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To: Coventry Planning Commission
From: Doug McLean, Director of Planning and Development
Date: September 19, 2024
Re: Proposed CDBG Funding Request for Town of Coventry Public Works Dept.

This memorandum is provided as background information on the Town of Coventry Public Works Department's request to use Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to make improvements to public roadways in the Quidnick area of Town. The proposed activity will be to re-pave roads which are in significant deterioration. Two (2) separate motions are needed by the Planning Commission for this agenda item: 1) make a finding to certify that the activities are consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Community Plan and local development ordinances/regulations and 2) make a recommendation to the Town Council to authorize the Town Manager to file the application.

Funding Request:

The Coventry Public Works Department is requesting **\$495,944.50** to re-pave 14 roadways in Town, identified as:

- Hazard Street
- Knight Street
- Sharpe Street
- Chopin Street
- Edward Street
- Cecil Avenue
- Justa Avenue
- Dion Avenue
- Raymond Street
- Read Avenue
- MacArthur Boulevard
- Bates Avenue
- Doolittle Street
- Eisenhower Street

The purpose of this application is to provide for safe passage for residents who reside in the Quidnick area of Town. This area of Coventry has a higher percentage of low- to moderate-income residents, as demonstrated through Census information. The roadways in this area have not been rehabilitated in the past 20 years. The roadways in the area lack sidewalks due to smaller rights-of-way for the roadways. These proposed improvements will provide bituminous asphalt pavement to the full allowable width of the right-of-way to allow safe pedestrian access in the area, where there are numerous businesses, retail, restaurants, as well as the Coventry Fire District Station for emergency services.

Relevant Sections of Town's Comprehensive Plan

Chapter C. Visions, Goals & Objectives

Circulation Vision: Our vision for circulation includes the provision of a safe, efficient, and adequate transportation system for motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

Circulation Objective 1.1: Continue to develop and maintain a town street system that provides appropriate access to all land uses, protects neighborhood areas, and provides systematic and orderly growth of new residential and nonresidential areas.

Circulation Objective 1.6: Continue to monitor the condition of all existing streets on an annual basis to assess further street improvement projects, estimate costs, establish timing and identify revenue sources to carry out improvement projects...

E.1.1. Implementation Action Program

Circulation Action 2.2 Purpose: To maintain an on-going and rigorous program for local roadway maintenance and improvements.

Circulation Action 1.13 Purpose: To ensure consistency between comprehensive planning and roadway improvements.

Circulation Action Item 4.3 states that the Town should continue to apply for and utilize CDBG funds to "stimulate rehabilitation in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods;"

Circulation Action Item 4.8 work with existing non-profit organizations to provide affordable housing opportunities for all Town residents "to rehabilitate or build affordable housing for low-and moderate-income families."

The Planning Director has reviewed the proposed activity to improve the aforementioned public roadways in the Quidnick area for conformance with local ordinances and regulations, including consistency with the Comprehensive Plan and State Guide Plans. Based on this review, the Planning Director finds that **the proposed activity IS consistent with all such plans.**

Staff recommends the Planning Commission consider the following motions:

Staff Recommended Motions:

The Coventry Planning Commission certifies that the proposed activities are consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Community Plan, local development ordinances and regulations, and relevant State Guide Plans.

The Coventry Planning Commission recommends that the Town Council authorize the Town Manager to file the application.