



Community Preservation Committee

Regular

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Kevin Chaffee

Tuesday, June 1, 2021

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on June 1, 2021 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
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II. Public Portion

III. Minutes

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Remote Meeting 6:00 p.m.

A video recording of this meeting is available on the Springfield Community Preservation Facebook Page

Present: Gloria DeFillipo - (Planning Board) - Juanita Martinez - (Conservation)
David Finn (Historical Commission) -Ralph Slate (Neighborhood Representative)
Lamar Cook- (Neighborhood Representative) - Willie Thomas- (Springfield Housing Authority)
Robert McCarroll, Chair (Springfield Preservation Trust, Inc.)

Absent: Terry Rodriguez (Springfield Park Department)

Robert then stated that the first item is to adopt the minutes of our May meeting. Robert asked if someone could make a motion and a second we will move on and we will take a vote. Gloria made the motion that we accept the minutes of the May meeting. Juanita second the motion.

All in Favor: David Finn: yes, Ralph Slate: yes, Gloria DeFillipo: yes, Juanita Martinez: yes,
Robert McCarroll: yes

Robert then stated that the other item of brief business by stating that at the last meeting we voted to contract the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for preservation services Shannon Walsh because we had exceeded fifteen hours that we get for free every year. As we are approaching the end of the fiscal year we can ask for fifteen hours of their services in the coming year. So that's what this item is. We need a motion that we ask Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for local technical services with Historic Preservation. At this time Ralph made the motion that the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission for local technical services for the CPC with Historic Preservation. David second that

All in Favor: David Finn: yes, Ralph Slate: yes, Gloria DeFillipo: yes, Juanita Martinez: yes,
Robert McCarroll: yes

Robert then stated that the other thing is that Karen is a contractual person with us and we need to renew her contract for the coming year. I think it goes to the end of the coming year and I think that's in August. The Procurement Office sent us a little memo reminding us that I need to sign it and I need to get it back to them. The contract renewal amount is \$24,800. We have the option of renewing it on August 15. So could I have a motion to renew the contract with Karen as she has done a wonderful job for us. At this time Gloria made the motion and Juanita second that motion.

All in Favor: David Finn: yes, Ralph Slate: yes, Gloria DeFillipo: yes, Juanita Martinez: yes,
Robert McCarroll: yes.

Robert then stated that the next is to begin the 2021 deliberation process for the varied

applications that came in and following the procedure that we have used in the past three years. We will be listing our top eight projects not necessarily in any priority. Karen will be recording them on a spread sheet and then we will start discussing them in the order of those who had the more responses down to those who had less responses. Lamar if arriving late so we will start with David and David if you could just do that. David responded by stating that he will just go through these and Robert agreed and stated that all we need now is your top eight.

David's Top Eight: Hotel Rainville Byers Street, Stone Soul Remembrance Garden, Blunt Park Tennis Courts, East Springfield Branch Library, Westminster Street Children's Park, Phase two under recreation, Splash Pad and Spray Structure, Springfield Science Museum Plaza, exterior restoration, Damour Museum Fine Arts: exterior restoration.

Ralph's Top Eight: 2612 Main Street Renovation, Byer Street Housing Rehab, Down Payment Assistance, Drama Studio Restoration, Forest Park Picnic Pavilion, Kilroy House Exterior Renovation, Cottage Hill Park, Westminster Street Playground.

Gloria's Top Eight: Acorn Tennis Courts, Blunt Park Tennis Courts, Down Payment Assistance Hubbard Park, Kilroy House Exterior, Magazine Park, Stone Soul, Westminster Playground

Juanita's Top Eight: Westminster Street, Drama Studio, Byer Street Housing, Payment Assistance Kilroy Exterior, Acorn Street Tennis Courts, Blunt Park Tennis Courts, Splash Pad, Marshall Roy Field

Robert's Top Eight: Acorn Tennis Courts, Blunt Park Tennis Courts, Byer Street Housing, Classical Exterior, Drama Studio Restoration, Kilroy House Renovation, 22612 Renovation, Vacant Deteriorated Historic Homes Program

Willie's Top Eight: Blunt Park Tennis Courts, Hubbard Park Tennis, Magazine Park, Marshall Roy Splash Pad, Byer Street Rainville Project, Westminster Street, Riverfront Edge Project
Drama Studio Restoration

Lamar's Top Eight: Blunt Park Tennis Courts, Cottage Hill Park, Forest Park Picnic Pavilion, Magazine Park, Marshall Roy Splash Pad, Stone Soul Remembrance Garden, Westminster Playground
First Time Homebuyer

Robert then asked if we could give Karen a chance to tally these and we will have a discussion on all the projects starting with those that were the most responses.

Juanita stated that one of the problems she had with a lot of them that would give more money. Some of them especially the bigger ones, like a tennis court and a parking lot. Well, half of it was the tennis court that's fine and the parking lot no. So I know we are going tennis court it made it very difficult to vote because they were projects that involved so much. Did anyone else have that problem? Robert did state that he agreed with Juanita as there were components that I like part of the components but not everything. That's why when we discuss it just like Angelina park a couple of years ago they had a variety of things that we said we were interested in the basketball court period. We certainly can pick and choose as long as it makes sense. We want to build the tennis courts but we don't want to put in the chain link fence that surrounds the the tennis court because that is an integral part of the tennis court. Clearly other aspects are not. Juanita then stated that she was afraid that one wouldn't get in enough votes for us to even discuss it. Robert explained that we discuss everything Juanita. In fact, last year Trinity House on Bay Street wasn't in anyone one's top eight project and as we talked our way through the project we ended up funding them. Ralph asked Robert do we have a final dollar amount? Robert responded by stating that we do not but I can give you an approximate but won't have a

dollar amount until the books are closed on June thirtyith. What we will do in fact at our next meeting assuming the books are closed we need to tweak the reserves. We have to put ten percent of our money aside in the three categories. If what we estimate what is going to be be our money at the beginning of the budget are exceeded we need to put some more money in each one of those categories. So we will be doing that once the books are closed because we made more money this year that we thought we were going to make. This is a good thing. The Comptroller's office sent us the estimated amount that we have as of May 31st. It is a tentative amount which is tweakable but right now between the tax levy and the state match which was far more significant then they told us it was going to be we have two million three, in this years money. We still have about six hundred thousand from last year. Of that six hundred thousand some of it and I don't remember the exact number like one hundred eighty thousand is sitting in the housing reserve. We can't use that for anything but housing. Basically at this point, two million three and the six hundreds of which a hundred and eighty thousand is restricted. Robert also stated that we don't have to worry about that at this discussion we only start worrying about that when we start voting and determining how much we are giving them and out of which pot they were coming.

Juanita pointed out that Lamar had one more to pick. Lamar then stated those that he had chosen. First time Homebuyers was added to his list.

Karen stated that she re-sorted it so the totals are on the right hand side. We will start with the largest Number. Lamar while looking at the screen which one am I missing? Down Payment Assistance

Robert then stated that as usual we have a few projects that appeal to a lot of people and some projects that didn't appeal to anyone of their top eight and a whole bunch of things that are in between which is why we then start the discussion. My intent is like what we did last year. We are

simply discussing tonight and at the next meeting folks can come in and decide they're changing the top eight based on what they heard and what they thought about for additional information from the applicants and then we will reorder it and we will start voting at that point. Starting off with the Blunt Park Tennis Courts people can share their thoughts. Who wants to make some comments on the Blunt Park project?

The Blunt Park Project: Ralph began by stating that it seems to be a pretty solid project and that is about all I have to say. Lamar stated his concern that the Park Department projects is just a maintenance. One park over the other park has been maintained over the years but they require so much money. So maybe in the future we should require a maintenance schedule for park projects. Our projects get neglected over the years it's like a cycle. Robert stated that he felt Lamar had a good suggestion Lamar and when we get to the point of putting on conditions we can say we would like to say if they didn't have it listed in their application they can give it to us as well. Lamar then stated that a great example the bat house and they are asking for a quarter of a million dollars, but there is no one to maintain and clean up the bathrooms. The coaches will take care of that. That's not the way to maintain the bathrooms. Willie stated that although the tennis courts need repairs when I go there I find that it's not being utilized by the public. I think that this is the example of fact that this park is something that is respected and utilized a lot by the community. Also the fact of my discussion with the proposal Andrew Kaye is the person I spoke to. He is reaching up to the Housing Authority and he said if you need to find a way that this project is funded make sure that the youth and the public housing development have access to it and provide program and training. That kind of appealed to me also. I would like to see the park being renovated. David Finn then stated he felt it is a wonderful resource. It is utilized which in my mind is a prerequisite. I will tell you that I am with Lamar one hundred percent. I do struggle with the idea of a big project that in an ideal world would be funded with ongoing tax payer dollars particularly in regards to park maintenance, but not looking to jeopardize anyone because that's not happening. That's why it got my support. Gloria then stated that she would like to piggyback both Lamar and David. That is something that I had raised with Pat Sullivan during the proposal period. It does concern me there are a lot of proposals from the Park Department and granted it is for the city and it's for the citizens of Springfield but a lot of it is just neglect that has necessitated all of these and that really concerns me. So I like your suggestion Lamar about a maintenance schedule, thank you.

Westminster Phase Two: Robert stated that he drove up Westminster Street two days ago and the park. You can now see what the park is going to look like. They are that far along and building it. Juanita stated that this project was one of the easiest ones. It is the one that we all liked first time they needed some extra money because of the delay and the prices went up and this one is pretty clear cut and it's only thirty thousand dollars. Gloria stated that she thinks

it is a prime example of what we would like to see for CPA because it was people coming together and really working on that proposal and getting funding from other sources and it was just an absolute perfect proposal. There were no doubts in your mind as to what was happening with that one.

Byer Street: Robert stated that he liked it because there is a combination of housing and historic and it is really four historic buildings. Just to let the committee know I still haven't gotten an answer from Stuart at the Coalition as to if we can find our assistance to let's say for roof work on this. Whether that falls under Preservation of Community Housing and we can indeed funding out of the Housing Category or whether since the overall project is a rehabilitation of Community Housing we can't fund it out at all. We still have the option to fund it out of our Historic Money because we have the determinations that these are contributing parts of the Historic and National Register District. Juanita stated that the thing she liked about this project is that it provides eighty nine units of affordable housing in Springfield. Willie second that as there is a need for affordable housing in Springfield. I'm glad that they stepped up to the plate on this one. Robert then stated that people have to realize it's already affordable housing. They are simply preserving it, they are rehabbing the buildings and continuing the restriction to make it affordable. It has been affordable for the last twenty five years. Juanita stated they are protecting it and that means they are protecting eighty-nine units. Ralph stated that the reason he likes it is because the work on that street with four properties being worked on will be transformative on that street. That street doesn't develop for sure.

The Drama Studio: Ralph began by stating that this is sort of a continuation that was a plan a couple of years ago when we were supportive of them for a small amount I think it was \$50,000 a few years back. They made this into a Historic District. I am not judging the program per say but they are a strong organization I think and they have occupied the building for a while. This is not a fly by night organization going on there. I think that it has a Historic property preserving it is important for that neighborhood. Juanita stated that the difficulty she had with these applications today this one targets a lot of students because they work with schools. They provide all kinds of scholarships for anyone that wants to take classes there. So it makes a big impact for the students of Springfield, as well as young folks in Springfield. David stated that he did not get this into his top eight and for no real reason than it didn't. It comes to me that the majority of us have been supporting this you won't get any push back from me.

The Kilroy House: Ralph began by stating that he sees this as second phase of the project that we supported a couple of years ago. I think the Kilroy House is a property worthy of its preservation and it is in a local Historic District. It's owned by a non-profit and has not been fully on line and this work will spruce it up and a contribution to downtown Historic District. Juanita stated that she agreed with Ralph and that is why she voted for it. Robert stated that he would add that like the Drama Studio they are on a very busy street and Kilroy house is also on a busy street and it is a visible project.

The Marshall Roy Splash: Lamar stated that he drives by Marshall Roy a large park and I see lots of people there and I see that there is always something happening and lots of people there. I think it would be a great project. Juanita stated that she also feels that because it is well used. That to her is like the basketball courts and tennis courts it gives young folks and parents it is a place to be and a place to go. This is why I think the tennis courts and where all the basketball courts are. Again, this was brought up by the folks in the community. Ralph then stated that he didn't vote for this one and I divided my categories in three ways basically like top to the bottom. It's about in the middle of my category. One of the reasons that I didn't add it is that this particular neighborhood got the project last year, the walking trail. I felt that there were so many projects this year and I wanted to spread them out a little bit more. I think that this is a project that maybe something the city should be more funding. When I look at their capital plan they have splash pad replacement as a funded line item. We are compensating into the city budget if people like this I'm not fighting here.

Downpayment Assistance: Lamar stated that for him this is a no brainer. Our goal is to increase occupancy. He also stated that he votes for it every year. It's a no brainer for me. Juanita stated that she agrees with Lamar. Robert stated that it was not on his top list but I'm in favor of it. I'm a little nervous on that in the past our money went for the economic cohort from eighty to one hundred percent of area median income. This new proposal is anything under hundred and I am fearful that most of it will go to much lower income as to opposed to eighty to the hundred. I'm certainly willing to consider it again and I would want to see at some point a report that tells us the income level of the people that are being helped. If the 80 to 100 disappear if they come back for a third funding I would want to have a discussion on that. David stated that he did not vote for this. Lamar you said that our goal is increase homeownership that's the one thing I struggle with. I look at as how does this assist in the community preservation? Can somebody help me with this? Ralph stated that when we designed our Housing Section of our Annual Plan these are my words going in there I have been a member of local civic association for almost twenty years. I see in a neighborhood that you can tell the difference between a project verses owner occupied property and the owner occupied property in general it seems that they take better care of their investment into them is the owner of the property. I guess that in my world we are helping people that are not quite in the income level and income eligible to purchase a property and get into the ground floor of homeownership. That is a worthwhile goal as it is going to help the neighborhood in general. We are giving a boost to people that may not be able to own a house otherwise. It's a little bit of support it amounts to the closing costs. It helps more people to compete for a home's rather than people from out of town buying them then I feel that it helps the city a little more in general. Gloria then stated that she agrees with Ralph as she lives in a neighborhood that could potentially have a lot of renters in it. You can see the difference in the property. It's difficult to buy in Springfield right now. You heard that when the proposal was given. So I think that the more we can get owner occupied then the stronger our neighborhoods are going to be. David stated that he agrees with you one hundred percent in

your comments I just don't know if it's our responsibility to help facilitate that and that is what I struggle with. I agree one hundred percent of everything else you said. Robert stated that it is not necessarily our mandated responsibility but the overarching CPA law allows the support of housing and support includes down payment assistance. Clearly, the legislature in crafting the legislation was thinking that this is indeed something that communities can do if they choose to do it. David stated that it is understood and I do not object to this by any means. I didn't have it in my top eight that is why. Ralph stated that he heard his point and you can question whether or not there are twenty people out there if we didn't have this would twenty other people step up to the plate and also be owner occupants. I don't think we know that information and I hear what you're saying for sure. If you add twenty owner occupants into the general mix It's going to boost your owner occupancy a little bit. These are sort of guaranteed not guaranteed you know these people are going to be occupants. David stated that he would personally rather be giving to a person in need rather than the Parks Department and that's just what I feel. Gloria then stated that is exactly what she was going to say. I don't mind giving it to the Parks Department if they are building a new one a lot of it what should have done by maintenance. David, I understand where you're coming from David. I'm stating that the tax base here in Springfield is not adequate to support everything that we would love to support. That's the upkeep of every public space in the city. Lamar then stated that he agrees that some parts of it have been neglected for over thirty years without a dime without being applied to the parks. David agreed 100%.

Acorn Park: Lamar began by stating that he voted against this project because one didn't have a letter of support from the land owner. From my knowledge the boys and girls club is actually ready to expand. This would hurt their expansion by renovating this park. So they are also missing a letter of support from the person who actually moved the land . I'm against it. Robert then asked that the person who owns the land, are you saying the park department? Lamar stated that the Boy's and Girl's Club are looking to expand. Robert then stated that they are not the owners of the land. The land is owned by the City of Springfield under the auspices of the Park Department. Lamar then stated that to my knowledge there was a different deal worked out and I could be wrong. Robert stated that the city can and once it goes to the legislature can divest itself of park land and they are usually required that if they give up one parkland then they have to build more. Which is why they are building a new DeBerry school playground on what was Wilbraham Avenue because they are building a school on the playground that was a public parkland for DeBerry. So my understanding of looking at the GIS map is that this is indeed already owned by the city of Springfield as park land. Juanita stated that this was her impression that I have two that it is park land and owned by the City of Springfield. Lamar then stated that it is definitely owned by the city as Patrick Sullivan came in he mentioned when he came that it had been abandoned since he arrived and nothing has happened there. I know the Boys and Girls Club are looking to expand and gain that property. Robert then told Lamar that you did get the Park Department created proposed rehab plans for this park. It shows the tennis court and a walking trail and a pavilion. Did you get that? Lamar stated that he thought the numbers were high. Ralph stated that he did not vote for this one but I appreciate some of the path of this

talk. I think this sort of illustrated a conflict between neighborhood interests and city interests in a lot of ways. Obviously there are a couple of neighbors in the neighborhood and it seems like they get some support who would like to see this renovated. I didn't get the sense that they wanted necessarily to have it renovated as much as wanted the eye sore to be eliminated. They felt that the renovating would eliminate the eyesore. I heard a little support for the Tennis Courts but with the Blunt Park Tennis Court being relatively close by I felt this project was a little bit puzzling as no one didn't know what to do with this land. The Park Department seems to have an overall plan for it and they are really pushing their interests and the price seemed to be inflated maybe someone should put the thumb on the scale. Hey, if you really want to put the tennis courts back it's going to be about \$300,000 dollars or whatever it's going to take. So I really don't know what to make of this. There is neighborhood support and there is administrative support that wants to do something else with it and we are in the middle there. Robert stated that he looks at it with this standpoint. With the Bay neighborhood as much Blunt Park is in the neighborhood. It is so far removed from the vast majority of the neighborhood that I'm going to say "young people" have a long way to schlep. If they were trying to get to any facilities to Blunt Park and so the Bay Neighborhood has Hennessey Park who has nothing in it and it has eight Acorn Park for all practical purposes has nothing in it. To me, this is far more accessible to the neighborhood if we put a Tennis Court here then Blunt Park where you have to go all the way down to Roosevelt Avenue, and then walk up to Roosevelt Avenue to get to Blunt Park. There isn't an easy connection. Lamar stated that there is a path behind a school that has a path that takes you to Blunt Park. Robert stated that the other concern he has is, that if I remember correctly on the information sent to us everything was arranged by what the Park Department quite often sends us which is a breakdown of construction activity. I want to see what the cost of various components. Robert asked Karen to contact them and say that we want this budget broken down by the cost of the tennis court, what is the cost of the picnic tables, what is the cost of the walking path that includes a bridge that goes over the wetland. There are things that have components that may be an interest to us but the whole project is not necessarily a high priority for us. I would like to get by the time we are doing stuff I would say it would be good to have that budget broken in a different fashion by the eighteenth of June. Karen then stated that they did send a budget I recall seeing the cost of items. Do you want it broken down further? Robert stated that if they gave a cost for doing the tennis courts then I am in error and I apologize. If they sent us a budget that said paving of everything that needs to be paved in the spaces X and fencing of everything that needs to be fenced is Y and that kind of breakdown that to me is not helpful. To have an idea of what the cost if we just want to do the tennis courts. Karen then stated that she would double check and I will get back to you a little later. Ralph then stated that the question he has is that there are tennis courts there now and the only thing that is neglected and abandoned for at least ten years is that really what we want? I would hate to know where the money is once you said a total amount of six hundred thousand dollars to rehab the tennis courts and then it turns out that no one wants to play tennis seeing there is one in Forest Park or Blunt Park anyways and the tennis players at least then maybe it would be better to put a playground there or

conducive of the people in the neighborhood. Juanita then stated that there were playgrounds in the area and the neighbors wanted a tennis court. They even had somebody in mind that would be teaching classes. The reason that they talked about the tennis courts because they did have a lot of requests for them. Gloria stated that they had petitions and signatures. They talked about having somebody that would be teaching classes which is why they wanted a Pavilion. They wanted that so they start classes there while the kids were waiting to go on to the courts. Ralph did state that they had put a request for a Pavilion in it. Ralph stated that he remembers Jani saying that not everybody has little kids maybe a small playground doesn't attract many people. I got the sense that this tennis court is run down so we want the tennis court to be fixed because it's already there and it's in bad shape and it doesn't attract many people. That was my impression. Juanita heard that they had a person lined up to be teaching. In fact, the guy who was going to be teaching at Blunt Park talked about the interest in Acorn to have lessons there. He spoke about both places. Karen stated that Juanita is correct. Juanita stated her memory is still working. Gloria stated that they didn't want a basketball court. They wanted another active recreation and they wanted tennis. Ralph stated that they didn't want playscape I don't think anyone proposed a basketball court. Gloria stated that they don't want another basketball court in the neighborhood. Ralph stated that he asked her is this the right thing or is it a playground that would be a better choice and her response was they don't want a playground because not everyone has kids. She felt that the tennis court would be a better option because it would appeal to a larger variety of people. She also said that there were playgrounds in the neighborhood. Willie stated that there is a small playground adjacent to the Girls Club. It's a small Toddler's playground and it's been there for a number of years. So there is a playground facility adjacent to the girls club playground. It does belong to the Girls Club. Willie stated that yes it does. David asked didn't Patrick state that when the courts were installed there was only a matter of ten years plus or minus that they were in disrepair? Ralph felt that this was an exaggeration. They were built in the mid-seventies and I was able to find articles like the mid-nineties that were shown that they were in use and there were lessons being offered there. I think you could get twenty years out of them. They clearly have not been touched since about two thousand six. They have been abandoned for about fifty years. Lamar then stated that you mentioned that they were abandoned since 1987 when he came in I believe they were installed in the mid-seventies. David stated that we don't know the demand for the courts or the lack of the demand were the results of poor maintenance or the fact that there is just a lack of demand. David stated that it troubled him to go back to the Parks and maintenance situation as a whole. Ralph then stated that the other question I have their thought that there is no parking there so it means it's a neighborhood park more than a regional park it's a park that people will be living within a half a mile will be using. I don't think you drive to that park and you will have to park on the street. Is that a consideration? Lamar stated that the parking is extremely limited in that area. David lives very close to Van Horn Park which has tennis courts that are adequately maintained if you want to play. There is plenty of parking and I rarely see anyone playing on those courts. Fast forward for ten years if someone came in front of us asking us for funding the repair

of Van Horn Park I would have a hard time with that and it doesn't seem to be a big demand. Juanita then stated that regarding the tennis courts at Forest Park it depends on the time of day. You can go by those tennis courts and there is no one there and later in the day there are people waiting for the courts. It depends on the time of day you drive by. Gloria stated you build it and they will come. Karen then asked do you want me to put the screen back up I think this is what you were talking about Bob? My only question is let's just say that we were interested in doing just the tennis courts under the item that says tennis courts does that represent all of the costs to the tennis courts. Or is some of that earth works and drainage, I don't know because once again we have been given a big project and if we decide like we did with Angelina Playground we only want to do a component I want to be sure that the costs that are there represent the cost to do that one item. Maybe you could follow-up with that Karen and have an answer by mid-June. Karen then stated that you want me to address the section where tennis courts and ask for the total cost and are currently being carried under categories that a portion of them would go to the tennis court as well. Gloria stated that they also have a line item signed for \$7,000. I thought we had said for several proposals ago that we would not pay for signs. Ralph stated that he felt it was for the whole thing that their trying to get from us. Sight preparation, walkways and trail ways. Gloria stated that they have to break it down by each individual entity. Gloria stated "earth work" what does that mean? What is the earth work costing to do the tennis courts? What is the earth work for the boss to do the trails? Ralph asked is there a neighborhood association in that area? Robert stated yes, the Bay neighborhood. Ralph asked did they weigh in at all. I think we got a belated letter from them is that correct Karen? Robert stated that rather than wait any longer Karen can just email it to everyone. Robert stated that we will move on to the next project.

Magazine Park: Gloria began by stating that it is a very busy park. There are kids there all the time so I think it would be good use of money. Ralph stated that the only reason he asked I don't necessarily know how to make a determination as to what is the best use of that particular piece of land. Obviously, there are a couple of people who feel we should have tennis courts. Is that the standard that we have a couple of people who want tennis courts there and no else has weighed in. Lamar asked was there a baseball diamond included in that proposal? Robert stated yes. It was a baseball diamond, but there were other things like security lighting, cameras, bleachers, and I think the future part of it though not in this year's proposal would be a concession stand and a restroom. Lamar stated that he is all for the updating of the baseball field and the playground equipment. Juanita stated that doing the baseball field and the playground comes to One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollars. Ralph stated this seems to be a little bit more from the neighborhood other than from the other park proposals. Willie was impressed when I read that there is a Springfield Red Sox youth baseball team that is using that facility. I feel during the summer time there are always children playing. Even make shift games and it is well used. Anything we can do to maintain that park would be good at this time and I support that project. Juanita added that although she didn't vote for it this one was definitely of interest because of baseball games. David asked is the problem of today that it's in dis-repair. Ralph stated that he thinks the question is I could see this in a case of a tennis court where we are trying to start from scratch. Those

things seem to have a finite lifespan. Those things like a splash pad and I'm wondering if the same thing would be true for a field. Do basic maintenance on a field and after twenty years or whatever the sort of have to be redone because it has been beaten down in the course of twenty years. David stated that it very well may be Ralph and I don't know the area in the infield and the outfield every year reseeding enough to keep it. I struggle a lot we seem to be asked to fund projects that really should fall under parks maintenance. Juanita stated that upon where you are the baseball fields in Forest Park are taken care of all the time. They are groomed and so it really is where the parks are. David stated that it's a deeper question. Ralph stated that his daughter played soccer next to the Brightwood School and that field was awful. They put a new school on top of it and it had holes in it and it just wasn't a good field. I don't know if maintenance solves a problem like that and I feel they need to dig up the field and reseed it and regrade it and almost start from scratch. Ralph stated what falls on the under city fund funding and what is CPA and are we taking over the city. Are we off the limit of the CPA. David is trying to fund projects that probably wouldn't get done if it weren't for us, but still meet the criteria. I'm less interested in general maintenance but not in the expense in those who are living in those areas. Juanita stated that in some neighborhoods baseball fields are taken care of, the tennis courts are taken care of but on others they are not. It does fall under maintenance but there is a greater issue here.

Stone Soul Remembrance Garden: Juanita stated that the project seemed huge. I really like doing a memorial for the Stone Soul Remembrance Garden. But it is timing it with a huge \$248,000. But again, my idea of commemorating the years of the Stone Soul Picnics, I think that it is a nice idea. It's just if we could take that piece out. Robert stated that once again I remember specifically requesting The Park Department to get us a revised budget by component not by construction activity, and they didn't do that. Juanita stated that it is \$75,000 and that would create a little remembrance. Robert stated that what his point is I'm not sure whether there is something that is in there that says if we want to help with that long path that goes through the Memorial Garden we don't know what the cost of that path is. We know the stones for the Memorial Garden are \$75,000 but we don't know what the installation of the stones are at the preparation and so once again Karen we need to get a breakdown by component rather than a construction category. The playground equipment is going to be paid by the CBDG money what they wanted from us is the Stone Soul Garden, the renovation of the Pavilion and installation of the picnic tables and sort of a winding pathway that went through the picnic tables and a straight pathway that would go through the Stone Soul Garden to the Pavilion. In my mind there are three components. Lamar stated that the Stone Soul picnic is the largest event in the African Community in Springfield and it is well utilized. In general a lot of folks work in the Pavilion when there are events in the community and I think it is a great idea and a great project. Ralph sort of feels that this is sort of a middle level project and I'm not close to it but I'm not opposed to it. Juanita stated that it has been difficult this year but again I would like to see it through the different parts. Karen stated that she would follow up with that to Juanita.

Cottage Hill Park: Ralph stated that he voted for this. This park is sort of one of these forgotten Parks I guess. It is important to the neighborhood but it doesn't get any attention from the city. It's funny because I went through newspaper articles and that has been the characterization since it has built. It has always been neglected by the city. They never fix it and every so often they fix it up and it looks good for a while and they neglect it again. Robert stated that his only concern is the funding source that we use. They have come under Historic Preservation and if you're coming to us under Historic Preservation it means you are either preserving the elements that surely exist or you are restoring it to the appearance of its history. I have a feeling that a lot of these Historic Projects are from the Park Department that feels like, let's gussy this historic asset up to twenty first century taste. That is not what you can do under Historic. You can do it under recreation but not Historic. So if indeed we fund this we are going to have to have a discussion under which category and what strings go with that category. Ralph stated that this park was historically a wooded area. It's funny because there were a lot of articles that we are talking about how it was secluded because there were a lot of trees there and they put lighting in the park early on because they felt that the people considered it a makeup park. That is how they read between the lines in the old paper. There were a lot of trees there and they had a couple of hurricanes and a lot of trees got knocked down. It was characterized that basically tall pine trees and a very wooded park with pathways that walked through it.

Forest Park Picnic Pavilion: Ralph stated that he voted for this one living in this neighborhood as I went through the park quite a bit I was able to see that the Pavilion gets a lot of use and I also could see how unsafe it was. Just in the sense the floor boards were not that great and I know there are people living underneath it or congregating underneath it. The thing that concerns me about this is that I wish they gave us a little more of a historic preservation because it seems that they are going to have a WPA structure and just demolishing it. Putting a new structure that looks like it and I know that it doesn't fall under historic. It is a structure that the people use all the time. They could have been a little more sensitive to the existing structure and the design. Are there any more comments if not we will move on.

Hubbard Park Tennis Courts and Parking Lot: Ralph began by stating that he felt morally opposed to using CPA money for parking lots. I don't see that it is particularly a recreation. I understand that you need a parking lot to support the park but it doesn't feel right to me. Gloria stated that she agreed with Ralph I did support the Hubbard Park but looking at that when it came time to funding we look at what we can do and what we shouldn't do. Robert then stated that if he is correct that budget gives us a breakdown for the cost of the tennis courts and the cost for the parking lots. We can easily eliminate them should we chose that we not fund one and not recommend the other.

2612 Main Street Renovation: Ralph said that he put this high on his list as he feels that this is the type of building that would be demolished if it isn't fixed in the very near future. I put this on a higher priority than some of the other projects which if they get done this year or next

year there isn't a huge amount of difference on the list. I feel if we put this project off and if this project is done we would lose this building and it is sort of an important part of Main Street right now. I would hate to see another missing building on Main Street. Robert stated that he agreed with Ralph it is a critically endangered property and if it's not fixed it will only deteriorate until it is demolished. David stated that he did not support this. Personally, I struggle with funding for profit organizations particularly when people don't need to be reliant on our funds to have a successful project. I would agree with the comment they are great buildings on north Main Street and it needs a lot of help and that's the part I struggle with. I am not necessarily against the project itself. I would like to utilize the money where it is truly needed. Robert stated that the only comment I have David if you looked at the budget that he presented, the cost of the re-hab verses the value of the building after it's rehab has a huge gap that's what various funding sources come from. He has some money coming from the Historic Tax Credit but it doesn't make up for the whole gap. I think that our \$250,000 if we were to recommend it doesn't fill up the whole gap. David then stated that it's true but when the project is complete there is a tremendous profit for somebody at the cost of others. That's what I struggle with. Juanita asked are these affordable housing in the end? Robert stated no, he is not looking for affordable housing. Juanita did state that it is an important building on that block.

Classical Exterior Restoration: Robert stated that this was his vote I think that their additional information was that they were going to focus on the state street exterior where it is a building of Historic importance that has a lot of sentimental value. I know there is a concern of helping private parties. However, when you think of it from the standpoint of we approved a program up at McKnight that would give an original owner up to \$30,000 dollars to give a building that has one hundred and ten or however many homeowners \$50,000 dollars and getting the equivalent of \$500 apiece. David stated that the owners paid maintenance fees and I'm wondering should a project like that be covered out of those fees? Ralph stated that the way he looked at it I did sort of compared it to the McKnight fund. I always felt that we drove the McKnight fund to be sort of a Public Private Partnership. For the average person in McKnight they are going to paying money for their house and the city is going to give them a contribution unless they are lower income. I felt okay with Classical getting some money for their exterior restorations but I don't feel we should be in the business giving all of it to a property that is well maintained. It's not an abandon or anything it doesn't necessarily need a subsidy so we felt that we could recognize your historic property and we will give you 40% of the cost or whatever the number is. That is the way I look at it. Robert then stated that their proposal was ponying up but it wasn't ponying up sixty percent, as using your example Ralph.

D'Amour Museum Exterior Restoration: David began by stating he thinks it was an excellent example of their reservation and I was trying to balance these categories the best I could. I could easily be dissuaded from it, it's not that important. It did not rank and it was about the eighth on my list. Juanita stated that she felt the museums were valid but again, there were just so many others that I thought need it. This was a tough one and I didn't vote for it. Robert stated that

he felt this was an example of the project that was recommended every year it does not have a time sensitivity to it.

East Springfield Library Outdoor Reading Room: David stated that he liked the presentation and I did struggle with how many people would be able to utilize it when the work was done. As everyone has said I struggled with the top eight. I struggled with this at the bottom of my list just appealed to me more than the other projects we have been talking about. Robert then stated that my concern is that we need to only fund this under recreation and recreation is supposed to be on protected park land and this is not. So we need to make sure that the future library director can decide that they need a parking lot more than they need a community garden. That is something that we would have to figure out how to do. The other thing that I was surprised is I came away from the presentation thinking that this was on the right side of the library as you faced it between the library on the Page Boulevard side but when they sent us is now an entire wrap around the entire back yard and the left hand side of the library. Which is not a bad thing but if we are putting money into all this area and all this area has to be protected which if at some point they add an addition to the library their land is going to be restricted. Robert stated that this is one thing we have to deal with if we decide to recommend it.

Riverfront Planting Study: We have met with them in the past. I got the impression that this is a project that we have done in the past and they were coming back to get additional money to complete a project that had previously been funded. I don't know if I am wrong with that but I feel we had made an investment on it and completion of the project. Is this a project that we had before? Robert stated yes and no. We funded in the first year of CPA we funded a banner and a system to promote the River Walking Path and the Biking Path we funded some Historic and National History interpretive signs along the path to add interest to it. We funded it through twice now through Re-Green Springfield for funds to get help get rid of Japanese Knock Weed which sometimes blocks your view of the river or actually encroaches on the path. We have done work at the Riverfront and the Riverwalk but this is now a different component which is a study of how you maintain vegetation and how you create actual ways to get to the river which doesn't exist along most of the river walk and Riverfront Park. Willie then stated that he thought this was a continuation of a project that we had previously funded. Ralph then stated that this is in my middle categories I felt that we had investment there and we get a lot of these studies but I see a lot of these studies unfortunately but I can see it being beneficial. It's not the typical \$2500 project that we see it is a little lower cost although \$80,000 still seems a little high. I wasn't opposed to it, it could be a benefit.

Science Museum Patio & Exterior: David stated that we have given them some money in the past and I think they did an excellent job with it and I was impressed with the presentation from Mr. Jablonski so that is why I made it to my top eight. I can't say more about it. Robert's only concern is this once again that it is preservation which means that we need to bring that plaza back to what it looked like at some point over its Historical Period. Giving that it was

built in the 1930's the plaza doesn't have that much it has an eighty year perhaps. I don't think that they gave us anything yet that tells us that the plaza was indeed flagstone, in which case they have to fix. Or that the plaza was indeed originally grass which is indeed what they have to put back. We need to make sure that we know what is indeed happening. Because this is clearly coming out of the Historic pot. David then stated that it is a valid point I don't know if things they call progress are there better alternatives for what we have done in the past. But I think it could be representative of its Historic values that's all I'm going to say about that. Robert asked Karen if she could check what information that they gave us but if it hasn't clarified what they have been able to find as being the original material there we will need to know that one way or the other by the eighteenth of the month. Ralph stated that he didn't rate this as high because there were twenty seven different proposals and I felt this was in the bottom third because I didn't feel they had a really strong use for the space. Their reasoning was well you know we can always use space for this programming. They are opening it up and the altering it from the historic appearance by taking away like a third of the stairs by putting in the ramp. I understand why they are putting in the ramp it seems a little weak to sort of alter that historical façade if you are not going to use the space and what you were going to use the space for. I just didn't feel as though it was a strong proposal but we have this broken up blue stone and we sort of know how to fix it and we want to make it accessible because that is the right thing to do but we don't know what we are going to do with it yet.

Robert then then stated that we made a good start by recommending the Knight Program. I was initially putting forth a program that expanded into the other Historic Districts. But then I started thinking that we are on the ten year anniversary of the tornado. Three significant entirely visible Historic Houses still sit with tornado damaged on Maple Street. There are two badly fire damaged houses sitting on Mulberry Street. There is a badly fire damaged modern house on Byer Street. There is at least one that Karen brought to my attention in fire damaged house up on McKnight on Yale Street and I'm not sure what else. So what I am thinking of is that we retain when we do our allocations we keep at least two hundred and fifty thousand not recommended, not allocated and that we are prepared to run an off cycle program that assists vacant and severely deteriorated houses. That someone would come to us on an off cycle and say the house is fire damaged and the city is threatening to tear it down to code enforcement and I want to fix it but I need help.

Ralph asked so how would that program work. Robert stated that once again I haven't thought it through I'm thinking that we would craft an application to process and someone would come to us off cycle and we would decide in recommending them to the City Council or we aren't. Ralph then stated in other words we would follow the guidelines that the Law Department gave us. It wouldn't be opened that the city council would vote for it but it would be more like holding back money. So if someone came in instead of having to go through a six month cycle of City Council and go back and forth and all that stuff it would be a much shorter cycle like a month or two months. To get funding through the City Council we would still have to have the City Council approve a specific project. Robert then stated that or it could be

that we recommend that they have a new project that we want City Council to approve up front at \$250,000 and we are going to run it. People will just come to us and we decide that I'm looking however, at a very narrow universe. You have to be vacant and you have to be severely deteriorated. This means you can't get an occupancy permit without doing a significant amount of work. I am not thinking of a building that is vacant and yes it needs some work because the people that once lived in it retired to Florida and have sold it and didn't maintain it well. Juanita asked can this be included in city properties that are in violation against their vacancy and for that reason the city now owns the property before they have their tax bills. Robert stated that he is clearly looking at something that it has to be an Historic resource. It has to be in a local Historic district or a national register historic district. It can't be simply a vacant and severely deteriorated house sitting in a neighborhood that has no Historic designation. I would not object to that, the city has gotten its hands on due to a tax foreclosure that meets this criteria. Karen asked so let's say there was a house that fit that category could the CPA purchase the house and restore it and then sell it. Robert stated "no" I think you asked that question of Steward and he said that CPC is not an entity to own property and that you need someone else. So if there was another city department and if there were a non-profit I don't want to get into crafting the program at tonight's meeting. I simply want to throw it out there for people to think about it for when we reconvene. Ralph stated that he feels that there is a need for that to be honest. Lower street property is a really good example where there was a really big fire and it needs some money to be fixed up. I don't think economically it warrants being fixed up. Karen stated that the large one is currently being offered a price of \$5,000. So in that case the buyer would need to come to us whoever purchases this house. Robert agreed with that.

Robert then stated from moving on we will start from the top of our list going down for those proposals that didn't show up on anyone's list:

Affordable Homeownership at 339 Bay Street: Ralph stated that in the city of Springfield we have so many properties that are in need of actual repair I would like to see the priority of the CPC repairing existing houses rather than building new houses and it's allowable to have Habitat to want to tear down buildings and put up new buildings because they feel a new building is more easily maintenance free for a homeowner. I don't share that opinion. I would rather see money go towards grabbing an abandoned building and fix it up and sell it to an eligible homeowner rather than being torn down and having a new cookie cutter structure going up in its place. Robert agreed with Ralph I think until all of our frumpy houses have been fixed I am personally not interested in funding new construction until the existing housing stock that is taken and frumpy is repaired. Robert stated that this one troubles me because actually anti community preservation Habitat received a lot with a period Victorian house in a National Register District. It was gifted to them and because it was frumpy and didn't fit their program which is build new and build small they demolished it and they now want our help to build a house that will be the size smaller of period houses surrounding it with far less architectural detail in the period houses that surround it. If this were not in an Historic Neighborhood and they were building where there were more modest

size houses this may be more appropriate. Juanita told Bob that she feels exactly what he felt. Karen I wanted to jump back to your vacant home program and I pulled it from an email from Stuart. If I read this it may clarify that you can't purchase it but to clarify that the CPC is not an entity that can make a real estate transaction on its own nor can the committee own anything, but it would be the city that would have to purchase it to own these homes. I think what you meant to ask is if CPA funds can be used by the city to purchase these homes. The answer is yes the CPA legislation said that you can inquire any real property for one of the four CPA uses. If the properties were eventually sold the money would have to be returned to the CPA account if the funds were to be used to purchase the property. Whether the City would want to take on a project like this it is an entirely different matter. Karen stated that it wouldn't be the Committee that owns it. It's the City that owns it but it could be purchased with CPA funds.

Bolden Park Bathhouse: Ralph began by stating that he didn't like the idea of building a concession stand to be honest with you. I know technically it is eligible it seemed to really fit the spirit of the CPA. I think the bathrooms are okay. I think it was David who brought this up that I am a little concerned that this seems to be like a wing and a prayer type project and that they didn't have any city maintenance budgeted for this park. It was going to be let the people use it and clean the bathrooms. It almost felt like it wasn't open for the public in some ways because the bathrooms wouldn't be open unless there was some organization that would be opening them. This seems not quite CPA to me either, if the bathrooms would be mostly closed unless another organization would just be using the park. Robert stated that he shared Ralph's concern. On the other hand what I was troubled by is that this has the support of the Old Hill Council and The Upper Hill Council and these are two neighborhoods that we didn't have CPA projects. Robert stated the he doesn't like building bathrooms and concession stands. I would love to do some kind or project in these two neighborhoods where we really haven't done very much.

City of Homes Living Museum: Ralph stated that he felt that one was all over the place. The group behind that project seems to have a lot of passion but they can't seem to focus on picking one small highly tangible thing and running with it. They just kind of ask for all this stuff and none of it is all thought out. David interjected "well said."

Florentine Gardens: Juanita stated that she actually thought it was a nice project. Unfortunately it came in at a time that so many projects I thought needed us. Hopefully, they will apply again but it is a good project. Unfortunately, this was a really tough round. Ralph asked did they send the information about the ownership. Robert stated that they did. They sent us a copy of the park report of 1905 that listed spaces under the control of the Park Department and it listed the Floral Gardens. I guess I am willing to accept that. What they did say also was that they looked at a variety of sources, including the wooden museum and couldn't find anything that gives an indication of what anything looks like originally. My concern is this is an Historic Preservation project. If we do this under a Historic Preservation we need to know what period we are taking it back to and there is not a lot of documentation to help guide that. If it's under recreation it's

kind of a weak project other than benches and something to look at and a decorative fountain it doesn't have a lot. Ralph asked was some of the sidewalk, not the park land but it was more like DPW land? Robert stated that he thinks we never got a clarification of what is owned. What's park land verses the right of way. Other than, we clearly know that the Northern Section that is really Spruceland Avenue is closed and grassed over it certainly isn't part of the Historic space.

Forest Park Zoo: Ralph stated that he is having trouble seeing that as a recreational project. I mean that it is keeping the animals from getting out. That's kind of weak. Willie stated that he rode through the park to take a look at that fence and it looked fine to me. I mean to say a need to replace it's not going to be on my list of priorities. Juanita stated that a beautiful fence would look good there but I also have a hard time figuring out that it would come out of CPA money anyway. I don't know if we checked with Stuart I don't think that would fly. Gloria stated that it's a lot of money for a fence. Juanita felt the CPA could do it legally. I don't think we can spend funds for a fence like that. Ralph stated that the best case you could make is if you build a park a fence it could be a part of that park. The zoo is not a park so it's sort of the opposite.

Highland Rail Trail & Wason Trolley Project: Gloria stated that again it is all over the place and I don't want to take on this one in particular. Perhaps people who have submitted proposals and they have not been accepted maybe it should be mandatory that they attend a training. I think if people had a training meeting it would be much clearer when they do their proposal. I don't know if that is possible. I hate to say no all the time when we keep saying "bring it down" focus on one thing. Ralph stated he doesn't feel that it makes any sense to put a train on the old train tracks. That proposal was not really well baked. They talked about trolley cars and things like that. At best maybe I could see a need for an old overall analysis as to where we are going with the bike path that we are creating. It just didn't seem to make any sense it just wasn't much of a proposal. Robert stated that what he was going to say is one that I think is really two parts. There is the transportation in part that I don't think is CPA eligible. There is the walking path and the biking path. I think the issue of how does one connect with the path that is going to be built in McKnight to the path that is going to be built between Forest Park and East Forest Park that I think is an issue that has to be looked at. I don't know whether I think they were talking about the Park Department actually doing the study. I wonder if we should be talking to the Park Department there is a nugget of importance to how do we connect the two paths that we are working on. Do you want to do a study of what that connection would look like. Ralph asked is it possible that they already have a study? Robert stated that he doesn't think so. I would put this down as something Karen should give a jingle to the Park Department to see if there has been a study and two might they be interested in doing it. Ralph stated that it raises an important point. I got that information from him and he said yes we are doing two projects and two are connected and we have a third rail trail so to speak on the River Front. It would be important to sort out a master plan on this to put it all together somehow. They are still thinking of the Trolley Cars. Karen asked do you want me to call the Park Department about connecting the McKnight Trail with the East Forest Park Trail whether they have any study on that already and two whether they have any interest in doing

a study on it and could that be done for \$25,000. Robert then stated that the problem with that section where it really runs between the old hill and the upper hill is a bunch of what used to be the rail lines and the line has been bought. So the Indian Motorcycle building owns part of it and their parking lot and I think there is a day care center on the south side of Wilbraham Road that bought part of the Rail Trail and the Water Sewer Commission bought part of the Rail Trail or what could be the Rail Trail. Springfield College just bought part of the old Rail Line. It is not quite in tacked and whether those entities are willing to let someone bicycle or walk over it now is questionable. To connect the two main that actually goes on city streets as opposed to an abandoned rail line. Anyway, let's see if park has anything and what their thoughts are on that.

The Van Horn Park Pond Study: Ralph stated that he views this one as a pure Park Department Project. I can't see that and I know Michael Fenton said he was sort of interested in that and you live in that neighborhood kind of is there a big interest in knowing how to do a study on the pond? David stated that nothing that he is aware of and we have been living here for thirteen years. No, I am not aware of anyone's needs for that. I wasn't even aware that there was a problem. Robert stated when he used to walk his dogs up there when I had dogs I think there is a problem because there are many times that the little pond which is the carp pond was covered with algae and a good portion of the reservoir was covered with algae. I certainly understand that in its current condition it is not good for fishing or boating or anything like that.

YWCA Shelter Playground: Gloria stated that it is a wonderful idea but unfortunately it is not open recreation and it is not open to the public. That's what Stewart said in his response to your question.

Robert stated that this concludes the discussion. When we meet again I am going to give everyone an opportunity to change their top eight projects. Karen will then put them in order again. Keep in mind we have asked for some information by coming by June eighteenth. Don't start thinking about reordering your projects until you have all the information. Then we will start from the top making a motion to recommend and exactly what we want to recommend. We have the ability to not recommend an entire project but we can recommend a component if that makes sense. Jumping ahead the other issue in relationship to that is when are we meeting again we would normally meet on July 6th for the first Tuesday. I don't know if members of the committee will be away on vacation. If you know now if we don't have all of you on July 6th Karen will do a doodle poll to see when we can get people. Ralph asked after July first because by then we will have a dollar amount that is available to us. Robert stated that after July first we will have the dollar amount and we will then know the additional funds that we have to ask City Council to put into the three reserves based on a higher expected dollar amount. It looks like July 6th will be our meeting. Karen then stated that just for the record I would like to read the response from Stewart on the YMCA as well as the Byer Street building. Would that be alright? There was a question of eligibility there have been very few recreation projects done on private land as

there isn't a good way to protect the public's investment going forward. If the shelter needs to use the space for something else it closes the playground. There can also be a liability issue that has to be dealt with and some may not want to spend public money on something that is not open to the public, although the shelter does serve a public purpose. All that being said it is a difficult one that fund with CPA. If you want to push forward I would advise getting a formal legal opinion.

The second one is the Byer Street Building. Is CPA assistance limited to the building down below and siding etc.? Qualified under preservation for non-profit owned community housing that has outlined. **Answer is:** It is unclear because the DHCD memo only applies to my initial housing authority properties under their control. My initial reaction is that you absolutely need an Affordable Housing Restriction with CPA public money. If it were to be given to a private housing unit or Historic Preservation Restriction if the house is Historic. ****

Robert then asked Karen if she has any brief updates for us or otherwise we will conclude the meeting. Karen stated briefly: Bob had mentioned earlier that the Department of Revenue is projecting a thirty two point three base match for the November twenty-twenty one first round of CPA trust fund distribution. The ten year gold is thirty percent, so that looks good. **The Conservation Trail Head** and the project has a balance of One Thousand Six Hundred and Ten left and that will be returned to CPA.

There are six Preservation Projects, Historic Preservation Projects that are in various forms of being completed.

The Science Museum exemption needs to be written with the Law Department.

The Forest Park Trolley Barn they still haven't submitted at this point a knowledge to request.

The Drama Studio is all set.

The Gunn Block has second and third steps were approved in May. We are just waiting for the final approval.

The Trinity House was completed and the Massachusetts Historical Commission did response on March tenth and both are proposed.

Acoma House and the otherwise booking. The local historic district and they both have been scheduled for public hearing on the twentieth and two days June third. That's all we have.

Robert thanked Karen and asked Karen if she could send the revised chart that you just did tonight for everyone that they are in possession of it that would be great. With that we will entertain a motion to adjourn. Juanita made the motion to adjourn and Ralph second the motion.

Robert asked those present to raise their hand: Willie raised his hand and I am raising my voice. So we are all set. Robert thanked those were present.

Next Meeting: July 6th