



Community Preservation Committee

Regular

~ Minutes ~

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Kevin Chaffee

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

6:00 PM

See Agenda

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 26, 2018 at See Agenda, City of Springfield, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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II. Public Portion

1. Minutes

Springfield Community Preservation Committee
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 at 6:00 pm
John Shea Facility, Forest Park, 293 Sumner Avenue, Springfield

Present: LamarCook, Gloria DeFillipo, Juanita Martinez, Robert McCarroll, Terry Mitchell, Steve Shultis, Ralph Slate
Absent: Angela Robles

Mr. McCarroll opened the meeting at 6:00 pm. A motion to approve the June 6 minutes was made and unanimously approved.

Mr. McCarroll reviewed the eligible activities of the CPA open space, recreation, and historic. He explained that each applicant would have five minutes to address the committee. There would be a two minute warning so that the attendees could be aware that they would have to end their presentation. He added that the Committee might have questions.

East Springfield Veterans Memorial: Kathy Brown requested a sitting area near the Veterans Memorial in the Bowles Park. Veteran ceremonies are held at this location and they would like to include benches so that neighbors could have a place to sit. In the future, they would install memorial stones near the monument. Mr. McCarroll asked who would be responsible in maintaining the space. Ms. Brown replied was that the city would take care of the grounds.

Maple-High/Six Corners Walnut Triangle: Linda Bartlett presented a request for the areas of Walnut/Pine Streets and Walnut/Oak Street. She would like to see weed trees cut down and grass planted while providing irrigation. She proposed that a memorial honoring the founders of the three churches in that area be erected in the Walnut and Pine Street area. Mr. McCarroll asked that a letter from the Parks Department verifying their willingness to maintain the grounds be submitted by August 31. Mr. McCarroll asked that a map and photo of utility boxes be submitted. He asked for a budget breakdown of the two areas and pointed out some type of active or passive recreation was needed to qualify for CPA consideration. Ms. Martinez asked if there was a design for the monument. Mr. Cook asked if the churches would help with the maintenance of the area; the response was no. Ms. Bartlett noted that the Parks Department would provide guardrails: Ms. DeFillipo asked for a photo of the guardrail.

East Forest Park Rail Trail: Ryan Haley noted that 70,000 people would benefit from the rail trail. The trail feasibility study would look at the area from the Watershops Pond rail trestle to the East Longmeadow line. This would also enhance Springfield College and they are in favor of funding. Also noted was that Nathan Bill Park is close to the proposed trail. Ms. Martinez asked that if the trail were to enhance Springfield College would they help financially. Mr. Haley replied that Steve Roullier of the college was in favor of funding and they would also be included in the campus design. Mr. McCarroll suggested that the trail need to connect with Hickory Street and not dead end. Mr. Cook suggested a support letter be sought from the Old Hill Council. Mr. McCarroll asked that additional letters be received no later than August 31.

Conservation Trail Head Signage: Kevin Chaffee spoke regarding signage for conservation areas with the name on signs. Mr. Chaffee referenced the sign at Atwater Park and would like to see more of these throughout the city. The proposal he recommended would show the name, why the area is unique and financed by CPA. Mr. McCarroll said the signs need to be user friendly. He also questioned who will maintain these signs. Mr. Chaffee said the Conservation Commission would assume responsibility. Mr. McCarroll said that letter needed to be received by August 31. Ms. DeFillipo suggested that it would be helpful if the sign stated what unique plants or features could be seen.

Godfrey Triangle: Jacqueline Farrell presented her desire to add a gazebo, and replace the granite eagle which has been stolen. Ms. Farrell also told the Committee that she would also like benches. Mr. McCarroll said that work to the monument needed a letter from the Historical Commission stating that this is an historic resource of Indian Orchard. He also questioned where the utility boxes would be installed. Ms. Mitchell pointed out that a gazebo was not in the budget; Ms. Farrell replied that she meant a patio. All paperwork must be received by August 31.

Atwater Fountain: Kelly Moriarty requested a new fountain at Atwater Park. If the area was rehabbed it would be able to host free concerts. Total cost would be in the area of \$232,000. Mr. McCarroll asked if there is a sitting area in this park. Ms. Moriarty responded not at this time He asked if the current fountain could be repaired and Ms. Moriarty's response was "no." Mr. Shultis asked if the fountain could be free flow rather than recycling. Ms. Martinez asked why a large tree be removed.

Invasive Plants Program: David Bloniarz stated that invasive Japanese Knotweed was found in more 100 sites throughout the city. Ms. Martinez pointed out the application had not been signed. Mr. McCarroll asked about the five year plan was needed. Mr. Bloniarz replied that the plan was needed in order to work near a public way. Mr. McCarroll suggested that work needed to be specially targeted and that the CPC would provide the priority areas.

McKnight Dingle Rehab: Mr. David Gaby said the dingle has not been maintained for years. He stated that there are many invasive species as well as a broken storm drain and water runs over the path. Mr. McCarroll stated that a letter from the Parks Department is needed and as well as from the Historical Commission. Ms. DeFillipo asked if they will train people to maintain the Dingle. Mr. McCarroll stated once again the paperwork was needed by August 31.

FY19 Budget: Mr. McCarroll passed out copies of the draft FY19 budget which projected \$1.2 million from the CPA surcharge and \$132,000 from the State match. Ten percent would be allocated for Historic, Housing, and Open Space/Recreation; 5% for administration, and the

remainder for unallocated reserves. Ms. Defillipo moved to approve the budget; Mr. Cook seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: Tuesday August 7, 2018 at 6 pm at 117 Main Street, Indian Orchard