

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Richard A. Gerentine.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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ROLL CALL: Present: 12 Absent: 11 (Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Jennifer Berky, Dean Fabiano, Herbert Litts, Peter Loughran, Mary Beth Maio, James Maloney, John Patete, Richard Parete, Hector Rodriguez, Kenneth Ronk)

Note: Legislator John Parete arrived at 6:16 PM.

6:06 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

On The Application For Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were (4) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Kevin O'Connor, Kingston: Mr. O'Connor is the CEO of RUPCO who discussed RUPCO's \$400K application for CDBG funds to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to income eligible homeowners in Ulster County, and an additional \$450K for home buying assistance. See attached written testimony.
2. Michael Jordan, Kingston: Mr. Jordan is a local attorney and real estate practitioner who spoke in favor of the CDBG home ownership assistance program that has greatly helped our community.
3. Richard Heese, Saugerties: Mr. Heese is employed with Ulster Savings Bank who spoke in favor of the CDBG program that helps fund first time home buyers.
4. Charlet Wenzel, Kingston: Ms. Wenzel of Wenzel Reality who for the past twenty years has specialized in first time homebuyer programs spoke in favor of the CDBG program and works in conjunction with RUPCO.

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Motion by Legislator David Donaldson, seconded by Legislator Ronald Lapp to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.