



Economic Development Committee

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, October 24, 2017

4:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 200

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Committee:

Date: October 24, 2017

Time: 4 PM

**Subject: Economic Development/M&D subcommittees - CPA
Needs**

Councilors in Attendance: Gomez

Synopsis: Robert McCarroll, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee gave a brief overview of the CPC to date. The CPC has been meeting with different entities throughout the City and in locations around the City. They held one public hearing to date to solicit public input. During some of these meetings the following needs were heard: Pat Sullivan (Parks) gave a list of 8-10 small parks that would not make the master list for upgrades that could use funding from the CPA. Kevin Chaffee (Conservation Commission) stated the need for revising conservation trails so there is no ATV access. The need to remove invasive species from taking over conservation land was also mentioned. Gerry McCafferty (Housing) would like to see more incentives for 1st time home buyers and more funding for 2 & 3 family rehabs. Preservation Trust Board of Directors compiled a list of vacant and deteriorated historic buildings in need of repairs and occupied historic homes that need repairs. Food Policy Council would like to see more community gardens.

Mr. McCarroll also stated that the Assessor's Office is predicting \$705,000 will be collected this year. The voters will have a chance to vote again in 5 years whether to continue the CPA or not so it is important to make noticeable changes in neighborhoods with the proceeds. The CPC would like to hear input from the City Council as to what they would like to see happen in the City.