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Community Preservation Committee

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MINUTES

July 29, 2019

City Hall, Room 314

133 William Street, New Bedford, MA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Janine da Silva, Co Chair
Ross Nunes, Vice Chair
Paula Robinson-Deare
Peter Blanchard

Arthur Glassman
Christopher Amaral
Melissa Chester-Letendre

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Sylvia Gomes, Clerk

Tim Walsh

STAFF:

Jessica Bailey, *CPA Coordinator*

Call to Order

Chair J. da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by A. Glassman and seconded by P. Robinson-Deare to approve the minutes for May 28, 2019.

Motion passed unopposed.

New Business

FY 20 Plan Timeline and Deadlines – Discussion and vote

J. Bailey reviewed the FY20 plan, the application cycle, and deadlines. Timeline dates were reviewed.

Technical Workshop – September 5, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Eligibility Determination Form Due – September 20, 2019 by 12:00 p.m.

CPC responds to Eligibility Determination Form – By October 4, 2019

Project Applications due – November 8, 2019 by 12:00 p.m.

Public Hearings – January 9, 16, 23, 2019

There was discussion regarding the format of the annual report with the suggestion made by P. Robinson-Deare to include more details about the completed projects in future annual reports. J. Bailey stated the project closeout report contains those details and could be used to inform the public about the CPA successes in the city.

A motion was made by R. Nunes and seconded by A. Glassman to approve the FY20 CPA Plan and FY19 Annual Report.

Motion passed unopposed.

Update on FY18 CPA Projects

J. Bailey provided an update regarding the disbursement of the FY18 funds – 1 project is complete, 15 are in process and 1 is in the estimate phase. A total of just over \$1.4 million has been distributed to date. Projects such as 305-307 Pleasant Street, Sgt. Carney House, First Baptist Church steeple, James Arnold Mansion, and Veteran's Transition House are examples of some projects with visible results from CPA funding. Most have signage acknowledging the receipt of CPA funding.

R. Nunes asked about the Acushnet Saw Mill project. J. Bailey stated that Allen Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition had provided an update. Parking lot construction and community garden construction to begin this fall.

J. da Silva also asked for an update on FY19 projects. J. Bailey stated the grant agreements are in process and once executed, fund disbursement can begin. Several of the projects have begun work such as the Whaling Museum, Strand Theatre, James Arnold Mansion, 29 Seventh Street, New Bedford Art Museum, and Sgt. Sean Gannon Memorial Playground.

Grant agreements from South Coast Greenway, First Baptist Church, and Butler Flats are still outstanding. J. Bailey provided the members with an update on Butler Flats. Rob Draper, of Mass Light, LTD., had provided an update on the project status and anticipates signing the grant agreement in September. Construction will begin in the spring to take advantage of the entire construction season due to the nature and location of the project.

R. Nunes asked about the Capital Theatre project. J. Bailey stated the closing is now October 1st.

Community Preservation Coalition Membership Dues – Discussion and vote

J. Bailey provided an overview of the services the Coalition provides to the CPC. She presented to the committee the invoice from the Community Preservation Coalition for the annual membership dues. A. Glassman and J. da Silva both stated the services and advocacy provided was worth supporting the Coalition. P. Robinson-Deare asked about a conference for new members. J. da Silva suggested J. Bailey reach out to the Coalition about hosting a regional workshop for new CPC members from New Bedford and surrounding communities.

A motion was made by P. Robinson-Deare and seconded by P. Blanchard to approve payment of FY20 Community Preservation Coalition membership dues in the amount of \$4,350.

Motion passed unopposed.

FY20 Technical Workshop – September 5, 2019 6pm Library 3rd Floor

J. Bailey provided the CPC with a planning update in addition to the media outreach. A press release will be sent regarding the workshop as well as the successes of CPA to date. P. Robinson-Deare asked about possible radio outreach which J. Bailey would explore. J. Bailey has requested cable access tape the workshop.

Old Business

FY20 Plan Review Public Hearing

J. Bailey provided an overview of the annual public hearing to review the CPA plan. Hearing was held Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Branch of the New Bedford Free Public Library. The annual review provided the public with an opportunity to provide feedback and input into the CPA process as well as the goals for the year. Public feedback provided is included in the FY20 plan. Feedback was received from Historical Commission and Conservation Commission. That language was added to the FY20 plan.

Other Business

None

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by A. Glassman and seconded by C. Amaral.

Motion passed unopposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits

- Agenda
- May 28, 2019 minutes

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jessica Bailey".

Jessica Bailey
CPC Coordinator

Approved September 24, 2019