



Community Preservation Committee

Regular

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
<http://www.springfieldcityhall.com>

Kathy Calvanese

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on August 1, 2023 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

August 1, 2023

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order concerning the

Open Meeting Law, the Springfield Community Preservation Committee will continue to meet remotely until further notice. A full video recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

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Public comments may be mailed to Community Preservation Committee, City Hall, 36 Court Street, Springfield, 01103 or e-mail to: cpc@springfieldcityhall.com

Present: - Juanita Martinez (Conservation Commission Representative) - Clinton Harris (Park Department Representative) and Robert McCarroll (Springfield Preservation Trust), Judy Crowell (Historical Commission) - Steven Bosworth (Neighborhood Representative), Willie Thomas (Housing Authority)

Absent: Rhonda Sherrell - (Neighborhood Representative) Yolanda Cancel (Neighborhood Representative), Gloria DeFillipo (Planning Board Representative)

Call to Order

Approve Minutes of June 6

2023 Application Recommendations

Contract Extension Requests

East Springfield Library Reading Garden

Forest Park Trolley Pavilion

Forest Park Picnic Pavilion

Bike/Skate Park Study

Blunt Park Tennis Courts

Blunt Park Stone Soul Garden

Hubbard Park Tennis Courts

Cottage Hill Park

Administrator's Updates

Administrator's Contract

Other Matters

FocusSpringfield

Meeting September 5

Minutes

Approval of June 6, 2023 Minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Clinton and seconded by Juanita. Unanimous vote. Motion passed.

2023 Applications Recommendations

The remaining funds to recommend tonight are approximately \$1 million. CPA funds are first distributed from each reserve account and each category is 10% of the CPA available funds. The housing reserve funds have not yet been allocated. If the committee decides not to recommend a community housing project this year, the reserves will remain in the account to be used in a future year. The Committee discussed and voted separately on each project and recommended the following amounts indicated on the chart below:

2023 Projects	Applicant	Category	Requested	Recommend	Open Space/Recreation \$262,800.00	Historic \$278,300.00	Housing \$306,000.00	Undesignated Reserve \$1,974,825.00	Total Reserves \$2,821,925	Other
Abbey Brook Conservation Area expansion	Co-Applicants: OPED, Hungry Hill Neighborhood Council, Conservation Commission	Open Space	\$700,000.00	\$500,000.00				\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	FY2024 \$250,000.00
Alden Street Park Improvements	Residents and SCANS: Springfield Conservation and Nature Stewardship	Recreation	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00				\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	
Kavanagh Bldg. reuse	Renaissance Development, LLC	Community Housing	\$210,000.00	\$210,000.00			\$210,000.00		\$210,000.00	
Trinity stained glass restoration	Trinity United Methodist Church	Historic Resource	\$160,000.00	\$65,000.00				\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	
D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Exterior Restoration (Phase 2)	Springfield Museums	Historic Resource	\$250,000.00	\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	
Porch restoration for 113 Mill Street	Michael J Dias Foundation	Historic Resource	\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00				\$3,900.00	\$3,900.00	
Gemini Townhomes	Home City Development, Inc	Community Housing	\$250,000.00	\$96,000.00			\$96,000.00		\$96,000.00	
Allocated				\$1,274,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$306,000.00	\$718,900.00	\$1,024,900.00	\$250,000.00 FY2024
Balance of Reserves					\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,811.00	\$6,811.00	

Motion to Clinton and Second by Juanita to correct the amount of CMSS project allocation from \$14,470.00 to \$14,740.00. Motion passed.

Contract Extension Requests

Forest Park Trolley Barn to June 30, 2024 (original 11/30/19-6/30/23)

Springfield Bike Park Study to June 30, 2024 (original 11/30/20-6/30/22)

Blunt Park - Tennis Court & Stone Soul Garden to Dec. 31, 2023 (original 11/30/21 -6/30/23)

Forest Park Picnic Pavilion December 31, 2023 (original 11/30/21 -6/30/23)

Hubbard Park Tennis Court to June 30, 2024 (original 11/30/21 -6/30/23)

Cottage Hill Park to December 31, 2023 (original 11/30/21 -6/30/23)

Motion by Clinton and Second by Juanita to extend contract to dates indicated above. Passed.

East Springfield Library Reading Outdoor Room

Request contract extension to November 30, 2024.

The library applied for the 2024 Mass Board of Library Commissioners Construction Grant Program for renovation and addition to the East Springfield Branch. This is a competitive grant process and awards will be announced in October, 2024. If they receive the grant award, they will proceed with the CPC grant and incorporate the design around the new addition. If not funded they would proceed with the original landscaping design. If the library grant is awarded, construction is estimated to be completed by the Spring of 2027. Discussion by the committee. Extension to November 30, 2024 and if they receive the grant, another extension may be requested at that time. Motion by Juanita, second by Clinton. Passed.

Administrator's Updates

2020 Trinity House project. (\$106,800.00) received an ARPA award to cover the remaining part of the work. They will know soon when the project will begin. The Committee voted to extend their contract to November 30, 2023 and they may possibly need another extension.

Historic Homes. All but 7 of the grantees have completed the SHC approval process and most of the grantees are in the phase of obtaining quotes for the work.

2612 Main Street. Whitman Properties has not provided a status update for the property transfer of the building. The contract is still unsigned at this point and no CPA funds have been expended.

The City Council took the third and final vote to approve an Order Authorizing the Transfer of Real Property Known as 169 Maple Street to Davenport Advisors LLC for redevelopment.

City Council voted to revise the Ordinance to remove the district exemption on the D'Amour MoFA which will place it under the protection of the local historic district (First Step) .

Administrator's Contract

Vote to extend the Administrator's contract, and increase the contract by the allowable amount of 25% or \$5,850 in year two and year three. Motion to approve by Clinton second by Willie. Clinton, Yes. Willie, Yes. Juanita, Yes. Steve, Yes. Bob, Yes.

Other Matters.

Focus Springfield Government Matters. Feature of CPA anniversary of 5 years of recommendations. Discussion for a video tour of projects by the committee. A Subcommittee (Bob, Juanita, Willie) to plan the video was established

Next meeting. September 5.

Adjourned