PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

NOVEMBER 10, 2014 - 3:30 P.M.

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
15 LOOCKERMAN PLAZA
DOVER, DELAWARE

Public comments are welcomed on any item and will be permitted at appropriate times. When possible, please notify the City Clerk (736-7008 or e-mail at CityClerk@dover.de.us) should you wish to be recognized.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

1. **FIRST STATE NATIONAL MONUMENT - WAYSIDE PLANNING FOR THE GREEN**

2. **ATTACK ADDICTION (MARGIE PRUETT)**

3. **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE 2014 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTION PLAN**
   (Staff recommends awarding $3,931.76 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to provide additional funding for the FY 14 Homeownership Assistance Program)

4. **UPDATES**
   A. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM QUARTERLY UPDATE**
      (Committee action not required)
   B. **RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT**
      (Committee action not required)

5. **ADJOURNMENT BY 4:50 P.M.**

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THE AGENDA ITEMS AS LISTED MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED IN SEQUENCE. THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE TO INCLUDE THE ADDITION OR THE DELETION OF ITEMS, INCLUDING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

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First State National Monument

Destination Dover

Wayside planning for The Green

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Destination Dover

Purpose

- Create a First State National Monument destination point for visitors.

- Interpret the Green and the Delaware’s ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Location Considerations

- Reach the maximum number of visitors.
  - On the main route from the Visitor Center.
  - Next to the State House.

- Have a clear view of The Green and the location of the site of the Golden Fleece Tavern.

- Avoid impacts on buildings surrounding The Green.

Proposed Location



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Proposed Location



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DRAFT Wayside 1

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Delaware Decides

In early December 1787 the thirty delegates to the Delaware ratifying convention were called upon to make a momentous decision. For five days they considered whether to approve the radically new form of government developed at a convention held in Philadelphia the previous summer. Finally, on the 7th, they unanimously voted to ratify the United States Constitution making Delaware the first state to do so.



"...fully, freely, and entirely approve of, assent to, ratify, and confirm the said Constitution."

Delaware's ratification document, December 7, 1787

The Golden Fleece Tavern

The delegates to the ratifying convention gathered at the same place that the state legislature met.

Look to your right for this view showing the location of the Golden Fleece Tavern.

The Delegates

Two of the delegates to Delaware's convention had also attended the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in the summer of 1787: Gunning Bedford, Jr. and Richard Bassett.

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The Green



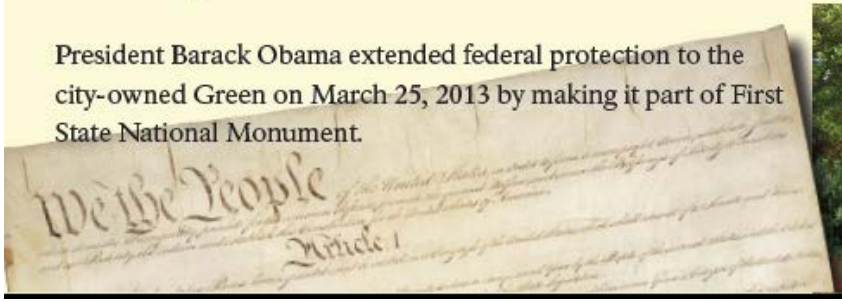
Laid out in 1717 The Green was the heart of Colonial Dover. From the early days, public buildings, homes, and taverns surrounded the square. During the American Revolution, it was the setting for troop reviews and a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. Just five years after the Revolution, delegates meeting at the Golden Fleece Tavern, facing The Green, ratified the United States Constitution giving Delaware a place of honor as the "First State."







President Barack Obama extended federal protection to the city-owned Green on March 25, 2013 by making it part of First State National Monument.





The Green Over Time

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View of Installed Waysides



First State National Monument

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Addiction 101

(from NIH, "Letter From the Director," by Nora D. Volkow, M.D.)

"Addiction is a chronic, often relapsing brain disease that causes compulsive drug seeking and use, despite the harmful consequences to the addicted individual and to those around him or her." Most people initially voluntarily take drugs. Then the brain changes as a result of the drug use, *impacting the person's self-control.*

Viewing addiction as a moral issue, or the addict as lacking willpower, is an archaic and simplistic misconception. It is a medical issue and should be treated as such. For example, heroin possesses a structure that is similar to dopamine, which is one of the brain's transmitters present in regions that control movement, emotion, motivation, and feelings of pleasure. Typically, the brain responds to natural behaviors like eating or spending time with people you love by releasing dopamine. In the case of addiction, the brain's reward system is overstimulated by the heroin and produces euphoric effects, creating a situation where the user wants to use again in order to recreate the experienced pleasure.

With repeated use, the brain begins to adapt to the dopamine surges and creates less of it. This reduces the euphoria produced by the continuing drug use as well as the euphoria previously created by other events as well. In an effort to bring back those good feelings, the user typically increases the amount of drugs used, creating tolerance.

Individuals who continue to use experience other brain alterations as well. The amount of another neurotransmitter, glutamate, is also altered, impairing judgment, decision-making, learning, memory, and behavior control. That is why we see addicts continuing to use despite the negative consequences.

A combination of factors influence why some people become addicts and others do not. The two strongest factors seem to be genetics and environment. These two factors are intertwined with a person's developmental stage in life. The earlier a person begins using drugs, the more likely it will lead to serious abuse. This in conjunction with the fact that adolescents' brains are still developing make them more vulnerable to addiction.

Addiction Facts

(from *The Science of Addiction: Drugs, Brains, and Behavior*)

- It is estimated that 23% of people who try heroin become dependent on it.
- One in ten Americans over the age of 12 has a substance abuse/dependency issue.
- Addiction affects 23.2 million Americans with only 10% receiving treatment.
- The greatest increases in heroin use are within the 18-25 year old age group.
- One quarter of American families are impacted by addiction.
- The costs of addiction are estimated to be more than ½ trillion dollars annually.
  - *Health care*
  - Lost productivity
  - Crime
- In the U.S. in 2011, there were 11 deaths each day from heroin overdoses.

www.atTAcKaddiction.com

atTAcK addiction



DRUG OVERDOSE IS THE LEADING KILLER OF TEENAGERS IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE

▶ MORE TEENS DIE FROM OVERDOSES THAN CAR ACCIDENTS.

▶ DELAWARE RANKS NUMBER 1 PER CAPITA IN HEROIN ARRESTS IN THE COUNTRY!

MAKE THE CALL TO 911

THE GOOD SAMARITAN LAW GIVES US ALL THE POWER TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE MAY NOT STOP BAD DECISIONS, BUT WITH ONE CALL, **YOU** CAN PREVENT BAD OUTCOMES.

Be a Hero, Make the Call

*IMMUNITY FROM **ARREST** AND **PROSECUTION***

THE POWER TO SAVE A LIFE IS JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY!

Delaware passed a Good Samaritan law that gives citizens the power to save a life. This law, known as the Kristin L. Jackson and John M. Perkins Law, provides citizens protection from prosecution if they call 911 to save a person who has overdosed on drugs or alcohol. Under this law, a person reporting an overdose would be immune from prosecution for certain drug crimes even if he or she has been involved in drug-related activity. The law also grants immunity from prosecution for offenses related to underage drinking. So now, you don't have to think twice.

DRUG ABUSE IS ON THE RISE

- 8 in 10 school students will have experimented with drugs by the time they reach high school.
- 1 of these 8 will become addicted!
- Every 19 minutes someone in the US dies from prescription drug abuse.

While these statistics should be of concern, you don't have to be an addict to fall victim to an overdose

To find out more about the Good Samaritan Law and how you can help battle addiction, visit us at:

www.atTAcKaddiction.com

GOOD SAMARITAN

ACTION FORM

PROCEEDING: Parks, Recreation & Community Enhancement Committee
DEPARTMENT OF ORIGIN: Planning Department **DATE SUBMITTED**: 10/27/2014
PREPARED BY: Tracey Harvey
SUBJECT: Amendment to the 2014 Action Plan to reallocate CDBG funding received from Delaware State Housing Authority to the Homeownership Assistance Program.
REFERENCE: N/A
RELATED PROJECT: N/A
REVIEWED BY: Ann Marie Townshend, Director of Planning & Community Development
EXHIBITS: N/A
EXPENDITURE REQUIRED: $3,931.76 **AMOUNT BUDGETED**: $3,931.76 **FUNDING SOURCE (Dept./Page in CIP & Budget)**:
TIME TIMETABLE: Pending Council approval, the Planning Office will publish a public notice allowing a 30 day comment period for citizens to comment on the proposed amendment.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Award $3,931.76 in CDBG funding to provide additional funding for the FY 14 Homeownership Assistance Program.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The City has a balance of $3,931.76 in its line of credit in CDBG funds awarded to the City from Delaware State Housing Authority that has never been drawn down before the City became an Entitlement Community receiving its own allocation directly.

Planning Staff is requesting to reallocate this funding to the Homeownership Program due to the high demand in request for homeownership assistance for first time homebuyers to purchase affordable housing in the City.

Additional funding cannot be distributed to any of the remaining FY14 projects due to cap requirements and exceeding grant requests. Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing and NCALL Research are public service activities that cannot exceed the 15% cap requirement by HUD regulations. The Elizabeth Murphey School cannot receive additional funding that will exceed their original grant request. Therefore, planning staff is requesting to reallocate the remaining funds to the Homeownership Assistance Program which is eligible to receive additional funding.

CDBG FY2014 funded amount		increase
Homeownership Assistance Program	$102,767.00	$ 3,931.76
Total		**$106,698.76**

CDBG Quarterly Report November 2014

CDBG FY14 Projects

Homeownership Assistance Program
Five (5) clients have been approved for the Dover First Start Program and are mortgage ready. Each client has been approved for $20,000 in downpayment assistance to purchase eligible properties in the City of Dover. Two (2) clients have purchased properties using the Dover First Start Program and three (3) clients are mortgage ready and preparing to go under contract.

Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing
CDBG funds will be used for operations cost for the shelter.

NCALL Research
CDBG funds will be utilized for pre-purchase homeownership counseling services for up to ten (10) Dover residents.

Elizabeth W. Murphey School
CDBG funds will be used for the roof replacements for one building on the campus that services children that are at risk for homelessness. This project is currently under bids review.

Restoring Central Dover Initiative
The Draft Plan has been submitted to the Steering Committee for review and comments.

Five (5) Year Consolidated Plan 2015-2019
The City's Planning Office has collaborated with Delaware State Housing Authority, New Castle County and the City of Wilmington to conduct statewide public hearings to determine the community development needs throughout the State. The public hearings have been scheduled for early November and will be moderated by the consulting firm Mullin and Lonergan.

Status of FY-14 Program Funds Spent - Fiscal Year 7/1/14- 6/30/15

2014 Grant Projects	Project Details	Total Grant	Funds Expended	Unencumbered Balance
Homeownership Assistance Program	Two (2) families have purchased homes and three (3) are mortgage ready	$102,767	$40,000	$62,767
NCALL Reaearch	Housing Counseling for up to ten (10) Dover residents	$7,754	$0	$7,754
Dover Interfaith Mission to Homeless	Funding for operations cost	$27,500	$8,564	$18,936
Elizabeth W. Murphey School	Under bid review	$50,000	$0	$50,000
Total		$188,021	$48,564	$139,457