

# COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (CPA) COMMITTEE MEETING

## Vote Meeting

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 5:30 P.M.

### Minutes

**Committee members present:** David Kale, Kaki Martin, Chandra Harrington, Ellen Shachter, Kevin Foster, Owen O’Riordan

**Committee members absent:** Victoria Bergland, Susan Schlesinger, Mary Flynn

**City staff present:** Taha Jennings, John Nardone, Gary Chen, Daniel Liss, Charles Sullivan, Jennifer Letourneau, Chris Cotter, Lillian Hsu

### **I. David Kale Opens Meeting**

- David Kale summarized the committee process
- Minutes from July 25, 2022 approved: 5 votes in favor; 0 votes against; 1 abstention (Ellen Schacter), 3 absent

### **II. Public Comments received through September 6, 2022**

- Taha Jennings summarized comments submitted since the July 25 meeting for the record.
  - Carl Nagy-Koechlin, on behalf of Just-A-Start, submitted a letter recommending 80% affordable housing
  - Email from Teresa Cardosi requesting 80% affordable housing and noted Cambridge is still in dire need of affordable housing
- Public comment closed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent

### **III. Project Requests Book & Finances**

- Taha Jennings provided overview of the CPA Requests book

### **IV. Committee Discussion and Votes on Allocation Percentages**

- Ellen Schacter asked about the total requests relative to the potential allocations.
  - Gary Chan and Jen Letourneau talked about the 97 Gore St. project, which is very early in the process. Funding would be premature before the City can conduct a broader community process to determine the best use of the parcel.
- Kevin Foster requested further information on the break-down of affordable housing CPA spending (construction and acquisition of new housing, preservation of existing affordable housing, and rehab/repair of existing affordable housing).
  - Chris Cotter responded that the granular level of detail is not currently available.
- Kevin Foster expressed concerns about CPA bearing the brunt of City open space/recreation spending, potentially crowding out smaller projects that might otherwise be funded.

- Ellen Schacter moved to set allocation at 80% affordable housing, 10% historic preservation, 10% open space. Motion passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent

**V. Committee Discussion and Votes on Project Funding**

- Open Space
  - Kevin Foster moved to remove 97 Gore St. Community Garden from funding consideration. Motion passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent
- At this point, the committee took the following roll-call votes to formally approve the recommendations:

**VOTE 1: Fiscal Year 2023 Local Funds (\$11,900,000) passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent**

**Vote 1A**

80% of FY2023 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$9,520,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

**Vote 1B**

10% of FY2023 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$1,190,000) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$45,000 appropriated to Digitization of Cambridge Room Collections
2. \$500,000 appropriated to the Margaret Fuller House Renovation
3. \$45,000 appropriated to the Old Burial Ground Restoration
4. \$600,000 appropriated to Historic Preservation Grants

**Vote 1C**

10% of FY2023 CPA Local Fund revenues (\$1,190,000) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$100,000 appropriated to Gore Street Park Paved Area Design
2. \$940,000 appropriated to the Raymond Street (Corcoran) Park Partial Construction
3. \$150,000 appropriated to the Watertown Cambridge Greenway

**VOTE 2: Fiscal Year 2022 State Funds [received in FY2023] (\$4,700,000) passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent**

**Vote 2A**

80% of FY2022 State Match revenues (\$3,760,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

**Vote 2B**

10% of FY2022 State Match revenues (\$470,000) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$40,000 appropriated to 22-CityView Recorded Media Digitization

2. \$300,000 appropriated to the 689 Massachusetts Ave. Roof Replacement
3. \$100,000 appropriated to Historical Commission Compact Shelving and Archival Support
4. \$30,000 appropriated to the Old Burial Ground Restoration

**Vote 2C**

10% of FY2022 State Match revenues (\$470,000) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$470,000 appropriated to the Raymond Street (Corcoran) Park Partial Construction

**VOTE 3: CPA Fund Balance (\$3,100,000) passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent**

**Vote 3A**

80% of the Fund Balance (\$2,480,000) allocated to Affordable Housing and appropriated to the Cambridge Affordable Housing Trust

**Vote 3B**

10% of the Fund Balance (\$310,000) allocated to Historic Preservation as follows:

1. \$310,000 appropriated to Historical Commission Compact Shelving and Archival Support

**Vote 3C**

10% of the Fund Balance (\$310,000) allocated to Open Space as follows:

1. \$310,000 appropriated to the Raymond Street (Corcoran) Park Partial Construction

**VOTE 4: CPA Fund Balance - Administration (\$10,000) passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent**

**Vote 4A**

1. \$10,000 appropriated to Administrative Costs for Community Preservation Coalition membership dues

**VI. Closing**

- Project request book will be updated to project recommendation book, to reflect tonight's votes; will email Committee and post online
- Recommendations will go to Council Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>
- David Kale thanked City Staff

**Adjourn**

Motion by Owen O'Riordan to adjourn, passed by a vote of 6 votes in favor, 3 absent