

General Advisory Committee of the
Burlington County Community Development Program
March 7, 2024, Meeting @ 3:00 PM

Present: Kevin Rijs, representing Evesham Township, Sarah Cannon-Moye, representing Edgewater Park Township, Lavinia Awosanya, representing Food Bank of South Jersey, Madelyn Sutton, Citizen at Large, Ted Lovenduski, representing Florence Township, Ally Schmidt, Literacy NJ, Janice Lohr, representing Delanco Township, William Long, representing Mt. Laurel Township, Paul Dezii, representing Lumberton Township, Mayor Gary Catrambone, representing Delran Township, Pete Taylor, Economic Development, Kevin Dowd, representing Walters Group, Scott Hatfield, representing Burlington Township, Beth Portocalis, representing Medford Township, Malukah Morris, Division of Human Services, Jennifer Hiros, Linda Horner, Monica Rego, Patricia Lake, The Division of Community Development and Housing.

1. Call to order – Open Public Meetings Act
The meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM by Jennifer Hiros. Jennifer Hiros stated the meeting follows the Open Public Meetings Act. The meeting was opened for public comment. No members of the public were present, and hearing no comment, Jennifer Hiros closed the public comment portion.
2. Roll Call – Introductions were made around the room.
3. Approval of February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes
The February 22, 2024 meeting minutes were moved to approve by Ally Schmidt, seconded by Ted Lovenduski. **Motion carried.**
4. Reports:
The Preliminary Budget and the 2024 Recommendation Sheet were distributed to all present for review. Jennifer Hiros stated due to the lack of passage of a federal budget, the Division of Community Development and Housing has prepared a conservative preliminary budget. Jennifer Hiros reported the Division of Community Development and Housing is conducting preliminary funding meetings with several municipalities. The municipalities will present their projects, explain their preparedness to begin the project, and how the project will be executed on time. Municipalities also will be asked if the project can be completed should the project not receive full funding.
Jennifer Hiros stated the HUD representative is meeting with the staff of the Division of Community Development and Housing to review the budget and identify additional dollars to increase funding or fund another project. Jennifer Hiros stated once the Division of Community Development and Housing revises the preliminary budget, an Executive Ad Hoc meeting will be held to finalize the recommendations.
6. Action Items – There were no action items.

7. Closed Session – A closed session was not held.
8. Discussion

There were no further discussions.

The meeting adjourned at 4:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Lake

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