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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

**APRIL 21, 2004**

**PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL**

**7:00 P.M.**

Present: Chairman Bob Layton, Vice Chairman Cicero Lewis, Jean Pecunies,  
Lynne Langley, William Thorpe, Russ Van Billiard, Nancy Emerson

Absent: Paul Staples (called), Dani Rooney

Staff: Cindy Hayden, Deputy City Manager; David Moore, Program Manager

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Chairman Layton opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. and explained the purpose of the public hearing. Chairman Layton indicated that the CAC was meeting to consider approval of the FY 2004-2005 Annual Plan and Community Development Block Grant budget. The public comment period on the Annual Plan and Budget began on March 29, 2004 and will end on April 29, 2004. Chairman Layton then turned the meeting over to Ms. Hayden to speak about the Annual Plan and budget. Ms. Hayden noted that since the public comment period extends until April 29, 2004, any comments received by the Department would be forwarded on to the CAC for its consideration.

Chairman Layton then recognized two members of the public who were present for the public hearing.

Ms. Judy Bunnell, Community Services Director for the Public Housing Authority, thanked the CAC for their decision to recommend the Senior Citizens Center for funding in FY 2004-2005. She expressed her gratitude for the committee's support through the many years that she has worked with the PHA. In addition, she said that she understood that the amount of funding available for public services had been diminished, and that as a result the CAC chose not to fund the RSVP program of the PHA. She hoped that in the future the committee would again consider that program for funding.

After Ms. Bunnell concluded her remarks, Chairman Layton recognized Mr. Timothy Connors, recently retired Executive Director of the Portsmouth Housing Authority. Mr. Connors also thanked the CAC for their support of the PHA and its programs. Mr. Connors especially noted the support the CAC showed for the Cottage Senior Housing Project and invited them on a tour of the facility as soon as interior construction work is completed later this spring. The CAC responded very positively to the invitation. Mr. Connors said he hoped it could take place sometime before July, which is when they expect to start moving residents in.

Chairman Layton thanked both Ms. Bunnell and Mr. Connors for their comments and asked for a motion on the Annual Plan and budget.

Vice Chairman Lewis moved that the FY 2004-2005 Annual Plan and budget be recommended to the City Manager as presented. Ms. Emerson seconded the motion, and a vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Layton adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.