



Rochester City Council

Community Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

James Gray, Chairperson

Elaine Lauterborn, Vice Chairperson

Sandra Keans

Jake Collins

Donna Bogan

Meeting Date:	May 28, 2015	
Members Present:	Councilor Bogan Councilor Collins Councilor Gray Councilor Keans Councilor Lauterborn	Members Absent: None
Guests/Staff:	Julian Long, Community Development Coordinator Mike Provost, Rochester Main Street Director Kate Kirkwood, Lead Abatement Consultant	

Councilor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Councilor Lauterborn and seconded by Councilor Bogan to approve the April 23, 2015 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Rochester Main Street Presentation	<p>Mr. Provost announced that he had received a 1772 Foundation scholarship to travel to Philadelphia to learn about historic building preservation and restoration. He also distributed the Rochester Main Street schedule of summer events and event flyers; please see attached. Councilor Gray asked about coordination between Rochester Main Street and the Rochester Fairgrounds, and Mr. Provost stated that they often inform one another of upcoming events.</p> <p>Mr. Provost also discussed the City's policy of only allowing one event banner to be displayed at a time and stated that this creates problems when there are multiple events occurring simultaneously. Councilor Keans asked where the banners are currently displayed, and Councilor Lauterborn asked about where additional banners would be displayed. Mr. Provost discussed the current and potential location for banners. Councilor Gray suggested discussing this issue at the June 2, 2015 City Council meeting.</p> <p>Councilor Keans moved to recommend that the City Council grant additional discretion to the City Manager to authorize the display of multiple event banners. Councilor Bogan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Potential Lead Abatement Grant	<p>Ms. Kirkwood provided a PowerPoint presentation on an available lead abatement grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; please see attached. Councilor Lauterborn asked about environmental factors other than lead paint in housing, and Ms. Kirkwood discussed water pipe issues and methods to reduce risk. Councilor Keans</p>

asked whether blood lead level testing is mandatory, and Ms. Kirkwood explained that it is recommended but not mandatory. Councilor Bogan asked about whether testing occurs after children reach age two, and Ms. Kirkwood said ideally testing would continue to age six.

Councilor Gray made a comment that the blood level testing data might be skewed as those tested might not be a representative sample. Ms. Kirkwood agreed and said there needs to be wider testing to obtain better data.

Councilor Lauterborn asked about the required City match portion of the grant. Ms. Kirkwood stated that a City match would be required but that it could be in-kind donations rather than a cash contribution. Ms. Kirkwood discussed possible sources of a City matching, including donation of office space, telephone lines, and Frisbie Conference Center space. Ms. Kirkwood also stated that Community Development Block Grant funds can be used as a match.

Councilor Collins expressed a lack of support for applying for the grant. Councilor Collins stated that it seems a poorly-defined expenditure of federal funds that will not adequately address the problems.

Councilor Gray asked about the administrative hours required for the grant. Ms. Kirkwood stated that an administrator would be required at 75% of full-time or higher. Councilor Bogan asked about school involvement in lead testing, and Ms. Kirkwood stated that engaging schools in testing and awareness would fit under the outreach portion of the grant activities. Councilor Keans asked when the next grant application period will occur, and Ms. Kirkwood stated that grant periods begin when the Notice of Funding Availability is released, which usually happens once a year.

Councilor Lauterborn moved to recommend the authorization of applying for the grant to the full City Council. Councilor Keans seconded the motion. The motion passed, with four aye votes to one no vote.

CDBG Projects Program Report

Mr. Long gave brief updates on the Hanson Pines Pavilion and Rochester Public Library HVAC projects. Both projects are now due to be completed by the end of July. Mr. Long also gave an update on the site visit performed by representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Overall, the visit found that the City is maintaining a well-run CDBG program, and Mr. Long is following up on suggested improvements to the program.

Mr. Long also apologized to the Committee for an error on the CDBG grant applications summary provided to the Committee at the February 2015 Committee meeting. The summary incorrectly stated that Cross Roads House had requested \$3,500 in its application; the correct amount that was requested was \$12,000. Councilor Keans requested that the summary be updated with the correct figure so that accurate data can be provided during the FY 2016-2017 grant applications review, and Mr. Long stated he would do so.

	Mr. Long also provided a summary of the Job Opportunity Benefit (JOB) Loans Program loan application and review process to the Committee. Councilor Lauterborn asked about the paragraph discussing banking representatives serving on the JOB Loans Committee, and Councilor Collins clarified. Councilor Keans asked about the eligibility requirements for serving on the JOB Loans Committee, and Councilor Lauterborn suggested the Committee discuss the JOB Loans Committee with the City Manager.
Other Business	Councilor Bogan asked about what is being built near Exit 16 on the Spaulding Turnpike. Councilor Gray stated that a state Department of Transportation garage is being constructed.
Public Input	There was no public input. Councilor Collins suggested that Public Input be moved to the beginning of the Committee meeting agendas, and Mr. Long stated that it would be moved to the first item after the approval of previous meeting minutes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Gray and seconded by Councilor Bogan. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Next Meeting – JUNE 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall

Topics – Continuing CDBG Projects, Potential CDBG Projects

2015



Concert & Event Series Downtown

Rochester, NH

Factory Court Concert Series

Fridays @ 11:45am-1:30pm

Bring a chair and buy or bring a lunch

- June 26: A favorite local trio of musicians, "Just by Chance" at Central Square
- July 10: Traditional NH folk singer and musician Jeff Warner at Factory Court
- July 17: Vocalist and guitarist, Cecil Abels at Factory Court
- July 24: Musical duo "Two for the Road" at Factory Court
- July 29: Wednesday - Teddy Bear Picnic (see reverse side for more information)
- July 31: Favorite regional duo of blues musicians, Poor Howard and Bullfrog Rogers at Factory Court
- August 7: Jazz vocalist Linda Pouliot at Factory Court
- August 10: Monday-Irish and folk singer/songwriter Pat O'Brien @ Factory Court (Rochester Arts & Culture Week)
- August 12: Wednesday - Wildlife Encounters (see reverse side for more information)
- August 14: Singer, songwriters, and guitarists David Surette and Susie Burke at Factory Court (Rochester Arts & Culture Week)
- August 21: Dan Walker and his high energy sound and acoustic soul grove at Factory Court
- August 28: Local fiddler extraordinaire Ryan Thomson and his son Brenish at Central Square



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Concert & Event Series 2015 Downtown Rochester, NH

Rochester Pride Day: Saturday, April 18 @ 8am-1pm
The partnership between Rochester Main Street, Rochester Recreation & Arena, and the City of Rochester's Public Works Dept., will bring together 200+ volunteers to help clean up Rochester.

Author's Fair: Saturday, April 25 @ 10am-3pm

The partnership between Rochester Main Street, The Rochester Public Library, and the Rochester Times bring you this free public gathering that will showcase the work of many authors living in the Seacoast area.

Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 2 @ 10am-4pm
This event will take place at a number of local businesses, each one giving away a unique comic book per family that visits them. There will also be dozens of comic book artists/creators, vendors, and food.

Wine in The Garden, Beer in The Woods:

Wednesday, June 3 @ 5pm-7pm
A wine and beer tasting featuring Jewell Towne Vineyards and 7th Settlement Brewery, in the gardens at Studley's Flower Gardens.

Rochester Blues Festival: Saturday, July 18 @ 10am-4pm
Silent auction, entertainment, refreshments but local businesses, Kerri Powers booths, food crafts, and BBQ contest sponsored D.F. Richard and Leone McDonnell & Roberts Pa.

Teddy Bear Picnic (Factory Court Concert Series):

Wednesday, July 29 @ 12-1:30pm
Come with your picnic lunch and enjoy the fun and games.

Wildlife Encounters (Factory Court Concert Series):

Wednesday, August 12 @ 11:45am-1pm
Come with your picnic lunch and experience Wildlife Encounters in Central Square.

Paranormal/UF0 Festival: Saturday, September 19 @ 9am-4pm
In cooperation with Jetpack Comics, come and visit participating businesses, the exhibit hall, lectures, walking tour, booths, food, and more.

October Festival: Saturday, October 10 @ 11am-4pm
This family fun event sponsored by Service Credit Union will offer food, fun, games, demonstrations, music, an interactive Barryard Petting Zoo, and a "Mile High Apple Pie" baking contest. This years event will be held on Hanson St. and Central Square.

Trick-or-Treat on The Town/Zombie Walk:

Friday, October 23 Trick-or-Treat @ 4:15-6pm, Zombie Walk begins @ 7pm
Free community dance classes to learn the choreography for the Zombie Walk. For more information, visit www.rochestermainstreet.org

Plaid Friday & Shop Small Saturday:

Friday, November 27 & Saturday, November 28
Both days are designed to encourage shoppers to remember to make purchases at locally owned businesses during the start of the holiday shopping season.

Festival of Trees: Saturday, December 5 @ 4-8pm
This is a new event. Information Pending. Visit our website @ www.rochestermainstreet.org for any updated information.

Factory Court Concert Series: June 26-August 28
These events are sponsored by The NH State Council on the Arts/National Endowment for the Arts and Citizens Bank.

Our Sponsors:



Rochester Main Street

Wine in the Gardens/

Beer In The Woods

Sponsored by:

The Seacoast's own
community bank



FEDERAL SAVINGS
BANK



Silent Auction &

Entertainment by

Bill Cormier of Ouse By Chance

Join us Wednesday, June 3 5:30 - 8:00 pm

**Studley's Flower Gardens
82 Wakefield Street, Rochester**

Excess Parking in Rear Lot of the Governor's Inn

*Wines from Jewell Towne Vineyards of South
Hampton, Craft Brews from 7th Settlement of Dover
paired with Hor's D'ouvres from Local Restaurants*

Bella Fresca

Lilac City Grille

**Happy Pappy's
Country Store**

**Spaulding Steak & Ale
at the Governor's Inn**

Papaya Thai

Windjammer's

Tickets: \$25 per person now on sale at

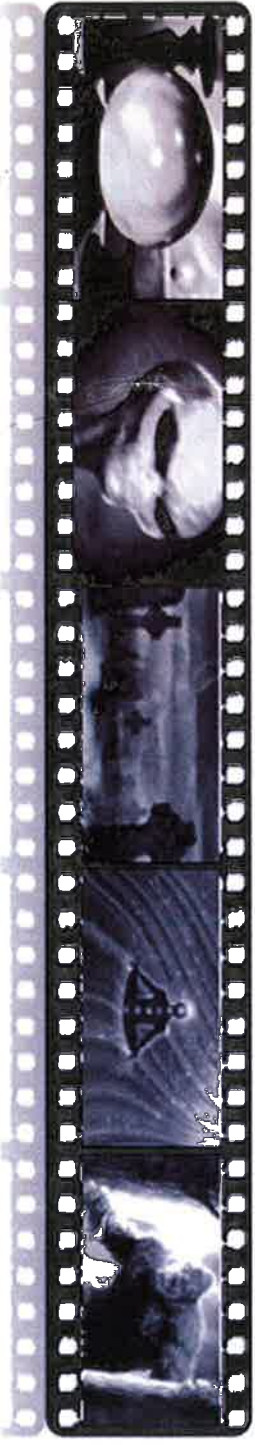
Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Studley Flower Gardens

and Rochester Main Street office at 18 South Main Street, Suite 2B

To Benefit: ROCHESTER MAIN STREET & Downtown Projects

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Rochester Paranormal Festival



Friday, September 18 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, September 19 9am-4pm

Friday, September 18

7:30 pm - Indoor Presentation by The NH Astronomical Society @ Rochester City Hall Chambers
8:30pm - Sky Watch @ Rochester Common



Gallery Reading @ Rochester Opera House
w/Psychic Medium Antje Bourdages @ 1pm
Tickets \$15

Free Films @ Rochester Public Library - 65 South Main St.
?pm - Close Encounters of the Third Kind
?pm - E.T.

Food

Lectures

Visit The Exhibit Hall

Vendor Booths

Festival Presented by:

Walking Tour And Lots More!!



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4th Annual Rochester Blues/BBO Festival

Saturday, July 18 10am-4pm

\$5 Suggested Donation

North Main Street/River Walk

Rochester, NH

Schedule of Events:

10-10:30

Linda Pouliot

10:45-11:15

Deep Fried Blues

11:30-12

Poor Howard & Bull Frog
Rogers

12:15-12:45

Threedom Blues Band

1-1:45

Kerri Powers

2-4

Headliner Blues legend:
James Montgomery
Blues Band

Bring a Lawn Chair ~ Spend the Day!

Vendors Crafts

And More!

BBO

Cook-Off Contest \$5 Sampling Badge

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Blues Festival Sponsored by:



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Factory Court Brown Bag Concert Series



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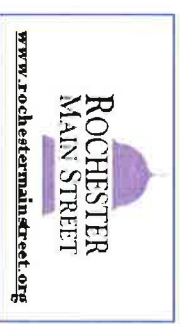
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In case of inclement weather, concert will be cancelled.
Children's events will be rescheduled.



June 26
through
August 28




Join us at
Factory Court
“in the heart of
downtown
Rochester.”

“Bring a chair
and buy or
bring your
lunch!”

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Proposed City of Rochester HUD Lead Hazard Control Grant Application 2015

Background on Lead Poisoning
Why Apply?
How to apply

What is lead poisoning anyway?

- Am I lead Poisoned?
- Is my child lead poisoned?
- Didn't we get rid of that stuff years ago?
- I grew up in a house with lead paint.....and I'm fine...I think.....
- What are the symptoms?
- What can we do about it?
- How many houses have lead today?
- How many kids are poisoned today?

Are you lead poisoned?
Maybe
EPA says 9 out of 10 houses built before 1940 were painted with lead

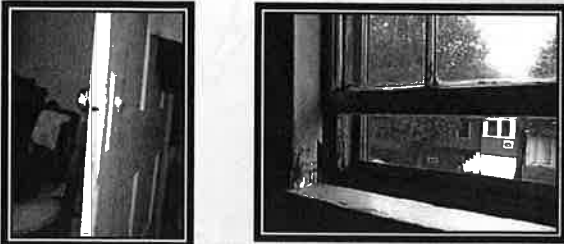
Lead paint is not a problem when it is intact. When it is disturbed (cut, sanded, drilled, scraped, aggressively washed) or dust is created by friction or impact...then we have a problem

- Do YOU
 - Live or work around old paint?
 - Have hobbies that involved old paint?
 - Paint on canvas, china or other substances?
 - Work in a firing range?
 - Make or repair stained glass?
 - Recover or repair historic homes, furniture or dishes?
- Do YOU
 - Wear a mask or protective gear when you work around the old paint?
 - Clean up thoroughly when you are done?
 - Dispose of waste appropriately?
 - Change shoes and/or clothes before going back to the family?

It's really not about the paint




It's about the friction and impact that breaks up the paint into dust



Smaller pieces are more easily absorbed into the blood stream



How is Lead in the Body Measured?

- Blood tests are the only way to measure lead exposure.
- The amount of lead in the body is the Blood Lead Level (BLL).
- BLL is measured in micrograms (μg) of lead per deciliter (dL) of blood.
 - A microgram is equal to one single grain of sugar cut into 1,000 pieces.
 - A deciliter, a volume measure, is equal to a little less than half a cup. A person weighing 165 pounds has about 60dL of blood.



Photo courtesy of Mike Vogel

Is your child lead poisoned?

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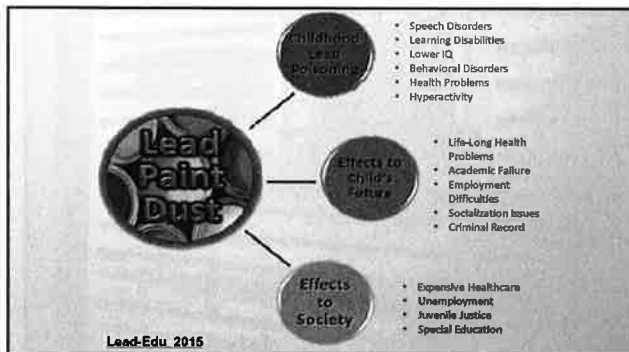
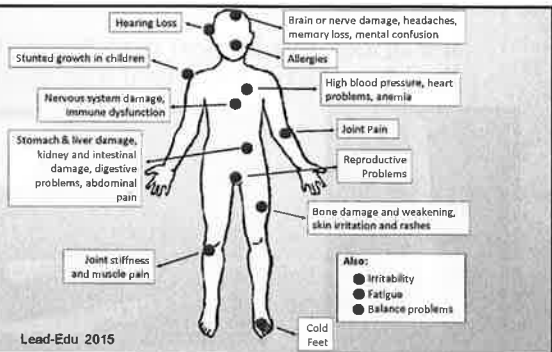
Lead is measured in ug/dl. CDC says 5 is the level of "action"

NH Does not take action until a child's level is 10 ug/dl. Twice the recommended level.

• What happens if your child is poisoned?

- Lead is a neurotoxin
- It causes permanent brain damage
 - Learning disabilities, IQ deficits, ADHD, Autism
- Children have constant hand to mouth behavior
- We put our very young children on the floor.
- Lead dust is heavy and sinks to the floor.
- The child breathes in the dust, or puts it in their mouth
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a5Vv4gH9n_o
- Ted Talks Rochester - Ralph Spezio

They breathe in this toxic dust, and eat it on their hands, toys and food



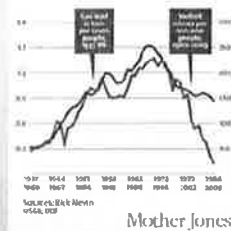
A Child Who Has Been Lead Poisoned Is More Likely To ...

- Have A Lower IQ
- Be In Special Education Classes
- Be Incarcerated For A Violent Crime
- Have A Low-wage, Low-skill Job As An Adult



Lead-Edu 2015

Compares Lead Gasoline and Violent Crimes in the U.S.



Lead-Edu 2015

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What can we do to protect our kids?

- Test the blood
 - Capillary, very quick and easy
 - Most doctors don't, and parents don't know to ask
- Test the House – risk assessment
- Use Lead safe work practices when renovating – or hire lead safe contractors
- Raise Awareness (medical, parents, schools, contractors, painters, landlords)

Lead-Edu 2015

Simple Solutions – once you know

- Take your shoes off at the door
- Use a HEPA vac to pick up lead dust in the house
- Wet wash with disposable rags (Swiffer)
- Keep paint intact (seal in the lead)
- Remove old windows (80% of the lead in the house)
- Remove the lead when you can – cover it thoroughly if you have to leave it in the house
- Clean up any dust if the house is old – it could be poison
- Wash children's hands frequently
- Don't eat or drink while working around lead paint
- Wear a respirator
- Hire lead safe certified professionals
- Outreach and education (childbirth classes)

The Data - kids

• Children poisoned in NH

- 15% tested state wide
- 22% tested in Rochester
- .5% BLL state wide
- 1.3% BLL in Rochester
- Rochester ranks 3rd in the State after Laconia, and Berlin in % of kids poisoned last year

	NH	Rochester
Pop	84767	2140
Kids tested	14012	463
BLL >10	77	6
BLL > 5	1019	57

The Data – housing stock

- Nationally, houses built before 1940 have a 90% chance of having lead paint.
 - Before 1960 a 70% chance of having lead paint
 - Before 1980 a 25% chance of having lead paint
- We have the oldest housing stock in the country
 - Rochester has about 14,000 units
 - 6 currently under order, 24 prior orders closed
 - At risk units (about 6200)
 - 92% (13,000) were built before 1980
 - And 23% (3247) were built before 1940
- If we are successfully funded this grant will only remediate about 100 of them.



Benefits to the Kids

- Keep them safe
- Protect their future from learning disabilities
- Raise awareness to deal with kids already poisoned
- Raise awareness to prevent future poisoning
- Reduce related medical costs
- Increase future earning potential

Benefits to the Contractors

- Keep them safe (lead poisoned adults)
- Use these funds to provide additional training and certification for the city's trades
- Use these funds to hire the newly certified contractors and renovators - painters, plumbers, electricians, maintenance staff to make our properties safer (commercial as well as residential)
- Increase jobs in the city

Benefits to the Landlords

- Keep citizens safe (lead poisoned adults)
- Use these funds to provide additional training and certification for the city's investor and "mom and pop" landlords
- Leverage their renovation dollars (they match 10%)
- Use these funds to replace windows, doors, siding
- Lower their insurance rates
- Make properties attractive to public housing voucher programs
- Assist them if they are "under order" (forced by the State to abate)

Benefits to the City of Rochester

- Keep them safe (lead poisoned children and adults)
- Use these funds to improve housing stock
 - Attract investors into the city, or existing investors to purchase more property
- Have fewer vacant buildings
- Increased pride in the neighborhoods
- Use funding for outreach and education
 - To schools and parents, community and health professionals, code enforcement
- Create jobs
 - 12-15 contractors, 3 grant staff, supplement city budget, code enforcement and admin salaries

Very Rough Budget

Income	Expenses
\$1,500,000 HUD lead funds	\$1,188,620 Direct Costs (testing, abatement, relocation, intake, inspections)
\$162,500 Healthy Home funds	\$166,000 Grant administration
\$108,000 Property owner match	\$100,000 Training costs
<u>\$42,000 in kind or city match</u>	\$100,000 Outreach and education
	\$150,000 City salary offset
	\$50,000 Travel and expenses related to HUD conferences
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How To Apply?

Steps in Application

- Permission to apply (City Council)
- Kate writes application with city staff (in kind donated time)
- Committee approves application
- Submit Application to HUD on grants.gov by June 23
- HUD decision made by August
- If successful – funding received by Sept/Oct
- Projects completed by October 2017 (100 units?)
- Rochester applies for more funds in Summer 2017?