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Minutes of the Public Hearing Small Cities 2016 Grant Application
City of Ansonia, February 9, 2016 - 6:30pm
Erlinghauser Room

In Attendance: Ellen Turshmann, Grants Specialist, Ansonia Economic Development; Lisa Low,
Lisa Low & Associates; Citizens

Dr. Lisa Low of Lisa Low and Associates opened the meeting at 6:35 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Low read the purpose of the Public Hearing – The purpose of this public hearing is to receive comments on the City of Ansonia’s application for a 2016 Small Cities grant and to discuss the income re-use plan should funds be awarded. The City intends to apply for \$400,000 in the Housing Rehabilitation category to make improvements to approximately 10-12 low and moderate income Ansonia homes. Improvements will include such activities as roof replacement, window and door replacement; code compliance improvements; furnace replacements; ADA modifications, lead abatement, and etc. The program re-use plan will be as follows: any income eventuating from the grant will be used for the same purpose as the original award.

As the meeting continued, discussion covered further details of the application to the State for funding for the Small Cities Rehabilitation program for 2016. This program is open to Low and Moderate income families who own homes in Ansonia. There is a great need to improve housing here in Ansonia. This is an excellent program both for the city and for the client because there is a significant amount of low to moderate income people who would benefit from having their homes made safer; another important aspect of the program is elevating the appearance of the neighborhood. This in turn can lead to less blight in the neighborhood.

The city is applying for funds for next year and is seeking applicants for the 2016 cycle. This year we are working with funds that were received for 2015. There are about 30 applicants for these funds. Any income from the Housing Rehabilitation program will be used for same purpose as stated in original application.

There were no further questions from the public.

Dr. Low adjourned the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michele Bradshaw, Secretary