Community Preservation Committee

Regular

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Kevin Chaffee

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 | **6:00 PM** | **See Agenda**

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 3, 2018 at See Agenda, City of Springfield, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived

II. Public Portion

Minutes

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 pm

South End Community Council, 510 Main Street, Springfield

Present: Lamar Cook, Gloria DeFillipo, Juanita Martinez, Bob McCarroll, Terry Mitchell

Angela Robles, Steve Shultis, Ralph Slate

Absent: Brian Santaniello

Mr. McCarroll started the meeting at 6:05 pm by stating that he requested the Law Department attend to give an overview of conflict of interest and open meeting law rules.

Mr. McCarroll asked if a member is on a nonprofit board which submits an application should they recuse themselves. City Clerk Anthony Wilson that they should not lobby other members.

A member of the committee with a family member applying for assistance must recuse themselves. A member who abuts a property of an applicant must recuse themselves. Members should avoid discussion of applicants outside of meetings.

Attorney Alesia Days suggested purchasing a recorder to have a permanent record of each meeting. Ms. Days also suggested that the minutes of the meeting should be posted on the cork board. Minutes of each meeting should be on line was another suggestion.

Mr. McCarroll asked if the Committee should post applications. Atty. Days stated that she would not put up all of the applications. However, people should have a general idea of what the Committee is doing.

Atty Days also said that the Committee must post their agenda for their monthly meetings.

Should another suggestion be made for the agenda be brought up at a meeting. Ms. Days suggested that it be put on the next month's agenda.

Approval of March 6 minutes was moved by Ms. DeFillipo, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and voted unanimously.

Mr. McCarroll reported that the Coalition suggested strongly two substantive changes to the Plan. On page seven, assistance to owner-occupants needed to be modified by saying "provided affordability restriction is given for assisted unit." The vote was unanimous. On page twelve, rehabilitation of degraded ponds needed to be clarified by "for recreation activities such as fishing, hiking and boating." The vote was unanimous.

Review of Preliminary applications for CPA Eligibility began as Mr. McCarroll went over each of the following applicants:

Wayfinders: Home buyer assistance; multi-family housing assistance. The vote was unanimous but committee requested that the proposal be made more specific in final application.

Office of Housing: Homebuyer Assistance Program. The vote was unanimous

Holy Name Church: Would like a community garden, increase water access and a utility shed. The vote was unanimous.

ReGreen Springfield Invasive Plant Program: Remove invasive plants from recreational land. The vote was unanimous.

East Springfield Civic Association: Would like to enhance the Veterans Memorial Garden and walk space including benches. The Veterans Memorial is for all that have served and they would like to replace the existing flag. The vote was unanimous.

Maple High/Six Corners: Request creation of small park at Walnut/Oak and Walnut/Pine. Park Department must be aware and maintenance must be considered. The vote was unanimous.

East Forest Park Library: Reading garden with a pergola. Construction will start in the fall of 2018 and take two years to complete. The vote was unanimous.

North Riverfront Park: New dock. Seven yeses; Ms. Robles abstained.

Riverwalk: Signage throughout the walk. The vote was unanimous.

Conservation Commission: Signage for walking trails. The vote was unanimous.

Atwater Park: Repair fountain as it has been turned off. The vote was unanimous.

East Forest Park Rail Trail: Study for bike/walk trail from Water Shops Pond to East Longmeadow. The vote was unanimous.

McKnight Hiking and Biking Trail: Bike/walk trail design. The vote was unanimous.

Historical Commission: Grant program to assist deteriorated buildings**.** (restrictions may be required) The vote was unanimous.

Old First Church: Accessibility for handicapped. The vote was unanimous.

Campanile: Study for restoration project. The vote was unanimous.

169 Maple Street: Needs interior/exterior rehab. Applicant must provide a letter from the Historical Commission. The vote was unanimous.

174-184 Maple Street Houses: Need complete rehab. Applicant must provide a letter from the Historical Commission. The vote was unanimous.

240 Longhill Street: House needs exterior repair. Applicant must provide a letter from the Historic Commission. Seven yeses; Mr. Slate abstained.

1350 Parker Street: Wall to protect historic home from damage. Seven yeses: Mr. Cook voted no.

Colony Hill: Restore Olmsted island. The vote was unanimous.

McKnight Dingle: Removal of invasive species and a training program for all the landscaping to be done. The vote was unanimous.

Catholic Charities: Rental assistance, community housing and assistance for security deposits. The vote was unanimous. Stabilization program ruled ineligible by unanimous vote.

McKnight Neighborhood Community Development: Create a fund for restoration and preservation. The vote was unanimous.

McKnight Affordable Housing: Assistance for income eligible renters and owners. Unanimous vote.

Trustees of Historic Preservation Fund: Grant/loan program for deteriorated historic buildings. Six yeses; Mr. McCarroll and Mr. Slate abstained from discussion and vote.

31 Salem Street: Needs restoration and renovation. Seven yeses; Mr. McCarroll abstained from discussion and vote.

Indian Orchard Godfrey Triangle: Rehab of triangle and WWI Monument. Unanimous vote.

Develop Springfield, 270 - 284 Bridge Street: Rehab facade. Unanimous vote.

Develop Springfield, 477 State Street: Gunn Block needs rehabilitation. Unanimous vote.

Headstart Goodhue House, Historic **w**indow rehabilitation. This vote was unanimous

A motion to purchase a recording machine was made by Ms. Defillipo, seconded by Mr. Slate, and unanimously voted. Ms. Defillipo and Mrs. Slate will look into options.

Next Meeting: Will be on May 1 at 6:00 pm tentatively at the Sixteen Acres Library.