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**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
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David Brock
Amy McMahan

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

**Minutes of Tuesday, January 30, 2024
City Hall Meeting Room, 14 Court Square**

Members Present: Travis Drury, Donna Dusell, Garth Shaneyfelt, David Brock, Tom Guerino, Wisty Rorabacher

Members Absent: Susan Worgaftik, Amy McMahan

Guests: Christy Moore, Amy Proietti, Jon Magee, Members of the Public

5:30 pm Call to order

Public Comment: No public comment

January 10 Minutes approved with one abstention

New Business: Initial review of applications in category of Recreation

(Note: The slow dispersal of funds awarded in 2023 has complicated presentations of some 2024 applications for projects that are continuations of partially funded 2023 projects.)

Bike Racks at Trailheads - presented by Jon Magee

\$3,900 requested for the purchase and installation of 12 bike racks: 6 at Beacon Park; 3 at the Poet's Seat Parking Lot; 3 at the Highland Parking

Lot Main Kiosk. It would be necessary to work with the Conservation Commission for approval of the Highland Parking Lot bike racks. Installation would be by the DPW. Christy Moore said installation would require minimal work, minimal effort, and minimal cost.

Greenfield (MA) Pickleball Expansion - presented by Amy Proietti
\$572,000 requested for completion of an area near Abercrombie Field, to include 6 pickleball courts, fencing, benches, parking spaces, disability access and other amenities such as drinking fountains and one or more rain gardens. In 2023, this project was awarded \$50,000 to conduct a feasibility study. Due to receiving a late payment from the City, a study of the area by Berkshire Design has not yet been completed. Amy is also requesting Capital Funds from the City for this project. If less than a total of \$572,000 is received, the overall size of the project can be reduced. Amy and members of the pickleball community would attempt to raise funds. Construction would go out for a bid. The project is too large for DPW to carry out. Once the courts are built, this group would also assume responsibility for general maintenance, such as trash pick up.

Hillside Park Improvements - presented by Christy Moore
\$125,000 requested for purchase and installation of a shade structure over the benches by the existing splash pad, and completion of a paved walking path around the perimeter of the park. Work would be done by the DPW. The continuation of the walking path would be bituminous, matching the material of the existing path. Tom requested they consider using more durable concrete. Christy replied that probably would not happen due to the increased cost of concrete. Continuation of the walking path has been requested by the public since 2019. In response

to an expressed concern about the shade structure being vandalized, Christy commented that the only vandalism experienced at the park has been a bit of “tagging” which was easily removed.

Citywide Outdoor Site Amenities - presented by Christy Moore
\$87,000 requested for such outdoor, interactive amenities as Chess, ping-pong, and corn hole boards, solar charging picnic tables and a bike repair station. The amenities would be located in various parks throughout the city, as well as at the Greenfield Middle School. If full funding is not received, the number and / or type of the units would be reduced.

Rocky Mountain Park and Highland Park Trail Wayfinding

Signage and Kiosks - presented by Christy Moore

Last year, the Recreation Department was awarded money from Capital funding to assess and map Greenfield’s trail system. This year, \$135,000 is requested from CPC for construction and installation of uniform wayfinding signage to enhance the use and safety of that trail system. In addition to the signs helping hikers find their way, it is hoped the signage will help stop people from walking on areas where sanctioned paths do not exist. Tom asked if signs could be made for less money by one of the tech schools.

In a discussion about whether Capital Funding might be given to this project, Christy expressed that projects proposed by the Department of Recreation are considered after other City Departments such as DPW and the Fire Department. Typically, little is given for Recreation. Thus, she is hopeful that CPC can help the Recreation Department fund some of its projects.

Discussion among CPC members focused on the best use of CPC monies. Given the size of the CPC budget, perhaps Capital funds are best used for large projects, and some CPC funds are best used to help some projects that have been partially funded, but need smaller amounts of money to complete their projects.

Question was also raised about the best timing of determination of awards by Capital and CPC. Would the City benefit from having one committee complete its determination before the other? More consideration will be given to this issue by CPC after funding is completed this year

Old Business

Meeting schedules: February 7th, February 22, March 28.

Two additional meetings need to be scheduled. Christian will send a doodle poll to all CPC members to determine those additional dates.

Donna has completed work on the Public Scoring document. She needs CPC members to do trial tests of the document to make sure it works.

Report on progress of projects funded last year

- Historical Society moving forward on documents. First bill for expenses submitted.
- Accessibility section at High School Track. Work will be done by DPW.
- Bocce Ball plans are finished. Hopefully work will be completed this spring.
- At each side of Beacon, water refill stations will be installed in spring.

Next meeting - February 7th

Motion to adjourn meeting by Donna, Seconded by Garth

Meeting adjourned at 6:46

Recorder: Wisty Rorabacher