

DRAFT Holyoke Community Preservation Act Committee

Minutes Special Meeting September 24, 2025

The meeting was held remotely in keeping with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 for Remote/Hybrid meeting signed into law March 2023.

Members Present:
Jason Ferreira, Chair/Community Representative
Sarah Larose, Vice Chair/Community Representative
Mary Moriarty, Secretary/ Conservation Commission
Michael Falcetti, Housing Representative
Chris Gauthier, Historic Commission Representative
Maribel Ortiz, Community Representative
Members Absent
Meagan Magrath Smith, City Council Representative
Helene Busby, Parks and Recreation Representative
Lauren Niles, City Planning Representative,
Also Present: CPA Administrator Rebecca Jones

Chair Jay Ferreira called the meeting to order at 6:20 and took roll call.

Chair Ferreira explained that the purpose of this meeting is to approve the eligibility list of FY26 projects. Members present reviewed the list and raised questions.

The 16 applications were:

1. St. Paul's Church Window Restoration
2. Wistariahurst Butler's Pantry
3. Holyoke Merry-Go Round Horses
4. Holyoke Health Center Window Restoration
5. Nick's Nest Chicago Band Box
6. War Memorial Foundation, Walls, Lighting and Audio Equipment
7. City Hall Granite Steps Study
8. City Hall Steps Restoration.
9. City Hall Stained- Glass Windows- final section
10. Anniversary Hill Ball Fields
11. Springdale Park Restrooms and Golf Cart
12. Bonin Field Safety Measures
13. Scot's Tower Restoration
14. Community Gardens
15. Pouliot Pool Improvements
16. Roberts Field Sports Complex Upgrades

After review and discussion, it was determined that three projects did not meet the eligibility requirements under state and local standards, St. Paul's Church windows because they depict

religious iconography, the War Memorial audio system is not historic and the Springdale Park Golf Cart application is not eligible under and CPA guidelines.

A motion to approve the eligibility to apply for CPA funds for all of the projects except 3 that were deemed ineligible, St. Paul's Windows, Springdale Park golf cart and the War Memorial Audio system with the additional caveat that the Nick's Nest Chicago Band box will have to pass Holyoke Historic Commission review was made by Ferreira and seconded by LaRose. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to extend the deadline for the full application to Friday, November 7, 2025, including a request that the Chicago Band Box applicants present their project for review to the Historic Commission by October 24, 2025 was made by Falcetti and seconded by LaRose. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.