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Community Preservation Committee

MINUTES - EXCERPT

26 June 2012

The meeting was held on Tuesday 26 June 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Newton Senior Center, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) members present: Leslie Burg, Zack Blake, Nancy Grissom, Thomas Turner, Jim Robertson, Joel Feinberg, Wally Bernheimer. Absent: Dan Green, Michael Clarke.

City staff and officials also present: Co-Chair of the Commission on Disability Rob Caruso, Senior Planner Alexandra Ananth, Commissioner of Public Buildings Stephanie Gilman (from 7:45 pm).

Program manager Alice Ingerson served as recorder.

Committee Chair Leslie Burg opened the meeting at 7:05 pm.

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Requested Additional Extension for Albemarle Community Commons Project

Parks and Recreation Commissioner Bob DeRubeis presented the request. Some but not all of the 4 remaining items for which the CPC granted an extension in September 2011 until 30 May 2012 have been completed. Derek Mannion, Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, has been managing the project in close communication with Margaret Doris of the Playground Project, the project's nonprofit sponsor. The City's Dept. of Public Works has made the sidewalks in front of the site ADA-compliant, after previously installing non-compliant ones. The remaining planter has been completed, as has the new bubbler (drinking fountain). Shortly before the May 2012 deadline, the Playground Project proposed to use most of the project's remaining \$11,000 to add a wind harp and Braille signage at the site. DeRubeis asked that the number of signs be reduced but had not yet received a detailed proposal for these additional features.

Wally Bernheimer felt that this was a project with funds left over, looking for ways to spend those funds. He could not support spending \$11,000 for signage, and suggested that the neighborhood raise funds privately for signs, if there were less expensive options. Leslie Burg agreed with his comments. DeRubeis said the Parks and Recreation Dept. would commit to funding signs from non-CPA sources if they cost in the \$1,400-\$1,500 range.

VOTE Nancy Grissom moved not to grant the extension and that all unspent funds be returned. Wally Bernheimer seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a vote of 7-0.

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