



Sachem Fund Committee
1/13/09 Room 335
Meeting Notes

Attendees: Co-Chairman Alderman Bill Nash, Co-Chairman Bill Quidgeon, Jr., Mayor Ben Lathrop, Joseph Ruffo, Comptroller, Mark Brown, Ambassador Mohegan Tribal Council, Lottie Scott and Recording Secretary Evelyn Bessette
Not Present: Peter Davis, Director of Planning & Development, and James Gessner, Jr., Mohegan Tribal Council (excused)

Members of Press Present: Claire Bessette, the Day & Michael Gannon, Norwich Bulletin

1. The Meeting of the Sachem Fund Committee was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. It was determined a quorum was present
3. A motion was made by Mark Brown, seconded by Bill Nash to approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2008 Motion carried with one abstention
4. Co-chair Bill Nash reported he had not received any recommendations from any members of the Sachem Fund regarding restructuring the application criteria and programs. Further discussion of Bill Nash's previous suggestion of a type of loan program.
Action taken: Committee recommended loan suggestion be passed onto Corporation Counsel Michael Driscoll for possible guidelines, etc. Joe Ruffo will check into CDBG program to see how that is going and report to committee at a later date.
5. Joe Ruffo reported only one benefactor from the first round of distributions has given a report to how money was spent/used. Discussion followed about the possibility of creating a form for recipients to be required to fill out and return to report how funds were used according to the initial application of intent and how the donation benefited the community.
6. Citizen Comment:
Jon Jacaruso presented a letter of request on behalf of the Semiseptcentennial Committee in the amount of \$120,000.
Action taken: A motion was made to accept the correspondence as presented. Motion carried in due form.

7. A motion was made to schedule a "Special Meeting" of the Sachem Fund Committee for Thursday, January 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 335 to discuss the letter of request of the Semiseptcentennial Committee and set dates and deadlines for applications and distributions. Motion carried in due form.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Evelyn Bessette, Recording Secretary