

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES: May 16, 2018
Government Center Atrium

1. OPEN MEETING LAW

Chairman, Kenneth Pacheco read the Open Meeting Law Advisement.

2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Ken Pacheco, Chairman, James Souza/Vice-Chair, Antone Dias, John Francoeur, Clerk, Kristen Cantara-Oliveira, Victor Farias, John Brandt, present.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Moniz

3. ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES DATED:

A. May 9, 2018

A motion was made by Jim Souza to accept the minutes of the meeting for May 9, 2018. The Motion was seconded by Victor Farias. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

4. REVOTE ON FUNDING DUE TO OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLAINT:

Mr. Pacheco explained that the Board would re-vote on funding of the various projects due to an open meeting law violation. Mr. Pacheco indicated that there would be no discussion of the projects just re-voting on the projects. Ken then opened the floor to public comment.

First to speak was Jim Soule, president of the Preservation Society of Fall River. He indicated that his concern is private property owners competing against non-profits and city projects for CPC funding. He stated that he doesn't want the CPA recalled as there is internet chatter regarding this concern. He wants to see the funding for primarily non-profits and municipal projects.

Collin Reyes spoke next and indicated that he had questions regarding the funding for the Elks Lodge at 200 Bank Street. He indicated that he had questions for the four members in favor of the Elks project as to why they voted to fund the Elks vs. the Academica project which does have a community use? (no member responded.) The Board went on to vote on the following projects:

5. RE-VOTE ON FY19 PROJECTS:

1. Bio-Reserve Project:

A motion was made by John Brandt to fund the project. The motion was seconded by Jim Souza. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

2. Niagra Bike Path:

A motion was made by Kristen to fund the project. John Brandt seconded the motion. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

3. Lafayette Durfee House:

A motion was made by Tony Dias to fund the project. Kristen seconded the motion. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

4. Anawan 6:

Tony Dias made a motion to fund the project. The motion was seconded by John Brandt. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

5.. Little Theatre of Fall River:

Victor made a motion to fund the project. The motion was seconded by Kristen. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

6. Elks Lodge:

A motion was made by John Brandt to fund the project. John Francoeur seconded the motion. Tony Dias and Jim Souza and Kristen Cantara-Oliviera opposed. The motion passed four to three.

7. Academica:

Tony Dias made a motion to fund the project. The motion was seconded by John Brandt. Result: Motion passed six to one with Jim Souza opposed.

8. Eagle Event Center:

Tony Dias made a motion to fund the project. The motion was seconded by John Brandt. Result: The Motion passed four to two with Kristen and Jim opposed.

9. Central Fire Station:

Victor Farias made a motion to fund the project. Tony Dias seconded the motion. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

10. Private Francis Green:

Tony Dias made a motion to fund the project. The motion was seconded by Kristen. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

11. Granite Wall:

A motion was made by Victor Farias to fund the project. The motion was seconded by Kristen. Result: The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tony Dias at 7:38 pm. The motion was seconded by Ken Pacheco. Result: the motion passed unanimously.

Total funding for this round: \$1,177,867.00

The Project Funding Proposal is to be presented to the Fall River City Council on May 29, 2018. Tony made a motion to send the letter to the City Council. John Brandt seconded the motion. Result: Motion passed unanimously. Jim thanked Sandy for the great job on the letter.

Jim made a motion to put the “Vetrone” letter off until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Kristen, Result: the motion passed unanimously. The next CPC meeting is scheduled for June 14th at 6 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tony. The motion was seconded by John Brandt. Result: The motion passed unanimously at 6:52 pm.