

CITIZEN'S ADVISORY MEETING
May 27, 2010

The meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee was called to order by co-chairman Mary Keller at 7:20 p.m.. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Co-Chairman

Attendance was taken. .

The minutes of last meeting were read and accepted. There were no comments or Corrections.

Our guest speakers were Kirk J. Williams and Dimitrius Faulk of the Department of Planning and Development of the City of Newburgh.

They spoke about the Newburgh Rehabilitation Program which is an owner/owner occupied loan Program.

The purpose of the Home Owner program is to assist homeowners to address code compliance issues and substandard living conditions that effect health and safety and quality of life.

Eligible Applicants must meet low and moderate income guidelines and be current with all taxes and mortgage payments.

The work will address code compliance issues and substandard living conditions including structural repairs, safety upgrades, repairs or replacement of roofs, soffits, gutters, windows, laterals with lead piping, and heating & electrical systems.

The amount of loan can be up to \$20,000 for an owner occupied unit and up to \$15,000 for a renter occupied unit. Maximum \$35,000 loan per occupant.

The purpose of the Rental Rehabilitation Program is to address substandard living conditions in rental units occupied by low to moderate income tenants.

The eligible applicants are owners of rental properties with tenants who meet the low and moderate income guidelines. Rent must not exceed HUD fair market value.

The amount of loan can be up to \$15,000 per renter occupied unit. Maximum \$30,000 loan.

There are three steps to application process

Step 1 – obtain application from Dept of Planning and Development and return when completed

Step 2 The City of Newburgh will verify ownership of property as well as income and other qualifications

Step 3 City of Newburgh will inspect the property to confirm the need for repair, assess whether any health or safety concerns exist and obtain cost estimates.

Eligible applicants will be reviewed in the order in which they are received. In case of an immediate safety hazard an application may be prioritized in order to resolve the issue as quickly as possible.

If home is located within Historic District any exterior repairs must be approved by Architectural Review Commission. It is the owner's responsibility to secure ARC Planning and Zoning approval.

There is also a \$500 signage grant for improving signs.

There are also small business loans for façade improvements.

Demetrius Faulk is Housing Loan Officer.

Paul mentioned that there should be an anti litter campaign in Newburgh because people are feeding birds near the restaurants by the waterfront and leaving bread. This could attract bugs and rats because it is close to the water. This could also become a health issue.

Pauline Dillard said she is involved in a new group called Woman Inspiring Woman and Children. They mentor mothers and assist them with challenges of children

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Keller