



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
Community Preservation Committee
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JON MITCHELL
MAYOR

MINUTES
February 2, 2022
REMOTE MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT:

Janine da Silva	Arthur Glassman
Melissa Chester-Letendre	Leona Fisher
Christopher Amaral	Peter Blanchard
Ross Nunes	Jody Seivert

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

ABSENT:

None

STAFF: Jessica Bailey, *CPA Coordinator*

Call to Order

Chair J. da Silva called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Call the Roll

A formal roll call was conducted confirming members present and absent as stated above.

New Business

Approval of January 25, 2022 minutes

MOTION to approve January 25, 2022 minutes with changes noted

Moved by R. Nunes and seconded by M. Chester-Letendre

Motion carried 8-0

CPC Recommendation Process

J. Bailey stated tonight's meeting was to do a final review of the projects to be recommended, the recommended grant amounts, and the funding conditions. The February 10, 2022 meeting agenda will have the final vote on the recommendations to City Council. Post vote, J. Bailey will notify by email all applicants of the CPC's recommendations. For those receiving funding, the funding conditions will be provided for the applicants review and approval. Once all recommended applicants provide approval of the funding conditions, the recommendation packet will be submitted to City Council. City Council typically refers the recommendations to the Finance Committee. At the Finance Committee meeting, J. daSilva and J. Bailey attend and answer any questions the committee may have. Each project is voted on individually in the Finance Committee meeting. All recommendations are then sent to City Council for final approval. Once approval received, the grant agreements are sent to the grantees. City Council can approve the recommendations as submitted; reduce the amount of

funding recommended; or reject the recommendation. The Council cannot add funding nor add a project not recommended by the CPC. It is anticipated the process will follow the FY21 timeline with approval by May, allowing projects to move forward.

Old Business

Comparative Evaluation of FY21 Applications

J. Bailey clarified the agenda had a typo; the FY22 applications were the subject of the meeting's discussion.

Funding conditions were reviewed and will be included in all grant agreements. Any project which has received previous funding may have the same funding conditions for any FY22 grant.

The FY22 project scores were reviewed with projects discussed from highest score to lowest score.

Holy Family High School Adaptive Re-use Project

J. daSilva asked if all were in agreement the project should receive the full ask of \$175,000. A. Glassman stated he is in full agreement and liked this project so felt the project should receive the full amount. The consensus was the project should receive the full ask. J. Bailey stated funding conditions will include an affordable housing restriction must be placed upon the property and project will not be eligible for disbursements until all permits received and construction begun. Funding conditions will be similar to other community housing projects awarded CPA funding in past rounds.

LGBTQ+ Community Center

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$200,000. J. Bailey stated funding conditions will follow FY21 grant agreement. J. daSilva asked if the historic preservation restriction was a term; J. Bailey confirmed it was a 30 year term historic preservation restriction.

Gallery X Painting

The consensus was the project should receive the full revised ask of \$86,000. Funding conditions may include historic preservation restriction if one does not currently exist.

First Baptist Church Restoration Project

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$108,000. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

Rotch Jones Duff House Masonry Restoration

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$142,900. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

Strand Theater

The consensus was this project should receive the full ask of \$300,000. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

Digitization of Milton Silva Negative Collection Part II

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$20,000. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

New Bedford Whaling Museum: Bourne & Wood Buildings Masonry Restoration

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$187,500. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

Digitization of Maritime Records

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$14,000. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

James Arnold Mansion Roof Work Final Phase

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$100,000 if funding allows. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

George Washington Portrait Conservation

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$26,000. Funding conditions will incorporate past grant agreement funding conditions as applicable.

Temple Landing II

The consensus was the project should receive \$93,600. The CPC felt the project deserved continued support to develop the senior/ADA housing however there was a need to fund other projects as well.

City Wide Signage

The consensus was this project should receive the revised ask of \$24,000. Funding conditions will be similar to past grants awarded for design phases.

Thomas Department Store Envelope Assessment

The consensus was the project should receive the full ask of \$15,000. Funding conditions will be similar to past grants awarded for envelope assessments.

Cliftex Phase II

The consensus was the project should receive the revised ask \$86,000. Funding conditions will be similar to past grants awarded for historic preservation projects.

Brooklawn Park Skate Park Design

The consensus was this project should receive \$22,000 to allow for the topographical survey expense, if needed. Funding conditions will be similar to past grants awarded for design phases.

Save the Bells

Due to the very low score by the CPC, the consensus was the project should not be funded in this round but would be encouraged to strengthen their application and re-apply in a future funding round.

The total amount recommended for the FY22 funding cycle to City Council for their consideration is \$1,600,000.

Any other business that may properly come before the Committee

Hillman Street Firehouse

J. Bailey stated she had spoken T. Bernert regarding this project. It is anticipated the project will need a term extension due to delays in funding received and HOME fund delays. J. Bailey stated she will provide an update on all open CPA projects at the next meeting.

Future meeting locations

J. Bailey stated remote meetings will end after April 1, 2022 unless there are changes to the open meeting laws by the State legislature. She confirmed with the CPC the meeting location will be at the New Bedford Free Public Library, if available. An updated meeting schedule will be posted and distributed to the CPC.

Ross Nunes' resignation

R. Nunes stated he will be submitting his formal resignation to be effective April 30, 2022. J. Bailey stated there will be one year left on his term as it expires in April 2023. The Mayor will need to submit his nomination for R. Nunes' replacement to City Council.

Next Meeting Date: February 10, 2022 6:00 p.m. - REMOTE MEETING

Adjourn

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was moved by R. Nunes and seconded by P. Blanchard.

The motion carried 8-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Documents and Exhibits

- Agenda
- January 25, 2022 minutes

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Bailey
CPA Coordinator
Approved February 10, 2022