

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Public  
Meeting and Hearing - April 14, 2015  
City of Waltham, Massachusetts  
CPC Office, 119 School Street, Waltham, MA 02451

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

Note: This meeting was held in the City of Waltham, Clark  
Government Center, Auditorium, 119 School Street.

A. Call to Order at 7:00 PM

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

B. Roll Call by Clerk Dan Melnechuk

Present: Chair Young, Clerk Dan Melnechuk, Mr. Justin  
Barrett, Mr. Bob LeBlanc, Mr. Randy LeBlanc, Mr. Sean Wilson.  
Absent: Vice-Chair Kevin Dwyer, Mr. Jerry Dufromont, Mr.  
Thomas Creonte. Program Manager William Durkee present. Quorum  
of 6 declared present, with 5 needed to approve or deny a  
Motion.

C. Minutes - Clerk.

C1. Minutes of the March 10, 2015 CPC Meeting. A Motion  
was made to approve the Minutes, seconded, and passed  
unanimously with six in favor and none opposed.

D. New Business

D1. Public Informational Hearing. Chair Young opened the  
Hearing and explained the need for this Hearing as described in  
the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Applications for funding  
must fit the descriptions of the CPA, and the local Forms of the  
CPC. Successful projects with City Council appropriations from  
FY 2014 in the three acceptable CPA funding categories were  
listed. The balance of available funds are currently  
\$21,286,000.

Speakers were asked to sign in. Public officials with conflicts were invited to notify the Chair if urgent public matters would conflict with their time of presentation. Thirty four persons signed in and all were heard or declined to speak but wanted to be noted as in attendance. (10 Sign in sheets attached). A total of about 84 persons attended over the course of the Meeting.

Mayor Jeannette McCarthy. The Mayor's report of the status of the Fernald School CPC Application noted the ongoing wetlands study recommendations, demolition of unusable buildings, historic limitations of the CPA portion, and the 50 acres in the hands of the City Council. The sole responsibility of the Mayor to acquire land, and the need to have a City Department co-sponsor any City CPA projects were emphasized. The Mayor reported that the two sets of buildings that were the last to house clients were included in the deed.

City Councillors McMenimen, Darcy, Romard and Logan described the City uses of CPA funds to include the need for affordable housing, the efforts to complete the Hardy Pond Conservation Area (HPCA), the Arrigo Farm, digitization of older Waltham Newspapers and City maps, Fernald wetlands restoration and downstream mitigation, Prospect Hill Park amenities, rehabilitation of McDonald Playground, and a Crescent St. riverside park. A non-public speaker also promoted the rail trail and pocket parks. (Logan 1 page attached)

Seven speakers representing about 50 persons in attendance promoted more affordable housing and described the needs of the Waltham homeless, insufficient assistance to low income persons, home loans, an emergency shelter, high rental costs, Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Affordable Housing Trust funds, the Waltham Association to Create Housing (WATCH) 250 clients for housing, and Lexington "LexHab" low income housing.

Two speakers from the Waltham Land Trust updated the State status of rail trails. The Waltham section of the Mass Rail Trail feasibility study would leapfrog to the top of priority if funds were available from CPA funds to design its part from Weston to Beaver St. (attached) The availability of optional bicycle paths was blamed for the loss of a large employer.

A speaker promoted the reuse of vacant City properties

and rehabilitation of those which have historic buildings.(Creedon attached 1 page)

Hearing no further requests from speakers, this portion of the meeting was closed. CPC members were invited to speak. After brief remarks and noting no further questions this portion of the Meeting was closed and a brief recess held.

E. Old Business

E1. FY2016 Budget - Chair Young. A draft "Supplemental Budget for Administrative Funds" using the Auditors Template for FY 2016 was distributed(attached). A Motion was made to approve the Budget and forward to the City Council, seconded, and passed unanimously with five in favor and none opposed.

E2. Conservation Restrictions (CR's) - Kevin Dwyer, CPC Vice-Chair. No discussion in the absence of the Vice-Chair.

F. Announcements/Correspondence - Chair Young  
None.

G. For the Good of the Committee - Chair Young

G1. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting. Tuesday, May 12, 2015. Location to be determined. A Housing Specialist will address the CPC at this Meeting.

H. ADJOURN