



TOWN COUNCIL
Public Hearing
Cape Charles Civic Center
August 13, 2020
6:30 PM

At approximately 6:30 p.m. Mayor William “Smitty” Dize, having established a quorum, called to order the Public Hearing of the Town Council. In addition to Mayor Dize, in attendance were Vice Mayor Bennett, Councilmen Bannon, Buchholz, Follmer and Grossman, and Councilwoman Holloway. Also, in attendance were Town Manager John Hozey, Planner Allyson Finchum, Community Relations Manager Jennifer Lewis, and Town Clerk Libby Hume. There were three members of the public physically in attendance, and seven viewers on Facebook Live.

PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS:

- A. Application Submittal to the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development for grant funding from the Community Development Block Grant Virginia Funding Opportunities for COVID-19 Response. Input is requested on COVID-19 Relief funding needs for use in our community.

Town Clerk Libby Hume read comments received via email from Gary Williams, Abigail Piliero and Barbara Wivell, Roxanne Ward, Meredith Lusk, Cristina Carollo, Nansey Cardone, and Jawn Dolph expressing their support of the grant application. (Please see attached.)

There were no comments to be heard nor any other written comments received prior to or during the public hearing.

Motion made by Councilman Buchholz, seconded by Vice Mayor Bennett, to adjourn the public hearing. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Mayor Dize

Town Clerk

**Comments Provided in Writing
August 13, 2020 Town Council Public Hearing**

Gary L. Williams, Bay View Engraving & Art Glass Studio

Subject: CDBG Grant Hearing

I, Gary L. Williams, DBA Bay View Engraving and Art Glass Studio am writing in support of the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG Covid 19 Recovery Grant.

Bay View engraving and Art Glass Studio was impacted significantly during the pandemic and a grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, rent rebate, etc...will be of great assistance. Without this assistance I do not know how much longer I can continue to operate and serve the Cape Charles Community and the greater Eastern Shore of Virginia populace.

Sincerely,
Gary L. Williams

Abigail Piliero and Barbara Wivell, Seagrass Floral & Apothecary

Subject: CDBG RECOVERY GRANT - SEAGRASS FLORAL

We, both owners of Seagrass Floral Studio LLC in Cape Charles, VA, are writing in support of the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

Having been in business since May 7th, 2015, we have witnessed Cape Charles blossom into such a prosperous town. We are a small family owned business run by women and love what we do with our services for the great people of our town and surrounding towns. With that being said, Seagrass Floral was impacted significantly during the pandemic from losing our biggest source of revenue (weddings and events) as well as being closed for months. A grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, rent rebate, payroll as well as operating costs, etc...will be of great assistance.

Sincerely,
Abi Piliero
Barbara Wivell

Roxanne Ward, Buoy 56

Subject: COVID 19 Recovery Grant

Good afternoon,
My name is Roxane Ward and I own Buoy 56. We are a small woman owned and operated micro-business in town. I am writing in total support of the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

Buoy 56 has been and is still being impacted significantly during the pandemic. A grant to support COVID reopening supplies, and other required necessities is much needed and will be of great assistance.

Thank you for your time and attention to my comments,
Roxane Ward
Buoy 56

Meredith Lusk, Moonrise Jewelry, Inc.

Subject: Statement for tonight's public hearing

My name is Meredith Lusk and I am the owner of Moonrise Jewelry. I am writing today in support of the the Town of Cape Charles and Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

I have been in business for 15 years, and my business has been located in Cape Charles for the past nine. Like most businesses, we were impacted significantly during the pandemic and a grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, rent rebate, etc. would be of great assistance as we adapt to keep our business running into the future. Thank you very much considering my comments in support of the DHCD Covid 19 Recovery Grant.

Meredith Lusk
Founder / Designer

Cristina Carollo, Ambrogia Caffè & Enoteca

Subject: CDBG recovery grant

I Cristina Carollo of Ambrogia Caffè & Enoteca am writing in support of the the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

Ambrogia Caffè & Enoteca was impacted significantly during the pandemic and a grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, rent rebate, etc...will be of great assistance.

Sincerely,
Cristina Carollo

Nansey Cardone, Love Letter, LLC

I am writing this letter on behalf of Love Letters LLC and I am in support of the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCH) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

Love Letters LLC was impacted significantly during the pandemic and a grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, rent rebate, merchandise, salaries, etc...will be of great assistance.

Sincerely,
Nansey Cardone
Owner

Jawn Dolph, Hotel Cape Charles

Subject: CDBG Recovery grant public hearing

We at the Hotel Cape Charles are writing in support of the Town of Cape Charles/Cape Charles Main Street applying for the grant provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) CDBG COVID 19 Recovery Grant.

The Hotel Cape Charles was impacted significantly during the pandemic and a grant to support things like COVID reopening supplies, mortgage, rebate, additional staffing needed to comply with operation standards and will be of great assistance.

Jawn Dolph
General Manager