

# City of Cambridge

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## 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.