

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the 2009 – 2011 Community Development Block Grant Application
Public Hearing II
Held Thursday, October 30, 2008

The City of Silverton held a public hearing in Council Chambers at 6860 Plainfield Road at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2008. Mayor John Smith called the hearing to order.

1. State Purpose of Hearing

Mr. Wendling stated the purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the 2009-11 Community Development Block Grant funding. CDBG is a federal program designed to serve low to moderate income areas. Mr. Wendling informed Council that the funding formula has changed and it is likely that Silverton will only receive \$100,000 for this round of funding. Mrs. Brown is investigating and is going to try to secure more funds for Silverton.

2. Presentation and Discussion

Mr. Wendling presented Council with two applications to review. The first application is for the Montgomery Road resurfacing project. The CDBG funds will cover most our local portion of the project that is scheduled to take place in 2010. The second application is for a \$45,000 façade program for businesses in Silverton. The program would help to build up our business district, build our economy and create jobs.

Mr. Sylvester asked about the scope of the Montgomery Road project. Mr. Wendling stated the portion of Montgomery Road that would be repaired would be from Stewart Road to Section Road. The other half would be scheduled for 2013. Mr. Sylvester stressed the importance of full-depth sub grade repair in the portions of Montgomery Road that repeatedly have problems. Mr. Wendling agreed.

Mrs. Hackett asked for more details on the Façade Program. Mr. Wendling explained that the program would be open to all the businesses in the Central Business district. The program would match up to \$1500 per business for façade improvements. All improvements would need to be approved by the City and the Design Review Board, if applicable, before the funds will be granted. .

Mrs. Garner added that she likes the business district in Montgomery and would like to see Silverton's business district revitalized in a similar fashion.

Mr. Wendling stated the purpose of the program will be for existing merchants to improve the street frontage of their businesses. Mrs. Garner asked if the renovation had to be exterior. Mr. Wendling confirmed that they did need to

be exterior repairs. Mrs. Williams added that the O'Bryonville area went through a transformation years ago and remains rejuvenated and quaint.

Mr. Quarry asked if the funds would be spread over three years. Mr. Wendling stated we would ask for the funds to be awarded over a three year period, but he was not sure if this would be permitted. If not they would likely be awarded all up front. Mr. Quarry asked about what would happen if there were funds left over. Mr. Wendling stated we might be permitted to reassign them to a different project.

Mrs. Garner asked for a list of communities and the amounts of funding they have been awarded. Mr. Wendling stated he could get the list for the last funding cycle (2006-2008).

Council was in agreement with Mr. Wendling and instructed him to file the CDBG funding applications as presented in tonight's hearing.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Adjourn Hearing

Mr. Quarry motioned to adjourn the hearing and was seconded by Mrs. Hackett. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor

Mark T. Wendling
City Manager