



Community Preservation Committee

36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103

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Regular

~ Minutes ~

Kathy Calvanese

Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:00 PM

Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology

I. Call to Order

6:00 PM Meeting called to order on April 4, 2023 at Utilizing Remote Collaboration Technology, (Online), Springfield, MA.

II. Public Portion

Springfield Community Preservation Committee

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

Not Present: Juanita Martinez (Conservation Commission Representative)

Guests: New Neighborhood Representatives not yet sworn in. Yolanda Cancel and Steven Bosworth.

DPBRM Chris Seabrooks and Laura Walsh in addition to the neighborhood residents listed in the projects below.

Agenda

Approve Minutes of March 7

5-Minute Presentations by 2023 Applicants

East Springfield Neighborhood Council - Angelina Park

~~East Forest Park Civic Association - Nathan Bill Park~~ - withdrawn

Indian Orchard Citizens Council - Myrtle Street Park

Old Hill Neighborhood Council - Highland & McKnight Rail Trail Connection Study

Outer Belt Civic Association - Tree Top Park

Spfld Residents - Alden Street Park

WalkBike Springfield - Bike & Skate Parks Study at multiple neighborhood parks

Hungry Hill Civic Association-Abbey Brook Conservation Area expansion

2023 Application Review Timetable

Administrator's Updates and Other Matters

Next meeting -April 18

Introductions and presentation of projects.

The applicants were interviewed in the order above and the Committee, after asking questions, requested additional information (*see italics*).

Angelina Park Request \$250,000.00

Presented by East Springfield Neighborhood Council in partnership with the Department of Parks, Building and Recreation Management (DPBRM). Represented by East Springfield residents Kathy Brown and Marie Koski. *Verify that a sedimentation and erosion control is included in the budget in all the DPBRM this year. Park projects seem to be designed to the maximum allowed by CPA and LaMar asked if this was always necessary.*

Myrtle Street Park Request \$249,554.00

Presented by Indian Orchard Citizens Council (IOCC) in partnership with the Department of Parks, Building and Recreation Management. Represented by IOCC and City Councilor, Zaida Govan.

Parks indicated that it would be responsible for the water spigot on/off to winterize the pipes.

Parks will follow up with a design map and photos of slide, exercise equipment and play tables.

Highland & McKnight Rail Trail Connection Study Request \$80,000.00

Presented by Old Hill Neighborhood Council in partnership with the Department of Parks, Building and Recreation Management. Represented by resident and McKnight Neighborhood Council resident Liz Stevens. *Who is hiring the consultant for the study? If the study moves forward, DPW will perform the work with oversight and payment to DPBRM. Requested DPBRM to obtain an updated DPW schedule.*

Tree Top Park Request \$ 250,000.00

Presented by Outer Belt Civic Association in partnership with the Department of Parks, Building and Recreation Management (DPBRM). Representing the Association was Laura Walsh from DPBRM.

Stone dust will be used on the path rather than pavement. Permit process required for wetlands is included in the scope of the work. Clarify security lighting. Provide images of the items that are proposed to be installed. DPBRM does receive some adjustment in pricing through the State agreement and contract pricing for municipalities and procurement laws.

Alden Street Park Request over 3 years \$750,000.00

Presented by Springfield Residents in partnership with the Department of Parks, Building and Recreation Management (DPBRM). Represented by Ellen Moorhouse, homeowner and a newly formed neighborhood advocacy group -SCANS - Springfield Conservation and Natures Stewardship - with an ambitious plan to coordinate with various city departments on behalf of Lake Massasoit (Watershops Pond). A three-year program request for the first portion of funding this year for Alden Street Park renovations for water-based recreation and connecting the present path that is separated by a sidewalk.

DPW will supply a receptacle for trash pickup. DPBRM will be responsible for the dock removal in the winter and replacement in the Spring, unless new design incorporates something permanent. Applicant asked to provide verification that Upper Hill was notified and to provide images proposed for installation.

WalkBike Springfield Study at multiple neighborhood parks Request \$120,000.00

Presented by DPBRM and Yolanda Cancel for Betsy Johnson from AQCA or Armory Quadrangle Civic Association. Focus on multiple parks and or other land, potentially schools, that could be re-purposed for a walk/bike space. *Follow-up for other stakeholders to be appraised of the study. Original study focused on Boys and Girl's Club and Carew Street and the City was successful in the Conservation and water grant. The Girls and Boys club withdrew and that land wasn't available anymore and the alternative was Gurdon-Bill Park and the study completed. Should this new grant study be funded, it will be similar to the design of Gurdon-Bill Park and completed by 2025 (per CPA grant).*

Abbey Brook Conservation Area expansion Request for \$700,000.00,

Presented by Hungry Hill Civic Association, Office of Planning and Economic Development, the Conservation Department and Michael Fenton, resident and City Councilor. Purchase of 5.4 acres to unite the two Abbey Brook Conservation sections. Request for \$700,000.00, which is above the SCPC limit of \$250,000 per project per year. *The State law does allow the CPA to bond for a larger project. Councilor Fenton will explore a structured debt, such as bonding. The City may be amenable if the Conservation Committee contributed \$100,000 and perhaps the City would consider an additional \$100,000 with a CPA commitment; note: no CPA funding for maintenance.*

2023 Interview Timetable

April 18th and May 2nd continue interviews. Discussed additional May and June meeting for discussion and vote. If so, the Committee may not meet in August. A doodle poll will be sent.

Administrator's Updates

Historic Homes program. A few homeowners ready for SHC review and site visits.

Minutes

Approval of March 7 Minutes. Motion to accept the minutes by Gloria, seconded by Judy. All In favor.

Motion to adjourn made by Gloria and Second by Rhonda. **All in favor. Yes.**

Adjourned. **Next meeting -April 18, 2023**