



Community Preservation Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Regular

~ Minutes ~

Kathy Calvanese

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on May 7, 2024 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

II. Statement

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

May 7, 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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CommunityPreservationCommittee/

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 DeFillipo (Planning Board Representative) -Juanita Martinez (Conservation Commission Representative) -Judy Crowell (Historical Commission, Yolanda Cancel (Neighborhood Representative), Willie Thomas (Housing Authority) Rhonda Sherrell - (Neighborhood Representative) arrived later in the meeting.

Call to Order 6:00 p.m.

Approve Minutes of April 16

Vote on 2024 General Grant Conditions

Vote on 2024 Application Recommendations

Contract Changes

Trolley Pavilion Extension (June 30 2024-June 30 2025)

Hubbard Park Tennis Courts Scope

Administrator's Updates

Venture Pond Update

Abbey Brook Acquisition Conservation Restriction Update

Other Matters

Next Meeting May 21

Approval of Minutes

Approval of April 16, 2024 Minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Steve seconded by Juanita. All in favor, yes. Motion passed.

2024 General Grant Conditions

Discussion to adjust the General Grand Conditions; #10 from a fixed date to one year from execution of a contract unless otherwise requested. #8 ADD "a grantee must either petition to become a LHD if not located in a LHD and in the event an LHD is not created, the grantee must provide a perpetuity preservation restriction." Motion to accept the General Grant Conditions by Willie seconded by Steve. Motion passed.

Recommendations to fund 2024 CPA Applications

Members were free to change their ranking based on the initial round of discussion at the last session. The projects were re-ordered, given a second review and recommendations to fund began with the top scoring projects. Any of the nine members may vote to reduce or increase the grant amount.

Motion (DeFillipo, Crowell) to recommend \$300,000 for **Indian Orchard Fire Station \$244,000** from the Historic Reserve and \$56, 000 Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Cancel, Crowell, DeFillipo, Harris, Martinez, McCarroll, Thomas

No: none

Absent: Sherrell

Motion passed

Motion (Harris, Martinez) to recommend \$300,000 for **Historic Homes Restoration Program** from Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Crowell, Harris, Martinez, McCarroll, Thomas

No: DeFillipo, Cancel

Absent: Sherrell

Motion passed

Motion (DeFillipo, Thomas) to recommend \$299,999 for **Exterior Restoration for St. John's Congregational Church**

Yes: Bosworth, DeFillipo, Thomas

No: Martinez, Crowell, McCarroll

Abstain: Cancel, Harris

Absent: Sherrell

Motion failed to receive a majority vote

Motion (DeFillipo, Cancel) to recommend \$250,000 for **Tree Top Improvements** \$244,000 from Open Space Reserve and \$6,000 Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Cancel, Crowell, DeFillipo, Martinez, McCarroll

No: Harris, Thomas

Absent: Sherrell

Motion passed

Motion (DeFillipo, Cancel) to recommend \$300,000 for **Van Sickle Softball Diamond** from the Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Cancel, DeFillipo, McCarroll, Thomas

No: Martinez, Crowell, Harris

Absent: Sherrell

Motion passed

Motion (Martinez, Cancel) to recommend \$300,000 for **174-176 Maple Street CITY Redevelopment Incentive** from the Undesignated Reserve.

Yes: Crowell, Martinez, Thomas, Sherrell, McCarroll

No: DeFillipo, Cancel, Bosworth, Harris

Motion passed

Motion (DeFillipo, Bosworth) CONDITION: The purchase price of \$1,000 will be offered on the RFP.

There will be no bidding up the price.

Yes: Crowell, Martinez, Thomas, Sherrell, McCarroll, DeFillipo, Bosworth, Harris

No: Cancel

Motion passed

Motion (Martinez, Harris) to recommend \$300,000 for **D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Exterior** from the Undesignated Reserve Restoration (Phase 3)

Yes: Bosworth, Harris, Martinez, Thomas, Sherrell

No: Crowell, Cancel, DeFillipo, McCarroll

Motion passed

Motion (Bosworth, Cancel) to recommend \$300,000 for **178-184 Maple St. Private rowhouse rehab** from the Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Crowell, DeFillipo, Martinez, McCarroll, Thomas, Sherrell

No: Harris, Cancel

Motion passed

Motion (DeFillipo, Juanita) to recommend \$60,000 for **Drama Studio Elevator Project** from the Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Cancel, Crowell, DeFillipo, Harris, McCarroll, Thomas

No: Martinez

Motion passed

Motion (Harris, Cancel) to recommend \$150,000 for **Clarendon Fountain & Triangle Terrace Restoration** from the Undesignated Reserve

Yes: Bosworth, Cancel, Crowell, DeFillipo, Harris, Thomas, Sherrell, McCarroll

No: Martinez

Motion passed

The following recommendations were made. Each project received a motion to fund and a separate vote. The only project that failed to receive a majority vote was the St. John's Congregational Church exterior restoration project. In addition, there remains one #4 project to be considered at the next session. Members will sort #3 projects in order of preference and confirm their choice at the May 21 meeting.

2023 Projects	Applicant	Totals	Category	Requested	Recommend
No housing project Reserve					
Elevator Indian Orchard Fire Station redevelop future tenant)	City of Springfield (owner) & Indian Orchard Citizens Council (Partner and	8	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Historic Homes Restoration Program	Springfield Community Preservation Com	6	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Exterior Restoration for St. John's Congrega	St. John's Congregational Church	5	Historic Resource	\$299,999.00	-
Treetop Park Improvements	Outer Belt Civic Association	5	Recreation	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
Van Sickle Softball Diamond	Department of Parks, Buildings & Recrea	4	Recreation	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
174-176 Maple Street CITY Redevelopment	City of Springfield	4	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts Exterior Rest	Springfield Museums	4	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
178-184 Maple St. Private rowhouse rehab	Maple Street Rowhouses, LLC	4	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00
Drama Studio Elevator Project	Drama Studio Inc	4	Historic Resource	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00
Clarendon Fountain & Triangle Terrace Restr	McKnight Neighborhood Council, Inc	4	Recreation	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00
Buckingham Fountain & Triangle Park Resto	McKnight Neighborhood Council, Inc	4	Recreation	\$205,000.00	
Colony Hills Lampost restoration	Colony Hills Neighborhood Association (	3	Historic Resource	\$35,213.00	
East Springfield Marshall Roy Park Enhancer	East Springfield Neighborhood Council	3	Recreation	\$300,000.00	
ReGreen Springfield Invasive Plant Control P	ReGreen Springfield	3	Recreation	\$55,000.00	
60 Byers Street Development Incentive	City of Springfield	3	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	

The Comptroller reported the CPA has approximately \$3.38M of available funds for grants and administrative expenses. 10% of total revenue is reserved for each category (open space, historic, housing). Since there are not any community housing projects this year, \$298,000.00 will remain in the housing reserve and not recommended at this time. The total funds recommended at this meeting were \$2,306,598.00 with \$480,598.00 left for any remaining projects.

If the committee passes on the #3 projects, consideration may extend to the remaining projects below:

2023 Projects	Applicant	Totals	Category	Requested	Recommend
Immaculate Conception Restoration of stain	Immaculate Conception Church	2	Historic Resource	\$150,000.00	
McKnight Common Areas Planning and Imp	McKnight Community Development Corp	2	Historic Resource	\$225,000.00	
Lake Lorraine Nature Trail Network Enhance	ReGreen Springfield	1	Recreation	\$28,000.00	
Forest Park Fitness Course	Forest Park Civic Association	1	Recreation	\$300,000.00	
Forest Park Clay Tennis Courts	Department of Parks, Buildings & Recrea	1	Recreation	\$300,000.00	
69-71 Princeton Street Restoration Project	College Streets Defense Fund, Inc.	1	Historic Resource	\$100,000.00	
Restoration of 333 St James Avenue	Icic Jones and Orleans Realty Trust	0	Historic Resource	\$150,000.00	
Poor Brook Expeditionary Trail	Regreen Springfield	0	Recreation	\$37,000.00	
Forest Park Arboretum Enhanced Cataloging	ReGreen Springfield	0	Recreation	\$58,000.00	
Glendell Park Vegetation Restoration and En	Regreen Springfield	0	Recreation	\$13,000.00	
Science Museum Patio Restoration	Springfield Museums	0	Historic Resource	\$62,500.00	
Restoration of Belltower Lighthouse Church	Lighthouse Church	0	Historic Resource	\$50,000.00	
Frederick Stebbins House Preservation Proje	F. H. Stebbins House Preservation Manag	0	Historic Resource	\$300,000.00	

Contract Changes

Laura A. Walsh, Senior Parks Project Manager. Dept. of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management

Trolley Pavilion Extension (June 30 2024-June 30 2025)

The project has been a collective effort with Putnam High School and the Sheriff's offices. There is a delay in the roof work and an extension is requested. Motion by Gloria and second by Yolanda. Motion passed.

Hubbard Park Tennis Courts Scope (June 30 2024-November 30 2024)

Amend scope of project from three tennis courts to two tennis courts and two pickleball courts. There is continued interest in pickleball and it is a good fit for the available space. Contract extended six months

with no other changes. Motion to amend scope by Gloria, second by Juanita. Motion passed.

Administrator's Updates

Update on Venture Pond project, phase 2 the kayak/fishing dock launch portion
Chris Seabrooks, Project Manager. Dept. of Parks, Buildings & Recreation Management
Parks met with abutters who were concerned the project would move forward when there is now opposition to it. The original application included support but some neighbors state they were not informed. Climate change may be a factor along with a rising water table and storm water runoff in the unique kettle hole that created this body of water. The significant complaint was abuse (litter, dumping) and the care and maintenance of what is currently there. There is also the additional traffic that a fishing dock/kayak launch may bring from visitors outside of the neighborhood who park in front of neighbors homes, understanding that it is a public park. They added security cameras to monitor dumping and will install doggy bag stanchions and trash receptacles. Parks will reevaluate and have additional conversations with neighbors and make a decision about the kayak/dock.

Preservation consultant service agreement with Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
2024-2025 contract signed. Going forward, the City has agreed to accept \$100,0000 of liability to cover the city as an additional insured, reduced from 1M of coverage for this service only.

Abbey Brook Acquisition Conservation Restriction. Still waiting for the Conservation Restriction draft to be completed by the Conservation Commission. Discussion about the endowment fee. Juanita, our Conservation member will speak with her chair regarding covering the cost if Mass Audubon does not waive the fee.

Next Meeting May 21

Motion to adjourn