

Community Preservation Committee

June 28, 2011

Police Station Conference Room

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Community Preservation Committee was called to order by acting Chair Bob Uhlig at 7:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call

In attendance were members Judith Grohe, Don Little, Jane Healey, Margaret Welch and Bob Uhlig. Also in attendance was Emily Wentworth.

3. Minutes

Judith Grohe moved to approve the minutes of the May 24 meeting as amended. Don Little seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Review Draft CPC Recommendations for Appropriation

There were no comments on the summary of CPC recommendations and list of conditions that is to be distributed to the City Council. Judith Grohe moved to approve the draft CPC Recommendations for FY2012 Appropriations and Reservations. Don Little seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Request to Increase Hourly Rates for Paid Labor at Old Hill Burying Ground and Highland Cemetery

Ghlee Woodworth submitted a written request on June 7 for approval to hire an additional laborer and raise the hourly rate of pay from \$12.00 to \$15.00. She is not asking for an increased sum but rather is requesting the approval because information on the hourly rate and the number of laborers was included in her application. Don Little moved to approve the request. Jane Healey seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6. Status of Masonic Temple Preservation Restriction

Margaret Welch said in 2005 the Masonic Temple was awarded \$32,000 for repairs to a rubber roof. A condition of the award was that a preservation restriction be placed on the structure, but the document was not signed before the funds were released. The policy has since changed. The Masons now do not wish the restriction to include the elements of the structure upon which an agreement was originally reached. The group was granted an additional \$12,500 in 2009, but this sum has not yet been distributed. The Masons claim that they are willing to sign the preservation restriction and it is the NHC that is refusing to sign the document. Margaret Welch said poor publicity would be created for the CPC if it were to request the return of the \$32,000 or fail to release the \$12,500. Emily Wentworth said MHC would not approve the preservation restriction if it were not satisfactory to the NHC. She said the preservation restriction is a condition of the grant and suggested members of both groups be asked to attend the July 26 CPC meeting.

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7. Proposal for Interim Staffing

Emily Wentworth will be on maternity leave from September to November. She made an informal request that in her absence her stipend be transferred to Dianne Eppa, who will assume the administrative duties and attend the CPC meetings.

8. General Business

Mike Dissette will present the recommended FY2012 CPA appropriations at a City Council subcommittee meeting.

Don Little remarked that the CPC did not receive a response to its request for information on the scope of work that would be achieved on the Moseley to Maudslay Trail Connection Project with reduced funding.

Emily Wentworth said funding for the Bartlet Wharf Timber Conservation Project would be available to be awarded in August. The CPC is recommending \$3,740 be appropriated from the prior year unreserved funds. As a result the state match does not have to be received before the full amount is awarded.

Margaret Welch provided an update on the Emma Andrews Branch Library. There is a concern about a porch potentially being removed to accommodate a ramp. Margaret said the porch is a character-defining feature and must not be removed. Replacement windows were added that were not recommended by the NHC. Emily Wentworth provided a summary of the project's history. The CPC awarded \$5,000 to the City to manage the project, which was assigned to Drew Flannigan. Quarterly reports have not been received, nor have the funds been released. The apartment in the structure was rented on June 1 for below the market rate, although it is not being treated as an affordable housing unit. It is not known how the lead paint situation has been resolved. Emily Wentworth will ask for an update on the project.

9. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Community Preservation Committee will take place on July 26 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Judith Grohe moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Margaret Welch seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.