



OPEN PUBLIC HEARING The Public Hearing was called to order by City Manager Larry A. Manross at 6:00 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room, Towne Square 110, W Spring St, Titusville PA

ATTENDANCE

City Residents
 Denny Barker
 Darlene Frazier
 John Smith
 Rhonda Clark
 Larry Emerson
 Jim Smith
 Abigail Popescu
 James Elliott
 Karen Smith
 Tammie Smith

Media
 Sean Ray – Titusville Herald

City Council
 Esther Smith – City Mayor
 William Adelman - City Deputy Mayor
 Donald Frazier - City Councilman
 Heather Leanardi – City Council Woman

City Administration
 Larry Manross – City Manager
 Diana Durstine – CDBG Grant Administrator
 Kathy Barker – City HR/Risk Management

INTRODUCTION City Manager Manross called the public hearing to order and began explaining that the City of Titusville intends to apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Small Cities Program. He went on to say the meeting is being conducted to give citizens another opportunity to comment on the City's proposed CDBG application before the City submits it to the DCED. The City conducted its first public hearing on Tuesday, June 19, 2018 to discuss the CDBG program in general, the needs of the City of Titusville, performance under the previously funded CDBG program years, and to discuss the required Three Year Community Development Plan of the City of Titusville. There was no public comment at the meeting.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF CDBG PROGRAM Funding public infrastructure and community facility projects are a couple of the goals of the program. Benefiting low-to-moderate income individuals and elimination of slums and blight are two of the three objectives.

AMOUNT OF CDBG FUNDS AVAILABLE \$296,249

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES Include demolition and public/community facilities renovations

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

South Perry Street Pedestrian/Bicycle Walk Bridge	\$ 50,000	Multi-Year Project
Public Works Facility Rehabilitation	\$ 52,925	
Demolition and Clearance	\$140,000	
Required Administration 18%	<u>\$ 53,324</u>	
	<u>\$296,249</u>	

Proposed amount to be used to benefit low and moderate-income = 100%

Persons displaced as a result of the proposed activities = None

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Councilman Bill Adelman questioned what the \$140,000 would be used for. Manager Manross explained a fairly large amount was put in for dealing with the unknown of blight. If all is not used it can be moved to something else. Mr. Adelman also questioned where the 18% required administration goes. Mr. Manross explained how this funds used to go to the Redevelopment Authority because they were administering the grant. Now the money goes in to the city's general fund and is used to reimburse staff hours and other related expenses.

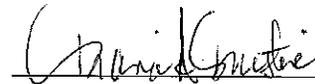
Jim Elliott questioned if the city could use CDBG money to replace all of the sidewalks in Titusville and what the low to moderate income rate is for Titusville. Mr. Manross stated he would take Mr. Elliott's comment under advisement and invited him to City Hall to explore the rates and requirements.

Jim Smith questioned what the city's goal was with these projects and stated he is leery that over 53% of the city's population is low to moderate income. In his opinion we have a mess because government accepted money years ago to bring these people in. They have no motivation or drive to get out and help themselves.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

With there being no other comments *Mr. Manross closed the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.*

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of the minutes of CDBG Hearing of August 21, 2018.



Diana A. Durstine
CDBG Grant Administrator