

MINUTES OF
CDA ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
PY 50 JULY 1, 2024-JUNE 30, 2025
PUBLIC HEARING
JANUARY 9, 2024
HARRIETT NORTH COMMUNITY ROOM

The CDA Public Hearing was moved to the CDA Office due to a scheduling conflict with another meeting. Any members of the public who were there for CDA were re-directed to the CDA Office.

The Meeting was called to Order by CDA Manager, Mark Bisaccia at 6:02 p.m.

There were a total of 17 residents in attendance in addition to the CDA Staff (3) and Committee members (3). Mark asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to speak. Below are the names and addresses of those who addressed CDA and the Citizen Advisory Committee.

Viola Waldo & Kyle Scarpula-24 King St.
Lucia Salazar & Gilbert Lopez-Salazar-95 Martin St.
Conception Diaz (Zander Chuquilla)-207 Second Ave.
Sandra Valladares & Sofia Ramos-446 Second Ave.*(moving to NH)

Chris, Branden & Hailey Lyle- 792 No. Greenbrier Dr. Orange**

**This entire family has been participating in WHINC for 10+ years Chris and Pam are very involved and contributes to this program with their time, assisting in services and Chris as a chaperone for the adolescent/young adult social club for the past 7 years.

Viola Waldo, addressed those present regarding the benefits CDA funds provide for several special needs groups. West Haven Youth and Family Services, a department within the city, oversees these programs. Ms. Waldo explained that most of the families who utilize these programs fall within the extremely low- or low-income guidelines. Without CDBG funds many of the special needs children would not be able to afford to participate.

Parents of these children work extremely hard and volunteer their time in order to fundraise for these children. They offer bake sales, they cook in order to provide soup and salad lunches or sandwiches as well as Ice Cream Sundaes as a means of fundraising, these events are well attended by City Hall employees as well as the general public.

Mr. Lyle brought his two special needs children to the meeting to express his thanks for all that CDA and CDBG funds do for these children. He presented a Thank you display board on behalf of all of the children in the program. Ms. Diane Dietman, Director of WHYF Services, introduced Ms. Sandra Vallederses and Conception Diaz from the Special Needs Group. She explained that due to need, the Parent Support Group has created a Spanish Speaking Support Group as well as a volunteer coordinator/ translator for this group. This Spanish speaking group was very grateful for the services provided for their children.

CDA has provided CDBG funding for these children for many years. It is heartwarming to see the impact these funds provide and to see the smiles on these children's faces. Overall, CDA was thankful and pleased with the families and children who were in attendance and offered time for the children to express themselves and tell us all about the fun they have at the different events/ activities they attend.

Mark Bisaccia expressed his gratitude and thanks for the volunteer work these parents provide in order to have a positive impact on these children. He thanked them for speaking and sharing their experiences. He thanked them for coming this evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

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