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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

BOARD MINUTES

PROCEEDINGS AND VERBATIM DISCUSSIONS OF THE
HUNTINGTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD
MEETING, HELD ON THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2013
AT 6:24 P.M., AT TOWN HALL, 100 MAIN STREET,
HUNTINGTON, NEW YORK.

PRESENT:

- FRANK P. PETRONE, Chairman
- MARK A. CUTHBERTSON, Member
- SUSAN A. BERLAND, Member
- MARK MAYOKA, Member
- EUGENE COOK, Member
- STACY COLAMUSSI, Deputy Town Clerk
- CINDY ELAN-MANGANO, ESQ., Town Attorney

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CHAIRMAN PETRONE: Okay. We're sitting now as the
Community Development Agency Members.

1 CHAIRMAN PETRONE: And Ms. Colamussi, if you could
2 please read the Notice for Community
3 Development Agency Hearing Number One.

4 MS. COLAMUSSI: The Huntington Community
5 Development Agency Board scheduled this
6 Public Hearing to obtain the views of
7 citizens, public agencies and other
8 interested parties on the housing and
9 community needs of the Town of Huntington in
10 preparation for annual updates for the
11 fiscal year 2014 Community Development Block
12 Grant.

13 Stacy Colamussi, Deputy Town
14 Clerk. I'm reading this Public Hearing
15 Notice on behalf of Joan Cergol, Secretary
16 of the Huntington Community Agency Board and
17 I have the Affidavits of Publications in
18 both The Long Islander and The Observer.

19 CHAIRMAN PETRONE: Okay. I'm sorry. Affidavits are
20 in order. I'll open Community Development
21 Agency Hearing Number One and we will hear a
22 statement from our Director, Joan Cergol.

23 MS. CERGOL: Good evening, Chairman Petrone
24 and Agency Board Members. My name is Joan
25 Cergol and I serve as the Director of the

1 Huntington Community Agency known as the
2 CDA. Since 1977, the federal government,
3 through the United States Department of
4 Housing and Urban Development, has funded
5 the CDA with Community Development Block
6 Grants, or CDBG funds. These funds serve
7 the needs of low and moderate income Town
8 residents with programs to include to
9 improve housing infrastructure, enhance
10 housing opportunities, eliminate blight and
11 promote economic development.

12 Last year the CDA assisted over
13 5,000 income eligible Town residents. Our
14 assistance included a down payment
15 assistance program for first-time home
16 buyers, housing for the homeless, economic
17 development programs to cultivate and
18 support entrepreneurship, neighborhood
19 improvements, housing rehabilitation,
20 programs for youth, including an after
21 school program for at risk children, fair
22 housing and tenants' rights education, meals
23 to homebound seniors and ongoing
24 collaboration with other service agencies
25 throughout the Town.

1 In order that our agency may
2 again apply for funding, we must hold
3 periodic hearings to discuss our program,
4 and in tonight's case, offer an opportunity
5 for public input on community development
6 needs in the Town. Therefore, this hearing
7 is part of our annual grant application
8 process. Applications for eligible
9 organizations who wish to be considered
10 sub-recipients under our grant are available
11 in Room 309 here in Town Hall, and I also
12 have some here tonight if anyone would like
13 to see me afterwards.

14 Potential sub-recipients must
15 understand that our program is governed by
16 federal regulations that are all public and
17 published in the Federal Register, and they
18 have their own responsibility to maintain
19 all records required by HUD. Accordingly,
20 public comment is now open and applications
21 are available until October 31, 2013.

22 HUD expects us to address any
23 public comments received in our Agency's
24 Annual Action Plan. There will be a Public
25 Hearing next month on our proposed budget,

OCTOBER 15, 2013

1 with a 30 day comment period. The adoption
2 of our proposed budget will take place on
3 December 10, 2013, in time to be submitted
4 in January of 2014.

5 While our grant year begins on
6 April 1st, as was the case this year,
7 funding to our Agency can be substantially
8 delayed depending upon budgetary constraints
9 or other circumstances as currently taking
10 place in Washington. Chairman Petrone, you
11 may now accept public comment.

12 CHAIRMAN PETRONE: Thank you. We can accept public
13 comment now or they can be handed in in
14 writing.

15 MS. CERGOL: Until October 31st.

16 CHAIRMAN PETRONE: Until October 31st. Is there
17 anyone wishing to be heard? [NO RESPONSE].
18 No one being heard, at this point this does
19 stay open to October 31st. You can submit
20 your written comments. I hereby close
21 Community Development Hearing Number One.
22 [WHEREUPON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
23 PUBLIC HEARING NUMBER ONE WAS CLOSED AT 6:28
24 P.M. AND THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
25 DEVELOPMENT AGENCY WAS CLOSED BY THE

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CHAIRMAN, FRANK P. PETRONE, AT 6:28 P.M.]

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