

The Contractor for this project was TPD Construction of Sanford, ME. The construction cost was \$207,203.96.

Project Purpose – New Handicapped Entrance

The handicapped access in the rear of Charpentier Apartments was no longer ADA accessible. Due to larger wheelchairs and scooters, the width between the vestibule entrance and the entrance to the building no longer met code. The roof over the existing structure was in near collapse.

The new covered handicapped entrance and ramp makes a seamless transition from the parking area into the building by the use of the new handicapped ramp and doors. Entry to the handicapped access is through a key code to ensure security. The old entrance has been covered and bricked to match the existing brick, keeping with the integrity of the building.

The Contractor for this project was Pellowe Construction of Alton, NH. The construction cost was \$66,776.50.

Funding Sources

- CDBG Grant

Rehabilitation to include Architect, Rehab Clerk and Construction	\$285,000
Administration	<u>15,000</u>
TOTAL GRANT	\$300,000

- Somersworth Housing Authority

Rehab Clerk	\$ 5,500
Administration	1,500
Additional work items required for match:	
Apartment Door Replacements	8,035
New Carpeting	3,679
Sprinkler System	98,000
Elevator Repairs and Upgrades	50,000
Architect	10,000
Replacement Windows	<u>11,500</u>
TOTAL SHA COST	\$188,214

Ms. Salinger indicated this was one of their best projects. The City of Somersworth administered the project, so the City got something out of it also. This was a great collaboration between the City and the Housing Authority.

She added that the project is now 100% complete. The Housing Authority is very happy with it, as are the elderly that live in the building.

Councilor McCallion said this came before the Economic Development Committee a few years ago and they helped put this in play. He asked if they could get the breakdown of what went back to the City.

Ms. Salinger said it was \$7,920.

Councilor McCallion said this joint effort was something we hadn't done before and it seems to have worked very well. You can see this by the results. Not only did the Housing Authority benefit, but the City did also. He applauds everyone that took part in this, including former Economic Development Director Craig Wheeler.

Councilor Witham said that back when this project was in its inception there was a public hearing to move forward with it. He wanted to verify that this public hearing tonight is to close out the project.

Ms. Salinger replied in the affirmative. That is part of the requirement of CDBG Projects.

There being no further comments, Mayor Spencer closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Diane M. DuBois, City Clerk