The Planning Board met for a special meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 1989 at 12 noon at the Office of Planning and Community Development. Members present were Chairman John F. Keaney; Vice Chairman Frank D. DeFalco; Clerk Joan C. Sadowsky; John T. Reynolds; George Russell. Also present were Director Francis J. Donahue; Director Michael S. Latka; Assistant Director Stephen O'Neil; Assistant City Solicitor Michael E. Traynor; Senior Planner Alexander A. Pridotkas; Planning Coordinator Philip Hammond; staff of OPCD David Keane and Jill Dagilis.

Call to Order

Chairman Keaney called the meeting to order at 12:15 P. M.,

Community Development Block Grant presentation

Mr. Latka presented the Board a listing of all agencies that received funding out of year 14 block grant, the funds requested for year 15 and OPCD recommendations for the allocation of the funds. There will be six public hearings held throughout the city to receive citizen input on OPCD recommendations. After all the boards, agencies and the City Council vote approval of the disbursement of the funds, it will be forwarded to HUD for their approval. No action is required by the Board at this time.

Discussion re Zoning Ordinance

Mr. Donahue stated that the Board should discuss the strategy to be used for reviewing a zoning ordinance and submitting it to the City Council. He suggested that the Board utilize the proposed zoning ordinance as prepared by Code Inspection as its base and combining other reports/recommendations as submitted by various groups.

Mr. Hammond agreed with Mr. Donahue's suggestion.

Mr. Russell questioned if the Code Inspection report was prepared by the Code Department.

Mr. Donahue replied affirmatively with the assistance of the City Manager's Zoning Review Committee.

Mr. Reynolds questioned if it is the Planning Board's business to set up a zoning ordinance.

Mr. Donahue replied that the City Council requested the Board to review all the proposals submitted.

Mr. Reynolds questioned if there is a time period on the ordinance.

Mr. Keaney replied that the City Council would like the Board's recommendation within 90 days.

Mr. Donahue stated that after the Board compiles a zoning ordinance, submits it to the City Council, the City Council then will send it back to the Board for a public hearing. When the hearing is advertised in the newspaper issuance of building permits will be frozen. Also, approvals for most special permits and variances will be held up.

Mr. Keaney questioned if the Board might advertise a notice stating that a

hearing will be held on a proposed zoning ordinance. The public will then be aware of the situation.

Mr. Donahue replied that a reporter is present at this meeting and he will probably write an article on this matter and the public will then be aware of the situation.

Mr. Russell stated that the meetings on the ordinance should be held in the evenings in order to give the public a chance to appear and voice their opinion.

Mr. Keaney replied that for the last two years the City Council held meetings throughout the city to listen to the citizens input. All their comments have been submitted to this Board. The meetings on the ordinance are open to the public and they can express their opinions at that time.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Wednesday, February 8, 1989 at 12:30 P. M. to review various articles of the proposed ordinance.

Adjournment

Chairman Keaney adjourned the meeting at 1:40 P. M.