

The Community Preservation Committee  
Minutes for CPC Meeting  
February 18, 2014  
6:00PM  
City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Present: J.J. Bell, Sandy Dahl Ronan, Stacy Randell, Scott Smith, Bill Dugan, Joe Orlando

Absent: John Feener, Charles Crowley, Tom O'Keefe

Staff: Deb Laurie

Karen Gallagher introduced Joe Orlando as her replacement from The Planning Board since her term was up in February 2014.

### **Minutes of January 14, 2014 Meeting**

Stacy Randell made a motion to approve the minutes; Sandy Ronan seconded the motion. The CPC unanimously approved them.

### **Status/Burnham's Field off cycle application presentation**

J.J. Bell explained, particularly for Joe Orlando's benefit, the process of this off cycle application. Sandy Ronan reported on the B & F part of this process. B & F voted unanimously to approve the project and sent it back to the full City Council for a vote. It was noted that their grant agreement needs to be with the Community Development Department.

### **Status Round 4 (City Hall Window Restoration)**

Deb Laurie, J.J. Bell, and Sandy Ronan updated the CPC on the status of Round 4 applications. They were all approved, except the City Hall Windows application, which was referred on for next month's meeting with the CC making certain requests. J.J. Bell summarized the CHRC process of complying with CC's requests. The CC authorized the recommendation from CPC to grant \$36,000 for this project on January 28, 2014.

City Hall is applying for some MA Cultural money as well as asking the administration for \$100,000 of its "Free Cash" in order to make more progress on completing this project.

## **Status/Newell Debt Reduction**

The City Council had authorized the CPC's recommendation of \$298,000 to the Newell Stadium off cycle project. \$85,000 of this money came from CPC's available cash and \$213,000 was in the form of debt, a bond anticipation note, which would be converted into long term debt within 2 years. J.J. Bell explained that the term of this bond structure was due on February 7, 2014 which gave us an opportunity to pay down some of the debt. This happened, paying down \$135,000 and leaving a balance of \$78,000. This had been voted on during the January CPC meeting. The hope is to pay off the balance in February 2015.

## **Status/Rounds 1-4**

Round 1 - The High School project is still not finished. John Feener said he would finish this on Arbor Day.

Round 2 - The Library has submitted its final bill.

Round 3 -The projects are on going. Three applicants have withdrawn the needs for funds.

Round 4 - All the agreements have gone out except for the City Hall murals and Stage Fort Walking Path which has a hold on it. George Roark is not sure he wants to sign due to the liability issues. The Norcross property is completed.

Deb will do an inventory of signs for our next meeting.

## **Public Land/Private Organization (Stage Fort Park Award)**

J.J. Bell explained that George Roark looked at the agreement; the liability issue concerned him. This brought up the complications associated with private individuals bringing forth projects that are on public land. As we move forward with CPC's grants we need to become clearer about such relationships. After consultation with Suzanne Egan, we have come up with a policy or procedure that requires the private party to talk with Mark Cole to see if this is a good idea and then to present to the CPC. If CPC recommends the project, it would go to CC which would refer it to both P&D and B&F at the same time and then back to the CC with their recommendations. (Mark Cole generally does not want to sponsor specific projects for he is too busy and those projects may be put on the bottom of his priority list.)

The new allowances for recreational projects has opened new challenges with regard to the public/private relationships.

### **Facade Easement/Rocky Neck Art Association**

J.J. has consulted with Stuart Saginor and we will be meeting with Suzanne Egan in order to refine the grant agreements. Some of the questions that have come up include: What are appropriate restrictions? What are appropriate time limits? etc. We will report back to the CPC after this meeting.

### **Status/Round 5 Applications**

There are 16 applications with total amount requested of \$1,959,000. There are nice diversity of projects, but still no Housing requests.

### **Public Relationships**

Bill Dugan wrote a great letter to the GDT/ My View. Stacy Randell will submit one in March and Karen Gallagher plans to submit one in April. We want to continue to send these to the media.

We will have a reception at the Maritime Heritage Center on April 30th. This will be for all the CPA fund recipients and will serve as a good kick off for Round 5. There were some good ideas of having a continuous slide show or collage of the projects already completed or in process.

We need to continue to write to Rep. Ferrante and Senator Tarr thanking them for their support and asking them to continue to support CPA.

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:00PM.