

Town of Hamden COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of a Regular Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Recording:

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Minutes

1. Attendance/Roll Call:

Attendance: Tanisha Asbery, Michael Brooks, Brian Courtney, Michael Johnson, and Thomas Whitbread; Representation from the Town of Hamden was Karen Bivens; Clerk for the Commission, Patrice A. LeMoine and Suzanne LeMoine.

Absent: Jamaka Jefferies, Carol Hazen, Sharon Regan, and Candance Birks.

2. Comments from the Public: No one from the public was present.

3. Call to order: Chairman Courtney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

4. Community Development Manager's Report:

- a. PSA (Public Service Agency) – The Commissioner will meet with those applicants who submitted a request for block grant funding and will present their application and talk about the program that the funds will cover. Each applicant will be given 15 to 20 minutes to present.

The applicants scheduled for this evening were as follows:

YMCA of Hamden/North Haven: Funding Request is \$20,000

Ms. Aishah Brice represented the YMCA and spoke about the upcoming young children's project that is offered within their summer camp program.

BHCare LLC: Funding Request is \$14,200 – Mss. Cindy Carlson and Rachel Schippani introduced themselves and spoke of the services BHCare offers to the Hamden residents. The women in violence program in particular. They noted the support services and where the funds are allocated.

Hamden Rovers, Inc.: Funding Request is \$19,553.50 – Mr. Robert Tullonge presented his application and noted the summer camp program has been primarily a sports camp, however, this summer they are including a STEM curriculum. Over the last two years, Rovers has increased their registration and the number has doubled since the program opened. After a discussion was held, Mr. Tullonge noted they have not received the funds that were approved from last year's block grant program, and they need those funds.

Literacy Volunteers for Greater New Haven: Funding Request is \$10,896
Director, Mr. Lou Perno, was not able to attend this evening and was rescheduled to April 12.

6. **Recess:** At 8:40p.m., Mr. Courtney noted that the Commission would go into recess until the next regular meeting is held to continue the interviews for the block grant funds.

Submitted by: Patrice LeMoine, Clerk for the Commission