

City Hall Restoration Commission

Summary of Meeting held on Monday, December 16th, 2019

Location: Third Floor Conference Room, City Hall

Present: J.J. Bell, Jan Bell, Steve Dexter, Richard Luecke, Maggie Rosa

Funding Opportunities

As per the meeting held on November 26 (see below) the purpose of the CHRC meeting was to discuss the proposed application for Community Preservation Funds. It was decided that the eligibility form should state that the projected project cost would be on the order of \$3 million and that the City would use \$750,000 from its existing funds and that Ann-Margaret would be continuing to seek state funds on the order of \$1-1.5 million. The deadline for submitting the eligibility form will be February/March (based on previous deadlines) which gives us time to ascertain whether state funds are available.

Bananas Event

Richard Leonard and his Bananarettes will be holding a show on Saturday, June 13 and Sunday June 14.

Sponsors are being sought for the event.

Jan requested ideas for name of event and we came up with "A fundraiser for the continuing restoration of City Hall – *Still serving our community*"

Next meeting will be determined as needed.

Summary of Meeting re City Hall funding opportunities

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

Present: State Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante, Jim Destino, J. J. Bell, Maggie Rosa and Vanessa Krawczyk (Jim's assistant)

Jim began the meeting by commenting that while the City Hall work is part of the City's 6 year capital plan the costs for time-sensitive work needed on the police station had been dramatically underestimated, and that this work will have to be scheduled in year one, along with the High School's field house. City Hall would be scheduled for year two.

Dore and Whittier, the architecture and project management firm used by the City, has been working and costing of the City Hall project. The current cost estimate for addressing the IT, electrical, fire suppression, sprinkler and fire alarm needs of the building is \$4 million, of which the city has \$750,000 in hand from an earlier project. Jim stated that the project would require both a project manager and an overseer, (Maggie didn't get whether or not these positions are included in the \$4m).

Vanessa will circulate a copy of the project details and costs.

It would be necessary to use the Kyrouz Auditorium as temporary office space during the project (Maggie did not get how long the project would take).

City Hall Restoration Commission needs to meet to discuss/decide on the amount to be sought from Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding.

The deadline for the next round of CPA applications will be in the spring.

Other funding source is from the State – both Ann-Margaret and Jim are of the opinion that the Governor and Lt. Governor are in favor of funding as much as 50% of the cost. Ann-Margaret will be working to secure a decision on State funding by the end of January 2020

It is important to recognize that 2021 will be the 150th anniversary of the dedication of City Hall.