

TOWN OF BELMONT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (CPC)

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DATE: January 20, 2023
TIME: 9:01 AM

Minutes: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, Zoom Public Meeting

Present: Elizabeth Dionne, David Lind, Sarah Caputo, Juliet Jenkins, Roy Epstein, Gloria Leipzig, Michael Chesson

Other: Matthew Haskell, Donna Ruvolo, Larry Link, Seetha Burtner

Absent: Margaret Velie

Elizabeth Dionne called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

I) Approve Invoices

- a. Roy moved to authorize payment of Anderson and Kreiger invoice dated December 7, 2022 in the amount of \$96. Seconded by Gloria. The motion was approved unanimously: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.
- b. Gloria moved to approve Matt Haskell’s administrative hours of 70.75 hours. Seconded by Michael. The motion was approved unanimously: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstentions.

II) Review Final FY24 CPA Funding Applications

- a. Elizabeth stated that it might be beneficial to wait on final approval until the January meeting, as the CPC needed to consider its policies on reserves and ranked voting in the case of insufficient CPA funds to meet all project requests. Roy agreed and the committee decided to wait on voting on final applications until January.
- b. Should the CPC create a fund balance policy?
 - i. Elizabeth noted that, if the committee approved all of the final applications for FY2024, there would not be enough funding.
 - ii. This discussion was tabled to the January meeting.
- c. Grove Street Baseball and Basketball Renovations Meeting \$774,368.30
 - i. The applicants were able to reduce the cost from the original ask, and now the ask has come in at \$774,368.30 with an add alternate for doing sod instead of seed (with an additional estimated cost of \$237,910 for sod). Activitas has stated that seed in the long run would be more beneficial, but the seed would need to be untouched for up to a full calendar year to make sure that it germinates properly. CPC members asked the following questions. What would the exact timeline be? What are the costs to the Town of not having baseball? How much revenue would Recreation lose for those seasons? What is the cost difference of watering the sod versus watering the seed?
- d. Rejuvenation of Sherman Gardens \$400,000.00
 - i. The committee is in favor of the project and wants to use these additional

