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MINUTES
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Brooklawn Park Community Center
1997 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Janine da Silva, Co Chair
Ross Nunes, Vice Chair
Jessica Bailey, Clerk
Christopher Amaral
Arthur Glassman

Sylvia Gomes
Paul Pacheco
Elaine Safioleas
Tim Walsh

STAFF:

Edward Bates, *Neighborhood Planner*
Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

Call to Order: Chair J. da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Call the Roll: A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present and absent as stated above.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion was made by J. Bailey and seconded by A. Glassman to approve the April 10, 2018 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unopposed.

A motion was made by S. Gomes and seconded by A. Glassman to approve the April 26, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion passed unopposed.

Old Business: J. da Silva stated that prior to beginning the public hearing; the Committee was to briefly continue deliberation on two project applications. J. da Silva noted that A. Louro wished to share information with the members relative to the Talbot's Apartments project.

Providing background information, A. Louro reminded members that the initial project application as presented, would have been unable to execute a preservation restriction, due to the approach of removing and replacing all of the building's exterior materials with HardiePlank siding and Azek trim. Prior to the public presentation, the applicant was made aware of this determination and submitted a new scope of work and cost estimate, based on removing and replacing all of the building's exterior materials with in-kind materials. Based on questions put forth to the applicant at the public hearing, the applicant once again submitted updated information which A. Louro was uncertain everyone received and took into consideration. A. Louro noted that the updated information had addressed the Committee concerns relative to replacing all the materials and would be utilizing the Secretary of the Interior Standards approach for repair in-kind and replacement only when necessary. She also noted that the project contractor has experience with preservation projects.

She explained that she had spoken to the applicant regarding the Committee's proposal of an amended application to fund a \$6,000 building envelope assessment, per discussion at the 04.26.18 meeting. Initially, the applicant agreed, but declined due to timing and the desire to execute the project this year, as it was shovel-ready.

There was brief discussion regarding the ability to phase the project, the applicant's revised budget and the scope of work. S. Gomes stated that this was a low scoring application and did not meet the criteria of a critical need, noting that there were no leaks or structural stabilization issues. J. Bailey stated that the project was more maintenance based. J. Bailey suggested that the options appeared to be either providing \$6,000 towards the exterior rehabilitation or not funding the project.

R. Nunes spoke to the Strand Theatre project and the readiness to execute the project with only \$50,000 of funding. S. Gomes replied, noting that the Strand and Zeiterion Theatre projects were being evaluated with the criteria of proving enough funding to kick-start the projects. R. Nunes expressed concern that the Strand Theatre exterior rehabilitation is comprehensive and will require another funding source, in addition to CPA, to begin. His concern was if awarded, the money may not be distributed until other funding is acquired.

R. Nunes also spoke to the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study and the condition that all of the participating communities agree to fund the project. Due to the timing of Fall River's CPA process, this will not happen until the fall, again expressing concern that funding is tied up and not awarded to a shovel-ready project instead.

A. Louro informed members that both the Dartmouth and Westport CPC had voted to send an affirmative recommendation of the South Coast Scenic Greenway project to their respective Town Meetings.

R. Nunes suggested transferring the \$10,000 from the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study to the Seamen's Bethel project due to the building's historical significance, its tourism attributes, the applicant's capacity and its critical need.

There was brief discussion relative to the funding approach due to the deficit with J. Bailey explaining the desire to fund projects that had a critical need. She noted the wish to fund all the projects; however that was not possible and therefore explained the desire to help organizations address issues such as water leaks and stabilization by providing enough funding to begin a project, with the theory that they could return in a subsequent funding round.

S. Gomes suggested the possibility of transferring the \$10,000 from the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study, as well as \$10,000 each from the Strand and Z, to the Talbot Apartments project. Members did not agree and R. Nunes stated that the amount would still not meet the needs of the Talbot Apartments project.

J. da Silva reviewed the discussion, stating member's desire to transfer \$10,000 from the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study and applying it to the Seamen's Bethel. Transferring \$10,000 each from the Strand and Z, and applying it to the Talbot Apartments project, or just funding the Talbot Apartments \$6,000.

A. Glassman stated that neither the suggested \$6,000 nor \$26,000 would be adequate to execute the Talbot project and expressed his desire to allocate the funding to shovel ready projects. Members agreed that the \$6,000 originally allocated for the Talbot Apartments could go back in the fund to roll over into the next fiscal year and R. Nunes noted that the applicant, if so desires and still willing, could resubmit in the next round.

Members agreed to allocate the \$10,000 from the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study and apply it to the Seamen's Bethel, and to not fund the Talbot Apartments in this round.

Public Hearings:

Consideration of the FY18 Applications and Vote Relative to Project and Funding Appropriations.

J. da Silva addressed the audience, welcoming them and stating the CPC had received 28 applications for funding, but unfortunately was unable to fund all of them due to a funding deficit. She noted that there was variety of project funding across the CPA categories and geographically throughout the City.

MOTION to open the public hearing.

Moved by T. Walsh and seconded by J. Bailey

Motion carried.

Prior to the vote, P. Pacheco stated that he would abstain from voting, as he was newly appointed member.

1. Acushnet Sawmill New Bedford Expansion & Community Garden

The Buzzards Bay Coalition will acquire 1.63 acres of land in New Bedford across from the main entrance of the Acushnet Sawmill park property. The land will be used to expand parking and improve public safety/accessibility for all visitors and expand public uses by creating a community garden adjacent to the parking lot.

Seeking \$370,000 for acquisition, construction and soft costs.

Jean Bennet spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$296,341 from the Open Space/Recreation Fund and \$73,659 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Acushnet Sawmill New Bedford Expansion & Community Garden project for a grant to the Buzzards Bay Coalition in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

2. Schooner Ernestina –Morrissey Rehabilitation

This request is to assist in the Phase 1 renovation of the Rehabilitation of the Schooner Ernestina – Morrissey. The scope of the three year project encompasses full rehabilitation of major parts of the vessel under a guaranteed price contract. The proposed use of the vessel is to sail as an educational vessel and maintained by the Massachusetts Maritime Academy (MMA) and will provide public educational, recreational and promotional programming from her home port of New Bedford during the summer, spending the academic year offering programs and serving the cadets of the MMA.

Seeking \$100,000 towards the rehabilitation which will be matched one to one.

Jean Bennet spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$100,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Schooner Ernestina –Morrissey Rehabilitation project for a grant to the Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

3. Veterans Transitional Housing Expansion (1060 Pleasant St)

Veterans Transition House, with WHALE as a development consultant, plans to redevelop 1060 Pleasant Street into a 19 bed SRO-style facility. Funding will support significant rehabilitation of roof, interior/exterior restoration, and the addition of community housing that serves South Coast veterans. This project will grant immediate stabilization and restoration of this historic building.

Seeking \$300,000 for exterior rehabilitation. CPA appropriation to be used for exterior rehabilitation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$200,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Veteran’s Transitional Housing Expansion project for a grant to the Veterans Transition House in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Sylvia Gomes

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

4. Seamen’s Bethel Continued Restoration

The continued restoration of the Seamen’s Bethel will include the removal of the existing white cedar shingles. Installed in the mid 1970s, the shingles are deteriorated and require replacement. Work will also include restoration of the post and beam structure, replacement of damaged sheathing, replacement of existing worn flashing above windows and along sill; the removal of inappropriate masonry stucco, and restoring the foundation stone and seal. This would also include removal and replacement of the large sign and light fixture on outer west wall.

Seeking \$200,000 for construction and soft costs. CPA appropriation to be used rehabilitation and partial soft costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$176,396 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Seamen’s Bethel Continued Restoration project for a grant to the New Bedford Port Society in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Christopher Amaral.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

5. First Baptist Community Theatre

First Baptist Church, built in 1829, is the birthplace of "Robert's Rules of Order" and was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The proposed scope of work is for the exterior restoration, including roof work, exterior clapboards and painting, handicapped accessibility and build-out of the theatre space, including the plaster and masonry of the interior sanctuary and painting. The sanctuary will be a collaborative theatre owned by Your Theatre and shared with other non-profits.

Seeking \$400,000 for construction costs. CPA appropriation to be used for Phase 1 exterior stabilization.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$275,500 from the Historic Resources Reserved Fund for the First Baptist Community Theatre project for a grant to Your Theatre, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Sylvia Gomes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

6. Sgt. William H. Carney House Restoration

The Sgt. William H. Carney House, a Greek Revival Style home owned by the Martha Briggs Educational Club since 1939, is proposing a scope of work to stabilize the exterior of the building by repairing water damage and the painting of clapboards, repair and re-glazing of the windows and installation of storm windows to minimize weather impact.

Seeking \$53,800 for construction and soft costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$20,841 from the Historic Resources Reserved Fund and \$32,959 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Sgt. William H. Carney House Restoration project for a grant to Martha Briggs Educational Club, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by a 6-0 vote with three abstentions.

7. Rotch Jones Duff House Restoration

The Rotch-Jones Duff House and Garden Museum's project includes the roof replacement of the Main House and Cupola and all necessary repairs above the second floor including dormers, shutters, parapets, flashings, gutters, downspouts and painting. Work on the Coachman's House will include gutter repair / replacement, including fascia board and painting. Also, there will be a granite step and pathway restoration at the front of the house.

Seeking \$75,000 for construction costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$75,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Rotch Jones Duff House Restoration project for a grant to the Rotch-Jones Duff House and Garden Museum, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

8. 305-307 Pleasant Street Foreclosure Restoration

305-307 Pleasant Street is an abandoned, vacant two-family Receivership property located on a block in which WHALE is currently restoring two other properties. This project includes a Phase 2 exterior restoration and interior build-out for a two – family for sale project.

Seeking \$150,000 for interior and exterior rehabilitation costs. CPA appropriation to be used for exterior rehabilitation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$105,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the 305-307 Pleasant Street Foreclosure Restoration project for a grant to the Waterfront Historic Area League in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

9. Strand Theatre Restoration as Cape Verdean Cultural Center

The Cape Verdean Association of New Bedford purchased the Strand Theatre in 1992 with the intent to adapt its use as the Cape Verdean Cultural Center. This project will entail a comprehensive restoration.

Seeking \$320,000 for interior and exterior construction costs. CPA appropriation to be used for exterior rehabilitation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Strand Theatre Restoration as Cape Verdean Cultural Center Restoration project for a grant to the Cape Verdean Association of New Bedford in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by a 6-2 vote with one abstention.

10. Zeiterion Theatre Marquee Project

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center is seeking return a historically appropriate marquee to the front of its building for the first time since the mid-20th century. The proposed scope of this project includes an engineering and installation study, the design and production of a marquee, and the physical installation of the marquee. The marquee will feature a historically accurate appropriate design combined with modern functionality that will further define and enhance the historical character of the theatre and the neighborhood.

Seeking \$280,000 for design, production, installation and soft costs. CPA appropriation to be used for design costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$50,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Zeiterion Theatre Marquee project for a grant to the Zeiterion Theatre, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

11. James Arnold Mansion Restoration

The James Arnold Mansion was recently purchased by the James Arnold Mansion, Inc. to establish it as a public Historic House Museum.

Seeking \$250,000 for exterior rehabilitation costs. CPA appropriation to be used for slate roof, window, and foundation repair.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$48,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the James Arnold Mansion Restoration project for a grant to the James Arnold Mansion, Inc. in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

12. Hazelwood Park Rehabilitation

A Master Plan for the restoration and improvement of the 23 acre Hazelwood Park was completed in 2016 and several of its goals implemented during Phase 1. This project request is for Phase 2, which would continue the improvements and provide additional amenities within a popular, well used park located across from West Beach.

Seeking \$604,900 for Phase 2 Improvements. CPA appropriation to be used for lighting, ADA compliant walkways and stone retaining wall repair.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$374,400 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Hazelwood Park Rehabilitation project for a grant to the City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

13. Abolition Row Park

The New Bedford Historical Society proposes to develop Abolition Row Park on a vacant corner lot on Spring and Seventh Streets. The goal is to create in collaboration with the City's Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches an attractive pocket park with a mission of telling the story of the abolitionists that lived in the Seventh Street neighborhood.

Seeking \$231,600. CPA appropriation to be used for site preparation and site improvements related to Phase 1.

Jean Bennet spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$125,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Abolition Row Park project for a grant to the New Bedford Historical Society in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Christopher Amaral.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

14. Buttonwood Diamond 1 Field Lighting

This project requests funds to bring the lights into full illumination for baseball teams on diamond 1. This improvement will ensure that the diamond can meet the needs of city athletic leagues for public space to play and practice.

Seeking \$244,000 for outdoor lighting repair.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$244,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Buttonwood Diamond 1 Field Lighting project for a grant to the City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

15. Dias Field Rehabilitation

This project proposes the renovation of the public diamond at Dias Field to include the installation of new perimeter fencing, backstop, field lighting, and bleachers.

Seeking \$205,000 for comprehensive field rehabilitation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$205,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Dias Field Rehabilitation project for a grant to the City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

16. Brooklawn Basketball Court Upgrades

The current basketball courts at Brooklawn Park have deteriorated and conflict with the adjacent softball field. This project will relocate and install new basketball courts at the park.

Seeking \$121,127 for basketball court installation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$121,127 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Brooklawn Basketball Court Upgrades project for a grant to the City of New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation and Beaches in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

17. Buttonwood Brook Trail & Bridges Project

This project will entail the development of an Engineering Study as part of the overall project to remove invasive species within Buttonwood Pond and establish a network of accessible trails within Buttonwood Park's northern section along the Pond and Buttonwood Brook to include new bridges and boardwalks which will meet ADA accessibility standards.

Seeking \$26,000 for an engineering study.

Richard Leary and Jeanne Bennet spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends to the New Bedford City Council the appropriation of \$26,000 from the Unrestricted Fund for the Buttonwood Brook Trail & Bridges project for a grant to the Friends of Buttonwood Park in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Community Preservation Grant Agreement.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

18. Restoration of the Mariner's Home Chimneys

The continued restoration of the historic Mariner's Home will include the rebuilding of its four deteriorating chimneys. The main goal of the project is to improve the structural ability of the home and to provide added safety by rebuilding the chimney and restoring and reusing the brick.

Seeking \$65,000 for chimney construction and soft costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Restoration of the Mariner's Home Chimneys project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

19. Talbot's Apartments Rehabilitation

In the 1990s, CABH took over the ownership of this historic gateway property and has set aside eighteen of the units as affordable units for very low-income household while the remaining eight units are rented to low-moderate income households. CABH proposes to replace all of the existing clapboard, window casing, sills, molding and trim and repaint the building.

Seeking \$164,500 for exterior construction and soft costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Restoration of the Talbot's Apartments Rehabilitation project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

20. Butler Flats Lighthouse Preservation

The Butler Flats Lighthouse, located in New Bedford Harbor, was built in 1898 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The project involves the stabilization and repair of the base of the lighthouse as the first step in the larger, comprehensive project of preserving the lighthouse and restoring it to operation as an aid to navigation.

Seeking \$325,950 for Phase 1 restoration of the caisson and deck.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Butler Flats Lighthouse Preservation project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

21. CoveWalk/HarborWalk Entrances

The CoveWalk and HarborWalk provide a set of multi-use recreational pathways that allows travel along the New Bedford waterfront, connecting the attractions not only to local neighborhoods, but also to one another. This project would allow the city to complete the entrances at Gifford Street and Padanaram Ave.

Seeking \$98,692 for landscaping, signage and amenities.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the CoveWalk/HarborWalk Entrances project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Sylvia Gomes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

22. River's End Park Rehabilitation

Phase 1 has been completed and this project is requesting funds for Phase 2. This funding would allow the completion of the Master Plan by adding tables and shade to the patio, installation of a water play structure and landscaping.

Seeking \$55,000 for Phase 2 costs.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the River's End Park Rehabilitation project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

23. West Beach Boathouse Roof Restoration

This project is requesting funds for roof replacement. Currently, the roof's substrates and rafters are rotted due to water infiltration. This project will secure the building from further weather damage while alternate funds will rehabilitation of the rest of the building.

Seeking \$125,000 for roof replacement.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the West Beach Boathouse Roof Restoration project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

24. Monte's Park Renovation

This project would include replacing the deteriorated basketball backstops, the addition of a new water feature and a new playground structure built for a 5-12 age range.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Monte's Park Renovation project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Seeking \$100,000 for playground rehabilitation.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Christopher Amaral.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

25. Buttonwood Path Lighting

A section of the walking path along Brownell Ave. from Hawthorne Street north to Pauline Street is dark due to its distance from the street and this project recommends the construction of 12 light poles for approximately 1,000 linear feet.

Seeking \$110,385 for lighting installation.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Buttonwood Park Lighting project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

26. Buttonwood Parking Lot Rehabilitation

The Buttonwood Park Community Center parking lot currently allows surface runoff in the direction of Buttonwood Pond eroding the picnic area south of Community Center contributing to the poor water quality of the pond. This project would allow the lot to be re-graded and add drainage in an effort to eliminate surface runoff and erosion.

Seeking \$175,000 for parking lot improvements, landscaping and amenities.

There were no public comments offered or recorded in favor of the project nor in opposition to the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Buttonwood Parking Lot Rehabilitation project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Arthur Glassman.

Approved by a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

27. Buttonwood Park Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment Concept

The proposed project for outdoor adult fitness equipment is proposed as a replacement to one of the existing tennis courts at Buttonwood Park to include installation of a rubberized safety surface, a newly constructed path and the installation of fitness equipment.

Seeking \$48,842 for surface and equipment installation.

Jeanne Costa spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the Buttonwood Park Adult Outdoor Fitness Equipment Concept project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Ross Nunes.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

28. South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study-New Bedford Portions

A bike/walking route linking New Bedford and Fall River is key to a Regional Scenic Greenway proposed by the South Coast Bikeway Alliance. The feasibility study will evaluate route options, identify conflicts, estimate costs, and propose funding sources.

Seeking \$10,000 as a portion of the feasibility study to include funding from Dartmouth, Westport and Fall River.

Sandra Medeiros spoke in favor of the project.

The Community Preservation Committee does not recommend for funding the South Coast Scenic Greenway Feasibility Study-New Bedford Portions project, but encourages the applicant to resubmit at a future funding round.

Moved by Jessica Bailey and seconded by Elaine Safioleas.

Approved by an 8-0 vote with one abstention.

J. da Silva addressed the audience and stated that every applicant would receive a notification letter and explained that the recommendations would be sent to the City Council. She explained the City Council process and the authority of the Council to approve the funding, reduce the funding amount, or disapprove of the funding. She also noted that if a project was not approved by the City Council, the CPC had an opportunity to return to the Council with a revision. A late June or early July timeline was suggested by J. Bailey.

MOTION to close the public hearing.

Moved by E. Safioleas and seconded by A. Glassman

Motion carried.

Old Business:

CPC Administrator Position Status

E. Bates updated the members, stating that several position applications had been received and that E. Bates had referred the Committee's previous request to Mr. Sullivan relative to reviewing the applications per the motion moved at the 04.26.18 meeting.

There was brief discussion regarding the CPC recommendation package to City Council and what that would include. J. Bailey suggested discussing the new timeline at the next meeting. A. Louro noted the desire to approve the FY19 budget in order to send it to City Council. She also mentioned that the Plan requires update with public engagement, which can be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2018.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by J. Bailey and seconded by A. Glassman. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits

- Agenda
- Motion Sheet

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro
DPHCD Staff

Approved: 05.22.18