

CPC Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, MA 02451

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Public Meeting and Hearings
@ City Hall, City Council Chambers, 610 Main St., Waltham, MA 02452.
Minutes for Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Recorder: William W. Durkee Jr., CPA Program Manager, Waltham
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)

A. Call to Order at 7:00 PM

Called to order by Chair Justin Barrett. WCAC (Waltham Community Access Channel) video recorded the Meeting.

B. Roll Call by Clerk - Program Manager.

Present: Chair Justin Barrett, Vice Chair Erika Jerram, Tom Creonte, Bill Doyle, Bob LeBlanc, Loretta McClary, Sean Wilson. Absent: Dan Melnechuk, and a vacant position pending. Program Manager: William Durkee -present. A Quorum of seven was declared present.

C. Minutes - Program Manager.

1. Minutes of the June 5, 2018 CPC Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed with the note that the Vice Chair's name was misspelled and would be corrected.

2. Minutes of the September 11, 2018 CPC Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

D. New Business:

1. Applications and Hearings - Chair. (Deadline October 9, 2018)
a. Dana Court Spray Park (Waltham Housing Division - Planning)
James LaCrosse representing the Planning Department presented the Application. He is working with the Waltham Housing Authority (WHA) to update their Dana Court playground between Gardner St. and Gorham St. This is a full size playground with ancillary play surfaces and equipment. All old equipment is to be removed and new sidewalks and amenities to include eight new features (serpentine, ground geysers, security fencing, landscaping, downspout replacements) and to meet City State and DCHD specifications. Landscaping designed for WHA low maintenance grass and perennials. Benches for parents and a shade shelter will be built. Security lighting is already there. The City Wires Department will update the lighting to LED's which will improve security. The design was completed and sent to DCHD by the project consultants. Mr. Johnson of the WHA will also oversee the requirements with both a mechanical engineer and architect to review all plans. This will also be done with the City Engineering to check the design for storm water and sewage connections to the City lines. DCHD has been continuously kept

informed. The process is to issue the ads 10/17, bids due 11/22, pre bids 11/8 and ads placed 11/31. A full size rendition was displayed with the intent of the eventual WCAC view and any immediate questions as smaller copies were in the current meeting packet copies. After a quick overview, the Ward 9 City Councilor, Robert Logan spoke in favor of the proposal. The large number of young children in the WHA units and neighborhood has always existed. This plan is more than a playground as it provides a quality of life improvement for all of the area and aesthetics. Due to the importance and timing of the CPC grant request the Chair opened the hearing to the CPC. From the Recreation Department, the supervision and maintenance will be provided by the WHA Chestnut St. personnel assisted as needed by the Recreation Department. All systems are Vortex which are minimal including annual start up and closing. Robert Waters of the Housing Division concurred with the excitement for completion of the project. The project has been two years to reach this stage. The Gilmore playground has not been neglected and is a similar play site. The application notes the total cost is \$494,800 and the CPC \$344,800. Hearing none in favor, opposing, nor with questions the Hearing was closed to the public. A Motion to approve the grant of \$344,800.00 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

E. Old Business:

1. Status of CPC Projects

a. Appropriated by City Council

b. Recommended by CPC to City Council

Contracts (Agreements) have been signed tonight by the Chair with the GSEMA (Girl Scouts), are pending for the CRMII Windows, but no applications for the Veterans Fields, the MacArthur playgrounds have a scheduled grand opening, the FAVC said they sent in their first requisition, additional problems with the CRMII accessibility ramp which will need additional funds, the Sons of Italy sent their first requisition also signed tonight by the Chair, and the Music Hall met with the Building Commissioner to resolve issues. The Chair noted that the CPC needs to comply with its requirements as noted in all Agreements. He requested a list of which grantees are in compliance for the October CPC Meeting.

2. Housing legal question (Chair). The Chair met with the Law Department together with the former Chair Diana Young and reworded the request. The Chair has not met to discuss how a 'pool' of CPC funds could be created to reword the spontaneity of a bid to buy a property for housing. Such a preapproved bid would also need approval from the City Council for the process. A fund would need to be created for affordable housing. Currently the process is too slow to compete for available properties. The Coalition may have a process for this purpose.

3. Conservation Restrictions (Chair). Bill Doyle has not been able to prepare that process to complete the outstanding CPC properties which need them. The current Quarterly reports can be the update.

4. Historic Restrictions(Chair). The use of the funds for the

historic stone walls project has not been questioned but is typical of the required Quarterly Reports which have not been provided. The Historical representative will request the current report.

F. Announcements/Correspondence

1. If there is interest by the CPC to attend the Housing program November 8, 10 AM sent to the CPC from the City solicitor today please let the Program Manager know to sign up.

G. Good of the Committee

1. The next regularly scheduled CPC Meeting/Hearing is November 20, 2018.

H. Adjourn. A Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed unanimously.