



NEWTON CORNER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

December 10, 2007

Ms. Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Subject: Farlow and Chaffin Park Community Preservation Proposal

Dear Ms. Ingerson:


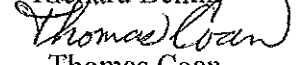
The Newton Corner Neighborhood Association strongly supports The Preservation and Restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Parks Community Preservation Proposal. This proposal will restore the beauty of the City's oldest park, which is both a City and a neighborhood gem.

Since the early days of this proposal, diligent efforts have been consistently made to proactively reach out to all park constituents to gather their input and enhance the proposal's value. As the plan has matured and moved forward, the suggestions of CPC and Parks and Recreation Commission members have been carefully considered and incorporated into refining the proposal.

In addition to the primary historic preservation value of this proposal, it also provides significant cost saving potential to the City. The ability to irrigate the Underwood School playing fields with well water rather than municipal water will quickly accumulate savings.

This proposal presents a logical and financially sound phased approach toward restoring the grandeur of Farlow and Chaffin Parks. The Newton Corner Neighborhood Association strongly supports the value of this proposal.

Sincerely,


Richard Belkin

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Co-Moderators,
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Dear Newton Community Preservation Committee:

As I have previously supported the Farlow Park/Chaffin Park Historic Preservation and Recreation Study, I now wish to give my full support for Phase I of the Historic Preservation of Farlow and Chaffin Parks. The current proposal before you represents a strong commitment by the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission and the Friends of Farlow Park to preserve and restore Newton's first public park. If Farlow and Chaffin Parks are restored and upgraded, it will be a historic and recreational resource for all Newton residents.

I applaud the efforts of the Friends of Farlow Park and the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission to produce a budget which has been carefully constructed and is sensitive to the many requests you have before you. The goal of restoring the rich history of Farlow and Chaffin Parks has wide neighborhood appeal and this proposal deserves your every consideration. I hope you will approve this Phase I proposal for the revitalization of the Parks. The City of Newton cherishes its history and these Parks represent fine examples of the 19th century and early 20th century interest in providing our community a place for solace, reflection and recreation.

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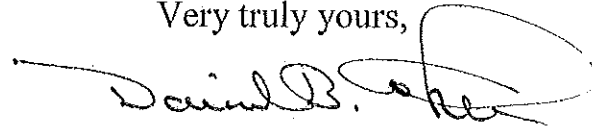
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I appreciate you time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David B. Cohen", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

David B. Cohen
Mayor