Northampton Community Preservation Committee Minutes May 30, 2018

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: City Council Chambers, 212 Main Street

Brian Adams	
Linda Morley	✓
Julia Chevan	✓
Chris Hellman	✓
Jeff Jones	✓
Martha Lyon	✓
David Whitehill	✓
Jack Finn	✓
Sarah LaValley - staff	√

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

General Public Comment

None

Approval of March 21 2018 Minutes

Martha moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chris, the motion carried unanimously.

Determination of Expedited Review Status - Dial Self Housing

Phil Ringwood, Dial Self, provided an overview of the project and previous CPA award to develop housing for homeless youth. The initial goal was to find a single building with the capacity to house 8-10 youth, but a building meeting those needs within the project budget was not able to be found, so the project shifted to searching for a smaller house with available land for building. CPA funds assisted with acquisition, and a building was purchased in 2017. Dial Self is working to construct an additional building to provide a total 8-10 units, and making use of existing funds on-hand to begin summer construction. The total projected cost is \$1,325,000 including acquisition, with a CPA request of \$236,000.

Sarah stated that approximately \$1,287,000 in local revenue is expected for fiscal year 2019; after repayment of bonding obligations, \$655,000 plus the state match will be available for projects.

Linda asked why an application was not able to be submitted in the spring round. Phil stated that Dial Self took ownership of the property in late 2017, and bids were not sought until site control was held. Some unexpected costs also raised the total budget.

David asked about possible phasing. Phil replied that phasing is being discussed.

Sarah asked about possible cost reductions from unnecessary stormwater engineering. Phil replied that these reductions are already reflected in the estimate.

Linda stated that the situation is challenging, but the initial work presented doesn't seem to satisfy what is now proposed and asked for additional information regarding quantification of staged approaches. Julia added that a regular cycle application could potentially be submitted if the project were phased. Phil stated that this would need to include a cost increase. Phil stated that Friends of Hampshire County Homeless Individuals are cooperating on additional fundraising and grants.

Martha suggested that it seems appropriate to consider the expedited application according to the policy in the Plan, with additional information discussed necessary for full consideration. Chris stated that he is in favor of the project, but not the process by which funding is being requested out of full CPA rounds.

Julia moved to approve consideration of an application as an expedited funding request.

Seconded by Chris, the motion carried unanimously. The Committee agreed to meet June 11.

Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.