

City of Newton



David B. Cohen
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee



AGENDA

Community Preservation Committee Public Hearing

6:30 pm Wednesday, 18 November 2009 City Hall Cafeteria (Basement)

FORMAT of PUBLIC HEARINGS

- ◆ *Start times for specific proposals cannot be guaranteed. Up to 30 minutes will be allotted for presentation & discussion of each proposal.*
- ◆ *To ask questions or comment on particular proposals, please sign up on the circulating clipboards. Each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes.*
- ◆ *Summaries of all proposals are included below. Full versions are available through the Reference Dept. of the Newton Free Library (Homer Street) and from this webpage: <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/cpa/projects.htm>*

6:30 Introduction

- ◆ CPC members
- ◆ allowable uses of funds and process requirements under the CPA
- ◆ available funds, proposal requirements, & funding process in Newton

6:45 Proposals

- ◆ ANGINO FARM Barn
- ◆ CITY ARCHIVES - Combined
- ◆ CITY HALL Historic Art
- ◆ HISTORIC PRESERVATION Guidelines
- ◆ VETERAN HOUSE (community housing at 2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue)

9:00 Committee business

- ◆ approving minutes of 21 October 2009 meeting
- ◆ schedule of working sessions for current funding requests
- ◆ discussion: CPC responses to "one-pagers" and other information about potential future proposals
- ◆ other business

Meeting locations are handicap accessible. Reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special need, please contact Newton ADA Coordinator Bev Droz at 617.796.1280, via email at bdr_oz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at 617.796.1089.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS on Fiscal 2010 PROPOSALS

PUBLIC HEARING 18 November 2009, 6:30 pm, City Hall Cafeteria

ANGINO FARM Barn Rehabilitation

Convert interior of the farm's late 19th-century barn for use as fully accessible space to support the farm's agricultural and education programs. *Location:* 303 Nahanton St., Newton Centre, MA 02459. *Sponsor/Manager:* James Harper, Chair, Newton Farm Commission. *CP funds requested:* \$568,000. *Total project cost:* \$798,000. *Other funding:* \$230,000 in private funds were spent to stabilize and rehabilitate the barn's exterior. (Since inception, the farm has raised a total of \$430,000 privately.)

CITY ARCHIVES - Combined

Preserve and digitize city directories for 1868-1934 and at-risk manuscript and archival sources from the 19th and early 20th centuries, primarily held at the Newton Free Library, with backup copies in City Hall or at the Jackson Homestead/Newton History Museum. *Location:* Newton Free Library, 330 Homer Street, Newton, MA 02459. *Sponsor/Manager:* Ryan Hanson, Asst. Director, Newton Free Library. *CP funds requested:* \$36,545. *Total project cost:* \$45,221. *Other funding:* \$8,676.25 in combined Library Services & Technology grant from MA Board of Library Commissioners and regular Library budget funds.

CITY HALL Historic Art

Restore for display the original 1870s oil portrait of Newton's first mayor, James F. C. Hyde. *Location:* 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459. *Sponsor/Manager:* David Olson, City Clerk. *CP funds requested:* \$5,200. *Total project cost:* \$5,200.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION Design Guidelines

Provide guidelines with Newton examples for historic preservation, restoration, and rehabilitation; mostly advisory, but also to help historical commissions in exercising regulatory authority. *Location:* citywide. *Sponsor/Manager:* Newton Historical Commission & Brian Lever, Planning Dept. *CP funds requested:* \$55,000. *Total project cost:* \$55,000.

VETERAN HOUSE (2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue - housing)

Create deed-restricted, permanently affordable rental housing for two families in an existing 2-family house in Auburndale. *Location:* 2148-50 Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, MA 02466. *Sponsor/Manager:* Josephine McNeill, CAN-DO. *CP funds requested:* \$360,000. *Total project cost:* \$950,000. *Other funding:* \$300,000 CDBG, \$50,000 Fedl Home Loan Bank, \$35,000 CCC Legacy Fund, \$40,000 Charlesbank Homes, \$175,000 Village Bank.

PUBLIC HEARING 16 December 2009, 7 pm, City Hall Cafeteria

MUSEUM COLLECTIONS Preservation

Create a dedicated, stand-alone collections storage facility within the envelope of the historic Crafts Street stable. *Location:* 90 Crafts Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458. *Sponsor/Manager:* Cynthia Stone, Director, Historic Newton. *CP funds requested:* \$30,000. *Total project cost:* \$35,000. *Other funding:* \$5,000 in private donations (\$2,500 in hand, remainder to be raised).

MUSEUM ARCHIVES - Supplemental

In addition to original \$359,400 recommended to rehabilitate the original stable wing of the 1809 Jackson Homestead, which houses the Museum's research collection & archives, to preserve existing collections, allow for future collections expansion, and enhance public access. *Location:* 527 Washington Street, Newton Corner, MA 02458. *Sponsor/Manager:* Nicholas Parnell, Newton Public Buildings Commissioner. *Supplemental CP funds requested:* \$186,420. *Original CP funds recommended:* \$359,400. *Total revised project cost:* \$678,138. *Other funding:* Orig. proposal included a private cash contribution of \$24,000; and \$13,164 of time to be donated by archivist (in retirement) to catalogue collections.. Historic Newton will also use private funds for new multipurpose room, but is requesting public funds for other changes to scope.