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City of Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Committee



PUBLIC HEARING on Fiscal 2009 FUNDING PROPOSALS 7:00 pm Wednesday, 14 January 2009 City Hall, Room 209

FORMAT

- ◆ 10-minute presentation on each proposal, followed by 10 minutes for questions & comment on that proposal, from the Committee and the public
- ◆ Time for additional comments and questions after all proposals have been presented

ORDER OF PRESENTATION (alphabetical by project title)

- ◆ Archaeology and Pre-1920 Architecture Survey
- ◆ Charles River Lower Falls Rail-To-Trail Bridge Conversion
- ◆ Lexington Street Community Housing
- ◆ Newton History Museum Jackson Homestead Exterior Preservation
- ◆ Warren House Apartments Historic Preservation & Community Housing

PROPOSAL SUMMARIES

ARCHAEOLOGY and PRE-1920 ARCHITECTURE SURVEY

Goals: To guide future preservation and funding decisions, use above-ground data to identify probable archaeological resources in Newton; and expand and correct existing information about all pre-1820 (colonial and Federal period) architectural resources.

Contacts: Brian Lever, Senior Preservation Planner, Planning & Development Department, City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459; *email:* blever@newtonma.gov; *phone:* 617.796.1129

Total project cost: \$57,000

Other funds: Applying for a \$12,000 Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey and Planning Grant, \$8,000 of staff time to be contributed by Planning Dept. for the pre-1820 architecture survey.

CP funds requested: \$37,000

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CHARLES RIVER LOWER FALLS Rail-to-Trail Bridge Conversion

Goals: Restore and convert the unused railroad bridge crossing just downstream of Route 16 over the Charles River for pedestrian use and connection to a potential pedestrian trail from Wellesley and Newton Lower Falls to the Riverside T station.

Contacts: Manager: Kevin Hollenbeck, Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation; Newton contact: George Kirby, Newton Bicycle/Pedestrian Task Force Chair; *email:* newtonbikeped@gmail.com; *phone:* 617.463..207

Total project cost: \$400,000

Other funds: \$100,000 from Wellesley CP Program; \$200,000 matching funds from DCR

CP funds requested: \$100,000

192 LEXINGTON STREET Community Housing

Goals: Construct and sell 10 permanently affordable 3-bedroom homes, using sustainable design and energy conservation features. 7 units to be affordable at 95 percent of median income, 2 units at 70 percent, and 1 at 50 percent.

Contacts: Geoffrey Engler, Vice President, SEB, LLC, 165 Chestnut Hill Avenue, No. 2, Brighton, MA 02135; *email:* gengler@s-e-b.com; *phone:* 617.792.2300 x202

Total project cost: \$4,262,959

Other funds: \$675,000 of Newton HOME funds, ; \$2,045,100 construction loan

CP funds requested \$1,542,859

NEWTON HISTORY MUSEUM Jackson Homestead Exterior Preservation

Goals: Replace leaking roof and rotted wooden elements, then repaint the 1809 house and its 17th-century wing that house the Newton History Museum, in historically documented colors, in time for the house's 200th anniversary celebration in 2009.

Contacts: Manager: Nicholas Parnell, Newton Public Buildings Commissioner, 52 Elliot Street Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464; *email:* nparnell@newtonma.gov; *phone:* 617.796.1600. *Other contact:* Cynthia Stone, Director, Newton History Museum, 527 Washington Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458; *email:* cstone@newtonma.gov; *phone:* 617.796.1451

Total project cost: \$155,144

Other funds: \$18,900 for architects' fees through Newton Public Buildings Dept. (on-call architect)

CP funds requested: \$136,244

WARREN HOUSE APARTMENTS Historic Preservation & Community Housing

Goals: Preserve the 21 units of affordable housing in this historic 1926 junior high school by repairing and restoring the original slate roof, above-roof-line masonry and cast stone, which have developed leaks that threaten the building's integrity.

Contacts: Jeanne Strickland, Director, Newton Community Development Foundation, 425 Watertown Street, Suite 205, Newton Corner, MA 02458; *email:* jeanne.ncdf@verizon.net; *phone:* 617.244.4035 x24

Total project cost: \$1,747,500

Other funds: \$100,000 in Warren House reserves; \$43,123 in inclusionary zoning funds

CP funds requested: \$1,080,000