

CPC Public Hearing
5/9/2019

CPC Members in attendance: Ken Antonucci, Inna Babitskaya, Ted Louis-Jacques, Becky Loring, Julie Orsino
Absent: Roberto DiMarco, Frank Molis, Lisa Sulda, Anna Tse

Meeting called to order 6:30 PM

- Member Orsino presented on the Community Preservation Act and how the Malden Community Preservation Committee approaches funding projects. Member Orsino reviewed the FY19 projects that have been approved for funding.
- Audience member asked how many project applications were submitted vs. how many were funded. 20 pre-applications, 14 applications, 8 projects to be funded.
- Representative from ArtLine project asked about next steps. CPC has reviewed a draft Grant Agreement and Award Letter, the documents are now with the City Solicitor. Then CPC will send applicant those documents that have more information about the specific documentation the applicant needs to submit, including the vendors. Moving forward, CPC will review POs and provide funding. Candyce (ArtLine representative) will join next CPC meeting on May 14.
- Kathy Sullivan (Salemwood School Teacher) asked about Roosevelt Park project and why the Salemwood School community wasn't a part of the conversation and asked to provide input. Councillor Murphy, MRA Director Deborah Burke, and project engineer in attendance to respond to the individual's concerns.
- Community member suggested that there be no more synthetic fields, something to add to 2020 CPC Plan.
- Joe Levine / Charlie Confrey (Malden Athletics) discussed why track meets weren't held at MacDonald Stadium.
- Lita Emerson (Edgewood Terrace) asked about the Fellsmere Park project and the process for getting approved for funding. Asked about the Historical Commission and the Tree Survey for Fellsmere Park. The Commission is waiting for feedback from a landscaper.
- Councilor O'Malley (Ward 4 Councilor) described some of the projects he had submitted projects for during FY2019. Projects cannot be submitted by individual Councilors. Whoever has Care & Control of the space has to be an applicant or co-applicant on a project. CPC will include this specific information in 2020 CPC Plan. CPC wants to see projects driven by community members, but with the support of Councilors. Councilor O'Malley then asked for audience members to let him know if they're interested in supporting the Ward 4 projects.
- Brian Delacey (Earl Street) described his experience submitting a CPC application, including finding community volunteers and the getting the backing of Councilor Winslow and the Mayor's Office.
- Carol (??) asked why Councilor O'Malley didn't use his Ward 4 Association to submit the projects. Also asked why Councilors can't submit projects, while recognizing that they later in the process get to vote on the projects. Clarified that if you are a non-profit organization, you have to be a 501(c)3 in good standing. For Oak Grove Community Center, Facilities Department has Care & Control and would need to be a co-applicant. Councilor O'Malley shared that the misunderstandings around how this works relates to a greater misunderstanding of who "owns" what in the City of Malden. CPC is happy to

try and figure out a better way to approach this, but still need the community to leverage the City Councilors and Mayor's Office.

- Councilor Winslow shared his experience in the City of Gloucester and the importance of having the backing of the Department Heads who are responsible for taking care of/maintaining the project spaces, i.e., parks, facilities, etc. Also shared the importance of considering the burden on administration/staff. A project may be great, but the department staff may not be capable of getting the project done.
- As a follow-up to Oak Grove Community Center project idea - Member Orsino explained that if Carol (??) isn't able to get approval from Care & Control source (Facilities?), then she can go to the Mayor's Office, City Council, and CPC for additional support and guidance.
- Member Antonucci explained that CPC cannot fund maintenance. Beyond getting permission from Care & Control entity, also need to make sure that the C&C entity has the ability to maintain the project over time.
- Lita Emerson clarified that CPA cannot be used for supporting salaries. The only possible exception is Affordable Housing. CPC looks at additional funding sources. Projects could look for additional funding that can support maintenance or creating the infrastructure to support a project moving forward.
- Councilor O'Malley brought up previous meeting with Stuart Saginor. CPC has been able to promote projects related to affordable housing in other cities. Also asked what percentages went towards the specific categories. CPC doesn't know, but could share it later. All funding comes from reserves. Also asked whether CPC could fund an inventory of the trees in Malden. To be discussed at next CPC meeting on May 15.
- Linda Thorsen (Chestnut Street) asked whether historical markers to designate a space could be funded by CPA. Member Babitskaya shared that this is something the Historical Commission is interested in pursuing and hopes to apply for CPA funding for this project.
- Lita Emerson asked whether this is an inventory of historical properties. Member Babitskaya confirmed that there is an inventory available through the Library.
- Brian Delacey asked what is the plan for the next cycle and whether CPC can fund projects during the interim. June 15 deadline for the pre-application. Application will be due in September. There is a caveat in the CPC plan that the Committee can review projects in the interim during exigent circumstances. Also asked how the CPC promote or advertise projects. During 2020 funding cycle, we will plan to share a list of applications in the newspaper and other resources.
- Member Orsino summarized some of the lessons learned from this past year and what additions can be made to FY2020.
- Linda Thorsen mentioned the importance of historical preservation and that the community needs to step up and protect those resources. The Historical Society could come to a CPC meeting to discuss potential projects.
- Member Babitskaya mentioned working more closely with the schools and children in the community to create and work on projects with the Historical Commission. Anita (?) suggesting the need to translate materials for children and families where English is not the first language. There are members in the Mayor's Office who can help with translating materials. This need to translate materials is also critical for CPC.
- Member Orsino mentioned a potential affordable housing project for 2020.
- Member Orsino asked what language should be put in place in the 2020 Plan for the parks in regards to artificial turf. How can we word this in the Plan for recreation park projects?

- Brian Lacey suggested a volunteer program for community members to translate materials. Kathy Sullivan mentioned that there is a phone service that will translate over the phone.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM