

**MINUTES OF MEETING
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
May 1, 2023**

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A meeting of the Human Services Committee was held on Monday, May 1, 2023. This was a hybrid meeting held both in person and electronically via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 8:28 PM by Chair, Sarah Gallagher.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sarah Gallagher, Chair (P); Laurie Sweet (P); Katie Kiely (P); Cory O'Brien (P); Bob Anthony (P)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Webber, Vice Chair; Betty Wetmore

Public Input: There was 1 written comment which can be viewed here:

<https://www.hamden.com/DocumentCenter/View/8192/5-01-2023-Public-Input>

The following items were addressed:

1. Resolution approving allocations to public service agencies as part of a Program Year 49 (2023-2024) Community Development Block Grant

--Moved by Ms. Sweet and seconded by Mr. O'Brien DISCUSSION: Director of Grants and Capital Projects, Carol Hazen explained this is an entitlement grant which comes to the Town. The Town was awarded \$447,883 for Program year 23-24 and 15% of the award can be sub-granted to public service agencies. The organizations this year are: Hamden CERT-\$10,000, Hamden Rovers-\$17,182, Hamden North Haven YMCA-\$10,000, Literacy Volunteers of Greater New Haven-\$10,000, Partnership Center for Adult Day Care-\$10,000 and We Are the Village-\$10,000 totaling \$67,182. Mr. Anthony asked about CERT and We Are the Village. Ms. Hazen answered what each is and plans to do with the funds. Mr. Anthony told Ms. Hazen she does an outstanding job. Ms. Hazen thanked the Community Development Citizens Advisory Commission for all their hard work reviewing these proposals. Ms. Gallagher also thanks them.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

2. Resolution of support for the Hamden Homicide Memorial Botanical Garden

--Moved by Ms. Sweet and seconded by Ms. Kiely DISCUSSION: Pamela Jiminez from Parents Reunited Over Untimely Deaths explained how they worked in collaboration with the People's Coalition of Connecticut to get a botanical garden for Hamden victims of homicide, and moms who lost loved ones to homicide in Hamden. She said this is in the early stage and they haven't begun the design. Tonight is just for the commitment that this will be the site so that they can start the design for where they wish to erect, which is on a 2 acre site at the southern end of Whitney Avenue. Mr. Henry Candido is working with them as well as Moms from the People's Coalition who lost loved ones to homicide.

Mr. Candido, President of the People's Coalition of Connecticut thanked Ms. Sweet and Mr. Farmer for being involved in their movement. Mr. Candido said they must raise \$30,000 in order to get money from the State of Connecticut. Ms. Gallagher thanked all for being there and for their work and said she is sorry to all for their loss. Mr. Anthony extended his sympathy and condolences to the families. Mr. Farmer extended condolences and commended the brave Moms for continuing the work and nurturing our community. Ms. Kiely echoes the sentiments of the other Council members and expresses gratitude for having the memories kept in the forefront of our minds. Ms. Sweet echoes her colleagues and extends condolences. She thanked them for doing this and is in 100% support. Mr. Osmanu extended his deepest sympathies.

A vote was taken. The item passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
Rose Lion, Assistant
for Sarah Gallagher, Chair