Community Preservation Act Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Town Hall

Scheduled time 6:30 p.m.

Members present were as follows: Elaine Jones, Mark Anttila, Corinna Javier, Tricia May, Judy Haynes, and Amanda Baer. Absent: Michael Dubrule, Ron Aspero, and Eric Hoffses. A quorum being present the meeting was called to order by Elaine Jones at 6:32 p.m. Order of Business:

- Minutes of August 8, 2023 were reviewed and Corinna Javier made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Elaine Jones. Vote was unanimous to approve with one abstention.
- The results of the Public Forum on September 12, 2023 were reviewed by the committee and members expressed some disappointment in the number of community participants that attended the meeting. There were nine CPC board members and six residents in attendance. Feedback indicated interest in Open Space, 16%, Historical Preservation, 15%, Community Housing 26% and Recreation 44%. The CPC discussed the possibility of holding future meetings in a "Zoom" format to increase community participation. There were some questions about whether we can hold public meetings using this format. Some CPC members will explore this option, as well as the possibility of creating a Facebook page. Also, discussed was the possibility of conducting a survey at the annual town meeting when our budget will have to be presented or even using an electronic survey like "Survey Monkey" to obtain more community input. Elaine indicated we should have a budget available after July 1, 2023.
- The CPC board received one Eligibility application form from Parks and Recreation for \$250,000 to redo the basketball court and overhaul the construction of two tennis courts and pickleball courts for multi-use at the Morningdale Manor site. The deadline for receipt of applications was November 9, 2023. This application was delivered on November 12, 2023. Mark Anttila will meet with Park and Recreation to revise the application to request about \$90,000 which is the potential limit which the CPC may fund. It is understood that the cost for the entire project will exceed this request and it hoped that other funding sources such as bonds and various grants may be used to complete the project. A member of the audience remarked that perhaps the CPC should consider waiting until the funding grew to a more substantial amount by rolling it over to one more funding cycle. The CPC unanimously voted to extend the application for eligibility to November 28, 2023. Elaine asked CPC members to contact other committees regarding the new extended application date. Mark Anttila made a motion to accept the Park and Recreation Eligibility Application form, second by Elaine Jones. Vote was unanimous to approve.
- Next meeting date will be December 12, 2023. There may be a need for a second meeting in March to discuss and vote to approve other applications. There being no other business to

conduct a motion was made by Mark Anttila, to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trisha May. Vote to adjourn was unanimous. Meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael N. Dubrule