



Community Preservation Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Regular

~ Minutes ~

Kathy Calvanese

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 16, 2024 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

II. Statement

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

April 16, 2024

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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Telephone 413-530-1268. Public comments regarding any of the 2024 projects will be accepted until April 30, 2024. Mail to Community Preservation Committee, City Hall, 36 Court Street, Springfield, 01103 or e-mail to: cpc@springfieldcityhall.com

Present: Clinton Harris (Park Department Representative), Robert McCarroll (Springfield Preservation Trust), Steven Bosworth (Neighborhood Representative), Gloria DeFilippo (Planning Board Representative) - Rhonda Sherrell - (Neighborhood Representative) Juanita Martinez (Conservation Commission Representative) -Judy Crowell (Historical Commission, Yolanda Cancel (Neighborhood Representative), Willie Thomas (Housing Authority)

Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes of April 2

Discussion of 2024 Applications

Preservation consultant service agreement with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Administrator's Updates

Abbey Brook Acquisition Conservation Restriction

Other Matters

Next Meeting May 7

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April 2, 2024 Minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Gloria seconded by Rhonda. All in favor, yes. Motion passed.

Discussion 2024 CPA Applications

Each committee member selected their top eight projects to begin discussing the 2024 CPA grants. Once the members confirmed their choices on the spreadsheet (shown on the screen), projects with the highest scores were discussed first. All 28 projects were reviewed in this initial round.

At the next scheduled meeting on May 7, members are free to change their ranking based on the initial round of discussion. The projects will then be re-ordered and given a second review.

Recommendations to fund a project begin with the top scoring projects until funds are depleted.

Members may vote to reduce or increase the grant amount.

A note regarding the 174-176 Maple Street CITY Redevelopment Incentive (2-units) and the 178-184 Maple St. Private Rowhouse Rehab (4-units) projects. Each applicant requested funding per unit (\$300,000.00). For purposes of scoring the applications were combined as one project. SCPC members may vote to fund part or all of the projects.

There are nine voting members of the Springfield Community Preservation Committee (SCPC).

Project	Applicant	Category	CPA Request	Totals
Elevator Indian Orchard Fire Station redevelopment	City of Springfield (owner) & Indian Orchard Citizens Council (Partner and future tenant)	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	8
Historic Homes Restoration Program	Springfield Community Preservation	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	6
D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Exterior Restoration (Phase 3)	Springfield Museums	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	5
Exterior Restoration for St. John's Congregational Church	St. John's Congregational Church	Historic Resource	\$299,999.00	5
Treetop Park Improvements	Outer Belt Civic Association	Recreation	\$250,000.00	4
Van Sickle Softball Diamond	Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation	Recreation	\$300,000.00	4
174-176 Maple Street CITY Redevelopment Incentive	City of Springfield	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	4
178-184 Maple St. Private rowhouse rehab	Maple Street Rowhouses, LLC	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	4
East Springfield Marshall Roy Park Enhancements	East Springfield Neighborhood Council	Recreation	\$300,000.00	3
Clarendon Fountain & Triangle Terrace Restoration	McKnight Neighborhood Council	Recreation	\$150,000.00	3
Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park Restoration	McKnight Neighborhood Council	Recreation	\$205,000.00	3
60 Byers Street Development Incentive	City of Springfield	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	3
Colony Hills Lamppost restoration	Colony Hills Neighborhood Association	Historic Resource	\$35,213.00	3
Drama Studio Elevator Project	Drama Studio Inc	Historic Resource	\$60,000.00	3
ReGreen Springfield Invasive Plant Control Program	ReGreen Springfield	Recreation	\$55,000.00	2
Lake Lorraine Nature Trail Network Enhancement Planning Project	ReGreen Springfield	Recreation	\$28,000.00	2
Immaculate Conception Restoration of stained-glass windows	Immaculate Conception Church	Historic Resource	\$150,000.00	2
McKnight Common Areas Planning and Implementation Project	McKnight Community Development	Historic Resource	\$225,000.00	2
Forest Park Fitness Course	Forest Park Civic Association	Recreation	\$300,000.00	1
Forest Park Clay Tennis Courts	Department of Parks, Buildings & Recreation	Recreation	\$300,000.00	1
Poor Brook Expeditionary Trail	ReGreen Springfield	Recreation	\$37,000.00	1
69-71 Princeton Street Restoration Project	College Streets Defense Fund, Inc.	Historic Resource	\$100,000.00	1
Restoration of 333 St James Avenue	Icicle Jones and Orleans Realty Trust	Historic Resource	\$150,000.00	1
Forest Park Arboretum Enhanced Cataloging, Mapping and Conservation	ReGreen Springfield	Recreation	\$58,000.00	0
Glendell Park Vegetation Restoration and Enhancements	ReGreen Springfield	Recreation	\$13,000.00	0
Science Museum Patio Restoration	Springfield Museums	Historic Resource	\$62,500.00	0
Restoration of Belltower Lighthouse Church	Lighthouse Church	Historic Resource	\$50,000.00	0
Frederick Stebbins House Preservation Project	F. H. Stebbins House Preservation	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	0

Pending confirmation from the Comptroller's office, the committee will have approximately \$2.5 million available to recommend for grants this year. CPA funds collected is expected to be nearly \$3M.

However, since there aren't any community housing applications this year, 10% will be held in reserve.

In addition, last year the committee voted to use \$250,000 from 2024 funds for the Abbey Brook Conservation purchase and less our administration budget, the expected funds to recommend this year is approximately \$2.5 million.

Administrator's Updates

Preservation consultant service agreement with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Contract signed. The Committee voted to increase the PVPC contract by \$500 (in January) to cover the premium. There was a delay while PVPC worked with their carrier as this is not a reasonable solution for the number of contracts PVPC has with the City. However, since the carrier billed for the additional premium it made sense to sign this contract that expires June 30th. PVPC is working with their carrier (MIIA) and the City to provide an umbrella endorsement for the future to add Springfield as an additional insured for a reasonable cost.

Abbey Brook Acquisition Conservation Restriction. Still waiting for the Conservation Restriction draft to be completed by the Conservation Commission.

Other Matters

Historic Homes Program. There are a total of 30 homes selected from the three lotteries. Of the 20 homes selected in the first two lotteries, 14 are under contract. The ten homes selected in the January lottery have all completed the initial paperwork and site visits are scheduled this week and next week.

111 Dartmouth Terrace has completed the necessary steps to meet the committee deadline of April 30.

Bay Path Cemetery update

Progress reports are in the Google drive. A Park Commission presentation is scheduled to review the Bay Path Cemetery report and Massachusetts Historic Commission submission.

Next Meeting May 7

Motion to adjourn 7:20 p.m.