PARKS, RECREATION, AND COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Enhancement Committee meeting was held on August 8, 2011, at 12:00 noon with Chairwoman Russell presiding. Members present were Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Horsey. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Hare were absent.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

By unanimous consent, the agenda was adopted as presented.

Bus Tour of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Projects

Members attended a bus tour which visited sites within the City that were improved (or are in the process of being improved) utilizing funds received through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Sites visited included the following:

1. **Dover Interfaith Mission to the Homeless (684 Forest Street)**
   The shelter received $60,000 in CDBG funding to renovate an existing building that serves up to 150 homeless men annually. Before the renovations, there were five (5) separate office buildings that were utilized as separate businesses. Since the renovations, the shelter has been converted into one (1) large facility that includes an intake office in the front of the building, living quarters for the men, a dining room, and a large kitchen.

2. **49 South Kirkwood Street**
   CDBG funds were utilized to renovate a single family home to install a heating system and fully renovate the bathroom, which included the installation of a bathtub, vanity, and toilet.

3. **Downtown Streets Project**
   CDBG funds were utilized to reconstruct the streets and curbs in the Downtown Target Area. The streets that were repaired include South New Street, North New Street, North Queen Street, and North Kirkwood Street.

4. **Habitat for Humanity (101 Jefferson Court)**
   Habitat for Humanity purchased 101 Jefferson Court to renovate for affordable housing for a low-income family. Habitat received a CDBG grant for $40,000 to assist with the cost of fully renovating this home and bringing it up to code. This home was sold on Februrary 23, 2011 to a family who had been living in a shelter.

5. **218 Ann Avenue (NSP)**
   This home was purchased by the Dover Housing Authority, the sub-grantee of the City's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), whose role is to acquire foreclosed properties, renovate them, and re-sell them to qualified families. This property was the first home sold through the NSP Program, which made homeownership possible for a former subsidized housing resident.

6. **Mitscher Road Streets Project**
In 2009, the City received American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding in the amount of $73,000 to be utilized for infrastructure projects in the city. ARRA funding was used for the construction of sidewalks on Mitscher Road.

7. **Dover Parks and Recreation (White Oak Road Location)**
CDBG funds were utilized to make this facility handicapped accessible. The sidewalks from White Oak Road to the pavilion were made accessible for wheelchair entry to the park. Entrance doors to the facility were also made handicapped accessible.

8. **1415 S. Hancock Avenue (NSP)**
This home was recently purchased by Dover Housing Authority and is currently under renovation to be sold to a qualifying family.

9. **1430 S. Hancock Avenue (NSP)**
This home was purchased by Connections Community Support Program and will be utilized as a rental property that will serve persons with disabilities.

The bus tour concluded at 1:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sophia R. Russell
Chairwoman

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