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Department of Planning, Housing & Community Development
2nd Floor Conference Room
608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford, MA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Janine da Silva, Chair
Jessica Bailey, Clerk
Arthur Glassman

Sylvia Gomes
Elaine Safioleas-**arrived 6:20pm**
Tim Walsh

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

Ross Nunes

Arthur Motta

STAFF:

Gloria McPherson, *City Planner*
Edward Bates, *Neighborhood Planner*
Anne Louro, *Preservation Planner*

Call to Order

Chair J. da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:06 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 S. Gomes to approve the December 20, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. Motion passed unopposed.

New Business

Election of Officers

After brief discussion, members agreed to continue the item to a time when all of the members were present.

MOTION to table the Election of Officers

Moved by J. Bailey and seconded by T. Walsh

Motion passed.

CPA Membership Update

A. Glassman was introduced to the members. A. Louro explained that upon review of the CPC ordinance it was determined that CPC members which represent City boards or commissions are appointed by their respective bodies and do not require confirmation by the City Council. She noted that A. Glassman was appointed by the Planning Board at their January 10th meeting to be their representative to the CPC and therefore was able to attend tonight's meeting.

Review and Discuss Project Applications

Members expressed their pleasure with the wide array of project applications, acknowledging the amount of Historic Preservation projects, with J. da Silva estimating that they represented two thirds of the projects, which was not surprising.

Staff noted that there were no Community Housing applications, as the one submission was determined ineligible during the pre-application period.

Staff provided members with a PDF document in which to place their project evaluation questions in. The purpose of the document was to capture members' individual questions and to consolidate them to use during the public hearings.

Members discussed the City projects and voiced their concerns relative to the proposed bonding, the debt service amount, and the effect it would have on the CPA budget in future years. There were questions relative to eligibility, with Staff indicating that eligibility had previously been reviewed with Stuart Saginor. Staff was asked to have Mary Rapoza prioritize the projects and provide a map of the project locations.

Members briefly discussed the opportunity to participate in a CPA Bonding Webinar presented by Stuart Saginor of the Community Preservation Coalition. Members asked Staff to send a Doodle Poll with potential scheduling dates for participation and scheduling.

Members reviewed the community projects, discussing each project's location, budget, and their understanding of the project's scope of work.

A. Louro updated members on the Historical Commission's determination of historic significance for three proposed CPA projects. She explained that CPA Historic Preservation projects must either be listed on the State Register of Historic Places, or determined to be eligible for listing by the local Historical Commission. A. Louro informed members that at their December 4th meeting, the Historical Commission determined the West Beach House, the Veteran's 1060 Pleasant Street property and the Strand Theatre were historically significant and eligible for listing.

A. Louro directed members' attention to an excel chart that Staff developed which displayed all of the project funding requests and demonstrated the total amount of CPA funding requests and the amount of funding available. She briefly explained the category amounts and noted the funding deficit of over \$1 million.

Members briefly discussed the possibility of not funding certain, non-critical projects, or reducing funding amounts. There was consensus that the initial project evaluations and scoring would help determine the method in which the deficit would be addressed.

Old Business

Discuss Project Presentation Format

Staff reviewed the dates of the upcoming public hearings and noted that they were being advertised and promoted. E. Bates confirmed that all of the meetings would be held in Room 314 at City Hall, as the Library was unavailable, and that Cable Access would film the meetings. Staff also noted that it appeared that all of the

applicants would be utilizing a PowerPoint format for their presentations. A. Louro stated that each applicant was directed to provide 5 slides that addressed the goals of their project, and that Staff would provide a uniform introduction slide for each project.

Members expressed concern regarding the timeframes of the presentations, with Staff ensuring that they would facilitate the meetings appropriately.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by T. Walsh and seconded by E. Safioleas. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits

- Agenda
- December 20, 2017 Minutes
- Comparative Evaluation Questions Sheet
- FY18 CPA Funding Requests/Funding availability Excel Sheet

Respectfully submitted,



Anne Louro
DPHCD Staff