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CPC Ordinance Approved by City Council

Members will begin to organize how to use CPA funds within 90 days

The Boston City Council approved the ordinance creating the nine-member Community Preservation Committee (CPC) and establishing its responsibilities under the CPA enabling legislation (MGL 44B,s.5) at its meeting on August 2, 2017. The nine members are to be appointed within 90 days after the ordinance is approved. The first priority of this Committee will be to establish the structure and process for receiving, evaluating and approving proposals for the use of CPA funds.

Community Preservation Committee

The CPC will consist of nine members with five being members or representatives of boards or commissions identified in the enabling legislation and four appointed by the City Council.

CPC Members

Statutory Members (5): Member of:

- 1 Conservation Commission
- 1 Landmarks Commission
- 1 Parks and Recreation Commission
- 1 Planning & Development Agency
- 1 Housing Authority Representative

"At Large" Members (4)

- 1 Resident with experience in finance, business, development or combination thereof
- 1 Resident with expertise in housing, open space, historic preservation
- 2 Residents involved in his/her local community

Members will be appointed to staggered three-year terms and all members must be

residents of the City of Boston. No member will be able to serve more than two consecutive terms. The Chair of the CPC will be appointed by the other members. This first CPC will need to be a Blue Ribbon Committee of nine experienced and thoughtful individuals who, working with the CPC Director and Administration officials, will establish a responsible structure and process that balances the interest of the Administration, nonprofit organizations and local residents in supporting worthy affordable housing, open space and historic preservation projects throughout the City.

CPC Director

On July 28, Mayor Walsh announced the appointment of [Christine Poff](#) as Director of the Community Preservation Committee. The appointment of the Director of the CPC before the appointment of the CPC members was undertaken to enable the members to begin their organizational and process planning without delay once they are appointed and convened.

CPA Revenue

The CPA in Boston became effective in FY18, which is why the first quarterly tax bills sent out in July included the first quarterly CPA 1% surcharge. Based on FY16 values, Boston's CPA surcharge was estimated at \$16.5M. No state matching funds will be received until FY19. The state's FY18 first round match is estimated at 15% of the local surcharge and will be less in FY19 when Boston is included.