

**Rochester City Council Public Hearing  
April 2, 2013  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
7:00 PM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Councilor Hervey  
Councilor Hynes  
Councilor Keans  
Councilor Lachapelle  
Councilor LaBranche  
Councilor Lauterborn  
Councilor Larochelle  
Councilor Reed-Erickson  
Councilor Savoie  
Councilor Torr  
Councilor Varney  
Councilor Walker  
Mayor Jean

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Manager Fitzpatrick  
Deputy City Manager Cox  
Deputy City Manager Pollard  
Kenn Ortmann Director of the  
Planning Department  
Elena Engle, Community  
Development Specialist  
Suzanne Ford, Homeless Shelter  
of Strafford County  
Robert O'Connell, Executive Director  
of My Friends Place  
Betsey Andrews Parker, Executive  
Director of Community Action

**MINUTES**

Mayor Jean opened up the Public Hearing relative to the Community Development Block Grant [CDBG] for 2013-2014. He invited the public to address the City Council.

Suzanne Ford, Homeless Shelter for Strafford County, addressed the City Council. She distributed material for the City Council to review. She said this program has saved the City of Rochester over \$16,000 through the homeless shelter program; otherwise, these individuals would have sought assistance through the City of Rochester's welfare system. The greatest percentage of clients are under the age of eighteen seeking shelter with their parents or guardians. She asked the City Council to support the program.

Robert O'Connell, Executive Director of My Friends Place located in Dover, New Hampshire. He said this shelter offers assistance for all of Strafford County and shared a few stories about Rochester residents. He gave a brief overview of the service and needs of the program.

Betsey Andrews Parker, Executive Director of Community Action, addressed the City Council. She gave details and the benefits of the winterization program and a new

program for Mobile Homes. She gave a brief overview of other programs offered by the program.

Councilor Reed-Erickson stated that there is a large list of donors of the programs offered by Community Action. Ms. Parker agreed and gave more details of the financial supporters of the program.

Mayor Jean closed the Public Hearing at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Walters, CDCCNH  
City Clerk