



Community Preservation Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Regular

~ Minutes ~

Kathy Calvanese

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on March 7, 2023 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

March 7, 2023

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order concerning the

Open Meeting Law, the Springfield Community Preservation Committee will continue to meet remotely until further notice. A full video recording of this meeting can be viewed here:

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Public comments on this meeting or in general may be mailed to Community Preservation Committee, City Hall, 36 Court Street, Springfield, 01103 or e-mail to: cpc@springfieldcityhall.com

Present: Juanita Martinez (Conservation Commission Representative) - Clinton Harris (Park Department Representative) - Gloria DeFillipo (Planning Board Representative) - Judy Crowell (Historical Commission) Rhonda Sherrell - (Neighborhood Representative) and Willie Thomas (Housing Authority). Robert McCarroll (Springfield Preservation Trust). A quorum was present.

Not Present: Lamar Cook (Neighborhood Representative)

Agenda

Approve Minutes of February 7

Historic Homes Rehabilitation Program Live Lottery 2023

Update Meeting with ReGreen Springfield

2023 Application Review Timetable

Administrator's Updates

Other Matters

Next meeting -April 4

Approval of February 7 Minutes

Gloria made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Juanita. All In favor.

Historic Homes Rehabilitation Program Live Lottery 2023

This lottery will use a random generator to determine the order of applications submitted. There were 217 applications (corrected to 209 due to duplicates) and the top eight homes will be eligible for a grant. If there are funds remaining or a grantee withdraws from the program, the next home (#9) will be contacted and so forth until the \$250,000 funds allocated for the program are depleted. Congratulations to the homeowners of the following addresses:

- (1) 125 Magnolia Terrace
- (2) 1127 Worthington St
- (3) 151 Westminster St
- (4) 126 Pineywoods Ave
- (5) 67-71 Thompson St
- (6) 91 Buckingham Street
- (7) 173 Bay St
- (8) 79 Bowdoin St

Update Meeting with ReGreen Springfield

Dave Bloniaz of Regreen Springfield was present to update the committee on the Knotweed eradication program. The contract was extended to November 30, 2023 to allow for completion of the work. Mr. Bloniaz shared a slideshow describing the program and plans for use of the current funds. The optional time table for injections is mid-July through the early part of October. They are working in conjunction with the Parks Department and found by mowing three times, it cuts back the Knotweed and the injections are more effective with less herbicides and extends the eradication window from mid-April until early October. Efforts are restricted to conservation land, park land or existing Riverfront walkways and bike paths. The slideshow can be viewed here:

2023 Application Review Timetable

Applications are due 4:00 p.m. on March 30th at the Elections Office or by mail.

The April 4th meeting will begin interviews and concentrate on the submissions from the Parks Department. A special or additional meeting in April is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday April 18th

The final 3rd meeting for interviews is scheduled for the May 2nd meeting.

Administrator's Updates

Corrected the record. The number of Historic Homes Restoration Program applications was 209 and not 217. The spreadsheet was shared to show the random generator had subtracted the duplicates leaving 209 addresses.

Other Matters

City Council President Jesse Lederman has sent letters to neighborhood organization requesting two names from each group. He will select or appoint two new neighborhood members to the SCPC to replace Lamar Cook who revolves off on April 27, and Ralph Slate who recently resigned. Counselman Lederman hopes to appoint two replacements by the end of March. If so, the new members will be invited to attend the April SCPC meetings (although they won't have voting rights until they are sworn in).

The Department of Revenue is advising CPA communities to be cautious when planning their budgets this year as the State portion of the CPA distribution may not be as robust as the last couple of years.

Motion to adjourn made by Juanita and Second by Clinton. **All in favor. Yes.**

Adjourned. **Next meeting -April 4, 2023**