

## COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES: January 28, 2019

Government Center Hearing Room

### 1. OPEN MEETING LAW

Chairman, James Souza read the Open Meeting Law Advisement.

### 2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** James Souza/Chair, Charles Moniz, Jim Soule, John Brandt, Kristen Cantara-Oliveira, Charles Moniz

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Victor Farias, Tony Dias/Vice-Chair, John Francoeur/Clerk, Housing Authority seat not filled.

### 3. CITIZENS INPUT:

None

### 4. ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES DATED:

A motion was made by Cristen Oliveira to accept the minutes of the November 26, 2019 meeting. James Souza referred to item #9 and asked for it to be amended to add that a working group consisting of Jim Soule, Tony Dias and John Francoeur will meet to discuss preservation consultant for deeds. The Motion was made by Cristen Oliveira to amend Item #9, seconded by John Brandt. Motion passed unanimously

### 5. EMERGENCY FUNDING - FALL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY/ROOF

Applicant - Mr. Chris Gallagher/City of Fall River, Facilities Maintenance,

Also representing the library - Liane Verville, Library Administrator - James Gibney, Board of Trustees, Vice Chairperson

At the last meeting, more information was requested from the CPC Committee for Mr. Gallagher for more history of the roof and a more accurate

Mr. Gallagher went back to the architect for additional research of the library roof and found that the roof was tar & gravel with some copper. Pictures were passed out to the committee member to view. Testing and core samples found tar & gravel and no copper. The architect contacted the Secretary of Interiors and was told, if you can't see the roof from the ground it should be ok to go with the rubber roof and they were not concerned. Mr. Gallagher did say that they can go in the direction of the Committee.

The estimate changed adding in plater repair and damage.

James Souza - Mr. Souza indicated that he had called The Community Preservation Coalition in Boston on this matter and they referred him to Preservation MA where he spoke with Jeff. Mr. Souza read the email to and from Jeff (to be placed in file for record) Kristen Oliveira - An issue came up at the Historical Commission meeting and found the same finding that if you can't see the roof from the ground it would be ok.

Charles Moniz - Mr. Moniz asked if the city has money for emergencies and Mr. Gallagher referred to the previous meeting where Mrs. Viveiros, City Administrator spoke on this matter (refer to January 10, 2019 minutes). Mr. Moniz expressed his anger and displeasure with the city administration not making projects like this a priority and having the money in Free Cash and not using it. James Souza, Kristen Oliveira and John Brandt agreed with Charles.

More discussion took place on this issue referencing the Vietnam Veteran's wall getting 300K from the city and the library roof not getting even a penny.

Jim Soule said he will support this project.

It was asked of the Library how much money they have

Leanne went through the various accounts and what the funds could be used for.

Library Friends - Raise funds through fundraising and the money is for programming, chairs and library stuff.

Library Foundation -

Trustees

John Brandt - Mr. Brandt addressed Mr. Gallagher and the library representative and made them aware that their project is \$375K and we have \$478K in our reserves. By recommending this project this will drain our account.

Jim Gibney - Mr. Gibney talked about his role at the library and the library in general and what it means to the city.

James Souza - Read some comments from the application and how they refer to the city's support for the library. Mr. Souza expressed his disappointment that the city isn't doing what they state.

Mr. Moniz stated that he was very upset with the city as well and that they should start doing the right thing with Free Cash.

A motion was made by Charles Moniz to fund the full amount \$375,050.00 to include a new roof, repair all damages to walls and ceilings that resulted from the leaks. The motion was seconded by Jim Soule.

Motion passed unanimously.

Kriste Oliveira will be assigned to the roof project.

### 6. SIGNS

James Souza went to all the CPC project locations to see if a sign was placed on the property.

Mr. Souza went through the list of projects and the committee determined where signs should be placed (list placed in file)

## **SIGNS Continued**

There was discussion as to how many signs we currently have.

2 large signs (4'x8') are in storage

1 large sign is on a project location

7 small signs on project locations

A motion was made by Kristen Oliveira to order 7 new small signs (48'x48")

## **7. PRESERVATION CONSULTANT**

Move to next meeting - Working group wasn't in attendance

## **8 FUNDING HEARINGS**

### **Bowen/Borden Cemetery Marker**

Applicant - Gale Powers/731 Prospect Street, Fall River, MA

Ms. Powers presented and explained the Bowen/Borden Cemetery Marker to the CPC Committee members.

Ms. Oliveira indicated that the Historical Commission is in support of this project and went on to say how this cemetery has ties to the Underground Rail Road and there should be a marker to make people aware of this and the history.

Mr. Soule also indicated that he is in support of this project and asked if there was a local company that could make the marker

Ms. Powers explained that she looked into 3 companies that do markers and she found them in PA, TX and NY and if there was a local company, they would more than likely outsource.

Mr. Brandt said he would like to see future for gravestone markers

There was lots of conversation back and forth about where to purchase the markers

### **Quequechan Rail Trail Extension Design**

Applicant - Al Lima/ Hood Street, Fall River, MA

Mr. Lima presented the Quequechan Rail Trail Extension design project to the CPC Committee members which includes for the extension in addition to trees, benches and a mural painting. Mr. Lima did receive a letter from the Planning Dept. in support of their involvement in the project but not including the trees, benches or mural due to the fact that this piece would go under DCM.

Mr. Brandt suggested that the city could do the other items and possible use trees from the Tree Farm.

Mr. Souza asked how long to finish the engineering/permitting and building. Mr. Lima said that the building would come from TIP (Transportation Improvement Project)

### **Boat Ramp**

Applicant - Mr. Chris Gallagher/City of Fall River Facilities Maintenance

Mr. Gallagher informed the CPC Committee members that the Taunton River gave a 12K grant

Mr. Soule mentioned that the State of MA owns the boat ramp and Mr. Gallagher indicated that the city runs it. Mr. Gallagher also said that the city is applying for a Marine Fisheries Grant in July. The committee asked if it is a match and Mr. Gallagher indicated it was.

Mr. Souza informed Mr. Gallagher that he needs a letter from the State supporting this project.

### **Copicut Reserve/Acquisition**

Applicant - Mike Labossiere/City of Fall River, Community Utilities

Mr. La gave a short history and indicated that this was the last large parcel of land to be acquired. It would enhance and protect the Bio Reserve. This would make it 92% protected. This parcel of land is on the market now and could be sold for homes.

Mike has applied for a second grant which would hopefully be for 200K. If awarded this grant, this would reduce the CPC portion for funding. Mike should hear sometime in March and will let the CPC Committee know ASAP.

### **Pumping Station/Plans**

Applicant - Paul Ferland/City of Fall River, Community Utilities

Mr. Ferland gave a project update with photos.

Mass Historical has provided multiple grants and now it is time to take the project to the next steps

Mr. Ferland went on to talk about the work that has already been done on the property and the vision for the property (refer to funding application)

There were questions from the CPC Committee regarding public access because as of now there isn't any. Mr. Ferland re-assured the committee that once this property is complete, there will be public access and the ability to utilize it for public use.

For more details of this meeting refer to <http://vod.frgtv.us/video/314046682>

Next meeting date is Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:00PM, City Council Hearing Room

## **ADJOURN:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Kristen Oliveira and seconded by John Brandt

The motion passes unanimously. Meeting ended at 8:15PM