CITY OF BURTON

OCTOBER 28, 1996, 6:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Meeting was called to order by Ted Hammon, President, at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cross, Hammon, Martinbianco, Walls and Zelenko.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Abbey and Cox.

OTHERS PRESENT: G. Webster, City Clerk.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Public Hearing for 1997 Community Development Block Grant.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Webster, City Clerk, said Mayor Smiley's recommendations for CD funds included the following areas:

Paving and Street Improvements
Ditching
Water and Watermain Improvements
Senior Citizen Salary
Parks
Fire Department
Sidewalks

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

John Stapish, 5160 E. Atherton Rd., was delighted Burton Neighborhood Housing Services was not included in the CD recommendations. He strongly opposes any funding of this project. He suggested the remaining gravel sections of Columbine Ave. be paved. He thinks we don't need to spend funds on sidewalks at this time.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Martinbianco thinks there is a need for funding BNHS. He gave a detailed report on the status of the organization. BNHS is currently undergoing a financial crisis and is being housed in East Bendle Schools. A bookkeeper has been employed to review the books, MISHDA has provided funds so a 94/95 audit can be completed and a 95/96 audit is planned. His recommendation is to continue looking at potential funding for BNHS. By the time the reorganization process

and the audits are completed, it will be into 1997 and we should have a clearer understanding of how to proceed. However, if our direction is to continue to help other eligible CD areas, whether that be in the South End or somewhere else in the City, it's important we have some obligation to make sure this is done. We should show our support financially as well as organizationally with their help.

Mr. Cross suggested the Mayor add Parks to our CD agenda. The small park near Fire Station #2 is in need of repair so the equipment will be safer. He would like the City to look at other locations for a park. He thinks there is a need for parks in our community with all the young families in our City.

Mrs. Zelenko supported the need for some funding for BNHS. She asked if there were any other investigations being conducted besides the financial audit.

Mr. Martinbianco was not aware of any other investigations of BNHS.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Gayle Webster
Burton City Clerk

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