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**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING**

JANUARY 22, 2009

PORTSMOUTH CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

Present: Chairperson Nancy Emerson, Jean Pecunies, Algene Bailey, Bob Layton, Lynne Langley, Constance Carmody

Absent: Vice Chairperson Dani Rooney (called), William Thorpe

Staff: David Moore, Assistant Community Development Director

Chairperson Emerson opened the meeting and moved to the consideration of the minutes from the January 10, 2009 public hearing and meeting. Ms. Langley moved to accept the minutes and Mr. Layton seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Chairperson Emerson then recognized David Moore to give an introduction the FY 2009-2010 budget discussion.

Mr. Moore indicated that the entitlement grant for the FY 2009-2010 is not yet known, but he expects that the grant amount will be about the same as the current fiscal year grant of \$646,806. He indicated that input was needed from the Committee regarding the new budget ideas and the preference to continue existing programs. He reviewed two handouts prepared for the meeting which including preliminary budget figures and a list of proposed projects to date.

After reviewing the handout which described multi-year programs and the funding needed to maintain those programs, Mr. Moore reviewed a list of the proposed new projects from the public.

A general discussion took place regarding the proposed projects to date. The Committee expressed support for funding both phases of the Raleigh Way Streetscape Improvement project if it was feasible from a budget perspective. The Committee expressed an interest in providing CDBG support for social service agencies serving low-mod clientele including the homeless and disabled, to outfit their residential facilities with generator power capabilities. After much discussion, the Committee expressed its interest in learning about the eligibility of the New Franklin School proposal. Mr. Moore indicated that he would research the eligibility of this project further and reminded the Committee that the project both needed to meet a national objective (to benefit individuals or families earning low or moderate incomes) and be an eligible activity.

Mr. Layton moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Ms. Pecunies and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.