Public Hearing
Minutes
January 20, 2021

The City of Cambridge Planning and Zoning, Historic Preservation, and Housing Division held a public hearing for the City of Cambridge at 4:00pm on Wednesday, January 20, 2021 via a conference call while staff – Pat Escher, Division Manager; Dale Price, IT Manager; and Jeannie Bellina, Housing Specialist, were the only ones present at the Council Chambers at 305 Gay Street, Cambridge, Maryland.

Staff and/or representatives in attendance by phone:
- Patrick Comiskey – Cambridge City Manager
- Rhodana Fields – Neighborhood Revitalization Manager, Habitat Choptank
- Jameson Harrington – Cambridge Council Commissioner – Ward 3
- Chad Malkus – Cambridge Council Commissioner – Ward 5
- Carol Richardson – Cambridge Director of Economic Development

Members of public:
- Adrian Holmes – Alpha Genesis DC
- Unidentified Caller

Planning Division Manager Pat Escher opened the meeting at 4pm.

Business
- General overview of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Phase 1 funding – 19 acquisitions, 6 demolitions, 5 owner-occupied home repairs (2 complete + 3 pending additional funds), 3 newly constructed homes, and 1 rehabilitated home. This totals 34 different housing activities completed in 2020.
- CDBG funding Phase 2 is being requested for: 8 acquisitions, 4 demolitions, 6 home repairs, 1 home, and 1 rehab. For 2021-2022, this will total about 20 different housing activities. More housing activities may be included at a later date.
- City of Cambridge is asking for $260,000 for ADA accessible elevator for old City Hall, a public building, to become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. City staff is asking for $540,000 for the above 2021-2022 housing activities. Rhodana Fields covered more detailed budget information.
- Rhodana indicated that home repairs for owner-occupied housing include: weatherization, roof, structure, plumbing, HVAC, drywall patches, energy efficient appliances and/or windows.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.