

**MINUTES OF WEST HARTFORD 7:20 PM PUBLIC HEARING  
JUNE 11, 2013 LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER  
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE  
GRANT APPLICATION**

Vice President Cantor called the Public Hearing to order at 7:25 p.m.

Vice President Cantor: The 7:20 Public Hearing is called to order. Resolution authorizing submission of the Neighborhood Assistance Grant Application. Roll call.

Present: Councilors Adler, Cantor, Captain, Casperson, Davidoff, Doar, and Hall. Absent were Mayor Slifka and Councilor Kindall.

Vice President Cantor: Mr. Van Winkle?

Mr. Van Winkle: I will just comment on the Neighborhood Assistance Grant Program. This is something we have done every year for many many years. The State of CT Department of Revenue Services provides tax credits to businesses that make donations to programs sponsored by nonprofit agencies through the Neighborhood Assistance Act. The Town Council is required to submit a list of approved programs eligible for business investments to the department of Revenue Services by July 1 of 2013. Each year the nonprofit agencies that are familiar with this program go out and find a donor for a particular project that they are having and submit that list of projects that they found a donor for to us for approval. At your Council meeting later this evening, you will be approving a resolution and that list. That list goes to the State of Connecticut – they have a fixed amount of money set aside for the appropriation and as they receive these lists, they work through these numbers and when they run out, they run out. And so agencies, nonprofit agencies around the town including Emmanuel Synagogue, Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford, Northwest Catholic, The Bridge Family Center, the Playhouse on Park, the Ballet Theater Company, The Jewish Federation of Greater Hartford, the Mandell Jewish Community Center, the Jewish Family Services of Greater Hartford, Solomon Schechter Day School and American School for the Deaf are all on this list of proposed projects that we would submit to Connecticut with your permission.

Vice President Cantor: Thank you. Any questions? Mrs. Hall?

Councilor Hall: Thank you, could you just refresh my memory, I know we went through this last year, but does the Town then get updated on the results of whether or not the agencies were awarded or what is the further interaction after that?

Mr. Van Winkle: No, we get no word. This is a tax credit Department of Revenue Services goes through their list, it used to be on a first come, first served basis, and I don't know if that's still the case, or how they work that. They set aside these monies and then the agency needs to go out and get that person who has made that offer to them to invest, make that investment with them. So we don't get a report back, I can certainly check to see whether there's one available.

Councilor Hall: Thank you.

Vice President Cantor: Thank you. The only way that I found out is by going to the Agency itself – if you are associated with agencies. Any other questions? Is there any Public Comment? There was no one on the sign-up sheet. I am now adjourning the Public Hearing. Oh, I'm sorry – Is there any Public Comment? There was no one on the sign-up sheet and there is none, now I move to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



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**APPROVED AT JUNE 25, 2013 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**