



Community Preservation Committee

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Kevin Chaffee

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

6:00 PM

City Hall -- Room 310

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 5, 2019 at City Hall -- Room 310, 36 Court Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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II. Public Portion

III. Minutes

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City Hall Room 310

36 Court Street, Springfield

Present: Lamar Cook, Gloria DeFillipo, David Finn, Juanita Martinez, Terry Mitchell, Angela Robles, Ralph Slate

Absent: Robert McCarroll, Terry Rodriguez

Mr. Slate began the meeting at approximately 6:05 pm. At this time Mr. Cook moved to approve the February minutes. Ms. Martinez second the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The Committee then welcomed Mr. Finn as a member of the Committee.

Mr. Slate then stated that tonight the Committee was to determine the eligibility of the Preliminary Applications.

Ms. DeFillipo did question that when reviewing an application and something needs to be added, can we talk about that and let that person know? Mr. Slate did state that some of these applications may not be one hundred percent eligible but we can still accept the application. However, when they give their presentations we will explain to them that 90 percent is good but we can't accept a specific part of their request.

At this time Mr. Slate started the review of applications:

Historic Springfield Science Museum Roof Replacement: Mr. Slate then reviewed the Program Summary. He then asked the Committee if this was a rehabilitation or restoration of a historic resource. Ms. DeFillipo suggested that we accept the preliminary application of the Springfield Museums Corporation. Ms. Robles second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mason Square Apartments II: Ms. Martinez stated that the application did not have a project summary further stating that it is important that a summary be a part of the application. Mr. Cook interjected that this could disqualify the project. Mr. Slate felt that it may not disqualify stating that it may have been a mistake. He also added that a large part of the building is not occupied. After much discussion it was put to a vote. Ms. DeFillipo made a motion that we do not approve this due to the lack of viable information and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote unanimously rejected this application.

Angelina Park Playground: After discussing the location of this park and the need for rehabilitation there was a motion to accept the application by Ms. DeFillipo and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

East Forest Park Branch Library Children's Story Garden: This application is part two of this project as it was submitted last year. Mr. Cook stated that this project is eligible and he made a motion to accept this application and Mr. Finn second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Westminster Street Playground: This project was reviewed by the Committee and a motion was made to accept this project by Ms. Martinez and a second motion made by Ms. Robles. The vote passed unanimously.

Revitalize Hennessey Park: The committee discussed this project and its benefits. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to approve the application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Forest Park Exercise Stations: Ms. Martinez stated that they would have to contact the Park Department. Mr. Finn made the motion to approve the application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Nahorniak Park Tennis Courts: Ms. Martinez stated that they have to go to the Pine Point Neighborhood Council. Ms. DeFillipo made a motion to accept this application and Mr. Finn second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Van Horn Park Outdoor Rink: Those present discussed this project and were enthusiastic with the proposal. Ms. Martinez made a motion to accept this application and Ms. DeFillipo second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Barrows Park Playground: After a discussion regarding this project the motion to accept this application was prompted by Ms. DeFillipo and Ms. Robles second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Forest Park Horticulture: Ms. Martinez suggested that they need to be clear on what they want to do with this project. Her concern being that the money would go to the coffers. Mr.

Slate then stated that he is not 100 percent sure that the way the application is filled out that this project fits the criteria stating that it could. Ms. DeFillipo stated that she read the Program Summary as a feasibility study and Mr. Cook agreed with her. Ms. Robles made a motion to accept the application and Mr. Finn second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Phase Two: Rehabilitation of Historic Church Building: The question was asked if this building was in the Historic District. Mr. Slate stated that they would have to go to the Historic Commission to get a letter stating that the building is historic. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

The Parsons Apartment House, 169 Maple Street: After a short discussion Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Hiram M. French Row Houses 174-184 Maple Street: After a short discussion Mr. Cook made a motion to accept this application and Ms. DeFillipo second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Historic Restoration at the Central Library: The discussion to restore the original decorative lights was accepted by Ms. DeFillipo's motion to accept this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Historic Restoration-Forest Park Library: Mr. Slate stated that this property is probably on the state's register or national register. Ms. Martinez made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

77 Maple Street Restoration: Mr. Slate stated that this building is in a Historic District stating also that at this time this building is uninhabitable. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Finn second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

City Hall Window Restoration Phase 1: It was noted that the windows have to be restored. Mr. Finn made the motion to accept the application and Ms. DeFillipo second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Colony Hills Historic District Terrace Restoration: The request for the restoration in a historically appropriate manner. A vote was taken to accept this application. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Court Square: Mr. Slate stated that he didn't think brick walkways are necessarily a historic feature. Mr. Slate then questioned if walkways are recreational land. Mr. Slate then asked if this applicant's request meets with one of the boxes. He felt that it did. Mr. Cook also felt that it did. At that time Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to accept this application and Ms. Robles second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Forest Park Trolley Barn: Mr. Slate did state that this building was probably built in the 1880's. However, if we awarded the money as a historic building we would ask for a Historic Preservation Agreement and they probably don't want to do that Ms. DeFillipo moved to accept this application and Mr. Finn second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Old First Church: Ms. Martinez brought to the attention of the committee that this application is similar as to the one they applied for last year. Ms. DeFillipo moved to approve this applicant and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Spanish American War Memorial: Mr. Cook questioned as to what made it recreational, adding that it doesn't seem to apply to anything. Mr. Slate also questioned if it is easily accessible. Mr. Cook then made a motion not approve this application. Ms. Robles second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Central Library Front Steps Restoration Project: In response to a question of why they are asking for money after their project is underway, Mr. Slate did mention to the Committee that perhaps they started a project and ran out of money. Ms. DeFillipo questioned as to who was the contractor that didn't look to make sure that the foundation was okay before starting the project. Mr. Finn made a motion to approve this application and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Downpayment Assistance Program: Being familiar with this program it was recognized that this is a renewal of last year's application. Mr. Cook made the motion to accept this application and Ms. Martinez second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Atwater Park Fountain Restoration (Note: there are two requests): The question arose if we are approving both applications and it was brought to those in attendance that both requests are the same project. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to approve and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Note: Mr. David Finn abstained from the vote.

Hungry Hill Veteran's Memorial: After discussing this application Mr. Slate suggested that we could approve this application until the next round. Mr. Cook made the suggestion that it could be approved and until that time we could go to the location and see what it entails. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to approve and Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Venture Pond Restoration: After a short discussion Ms. Martinez made the motion to accept this application and Mr. Finn second the motion.

Consulting for Location and Design of Dog Park: Upon reviewing the application, Ms. DeFillipo made the motion to approve this application and Ms. Martinez second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Mr. Slate stated that the city put forth most of these applicants and we haven't received much from the private sector. Mr. Finn asked that if a lot of these Park Department projects should be approved who actually maintains these and is it feasible. Mr. Slate then stated that they asked the Park Department last year if this was something they were willing to take on. They responded by saying yes, they were willing to take these projects on. Ms. DeFillipo asked how they are going to do all this as they haven't even started on last year's projects. Ms. Robles stated that Pat Sullivan mentioned that if it was on the five year plan that they already had that in the works.

Mr. Slate asked the Committee what should happen if we should receive an application in the next couple of days which we think got lost in the mail basically. Mr. Cook suggested that if they were post marked before the date of the closing we should accept them. Ms. Martinez stated that if they are post marked before March first the problem is that we won't have a meeting so we should give Mr. Slate or Mr. McCarroll permission to approve or deny the applications. Ms. Martinez made the motion give Mr. Slate or Mr. McCarroll the authorization to approve applications. Mr. Cook second the motion. The vote passed unanimously. Note: Mr. Slate did abstain.

Mr. Slate then began the discussion regarding the Staff Consultant position. Mr. Slate stated that they only received a response to the proposals from Ben Murphy who has been on this Committee and the committee felt as though that it wouldn't look very good if we only received one response for the proposal, given that he was once a member of this Committee. However, we did feel he was well qualified for the position but we want to see more people basically. There were three other people who had some interest but who didn't do it because of the RFP process. Mr. Slate stated that he would like to speak with the city's recruitment officer to find out if we can streamline the document for someone who is not proficient in RFP. That's the recommendation that we asked the City; to put it back out hopefully with some streamlining.

Mr. Slate did state at this time that he would encourage Mr. Murphy to re-apply. Mr. Slate asked the Committee if they would like to make a motion that we go back out to RFP. Ms. DeFillipo made the motion and Ms. Robles second the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: April 9, 2019 at 6:00 pm