



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:


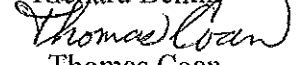
The Newton Corner Neighborhood Association strongly supports The Preservation and Restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Parks Community Preservation Proposal. This proposal will restore the beauty of the City's oldest park, which is both a City and a neighborhood gem.

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

Thomas Coan

Co-Moderators,
Newton Corner Neighborhood Association



David B. Cohen
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December 18, 2006

Attn: Robert Ricci
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

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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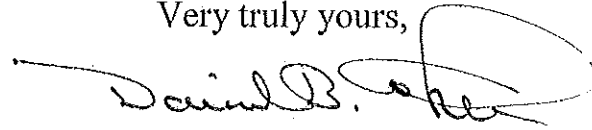
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I appreciate you time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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David B. Cohen
Mayor

36 Billings Park
Newton MA 02458
October 15, 2004

Community Preservation Committee
Attn: Ms. Jennifer Goldson, Community Preservation Planner
Planning & Development Department
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

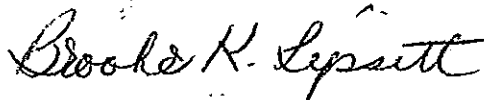
Re: Farlow Park/Chaffin Park Historic Preservation and
Recreation Study

I am writing to express my strong support for the application of the Friends of Farlow Park and the Parks and Recreation Commission to begin the restoration process for one of the City's neglected gems, the adjacent Farlow and Chaffin Parks. Those of us in this area are appreciative of living in a National Historic District, and we recognize that our parks have undergone changes over the years that have been inconsistent with their historic importance and location.

As a neighbor for more than three decades, I have witnessed the under-utilization of these historic open spaces and have had occasion to lament the absence of the original design focal point, the bridge and pond that drew our forebears to active recreation on this site. Restoration of the bridge and pond will bring neighbors, visitors, and even small wildlife flocking back. The inclusion of the Chaffin House (Library) grounds is important to complement the funds already allocated to the restoration of that historic building.

The plan to address the project in stages, with \$65,500 requested from CPA funds for the assessment and design phase, is measured and responsible. I urge your support and positive recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Very truly yours,



Brooke K. Lipsitt

*The Rev. Miriam C. Gelfer
Grace Episcopal Church
76 Eldredge Street
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November 16, 2004

Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
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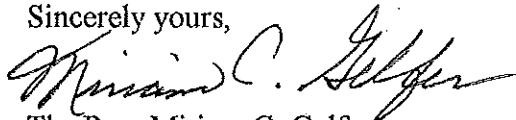
Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am writing in support of the proposal by the Friends of Farlow Park. Restoring Farlow Park and Chaffin Park to their original beauty can only enhance all of the buildings surrounding these parks and the lives of all of us who live and work in Newton Corner.

As the Rector of a historical Church, I can assure you that the lay leadership of our parish is dedicated to preserving the beauty of its own structures, and that we all recognize the value that such restoration projects can bring to the entire community.

I strongly urge you to consider the proposal of the Friends of Farlow Park for the restoration of Farlow Park and Chaffin Park.

Sincerely yours,



The Rev. Miriam C. Gelfer
Rector

Cc: Dr. Keith Jones, Larry Bauer, Harry Rosser, Mary Malagodi

The Eliot Church of Newton

A United Church of Christ

474 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458
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Ms. Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

November 10, 2004

Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am writing to express strong support for the proposed Phase I for the historic preservation study of Farlow and Chaffin Parks.

As the moderator of the Eliot Church of Newton, I can express the support of our church for the preservation of these two important parks. The benefits of enhancing these historic public places would be many.

Since its founding in 1845, Eliot Church has occupied the property on the corner of Centre and Church Street. Farlow Park abuts the rear of our church property while Chaffin Park is to the side of the Church.

Every week, hundreds of people visit our Church for our Sunday Services, community meetings, choral rehearsals and recitals and other events. Unfortunately, many of them traverse one or two poorly maintained parks (one with a cement slab at its center) with few of the amenities found in the 1888 photos.

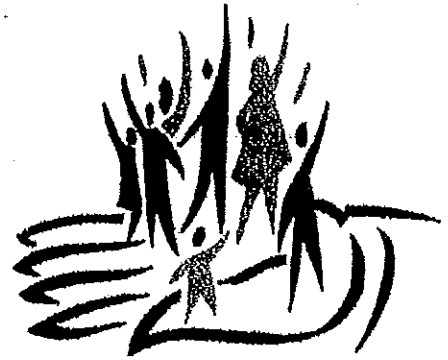
We hope that you will approve this proposal to study the restoration of these parks.

Sincerely,



John C. Clark, Jr.

Moderator of the Eliot Church of Newton



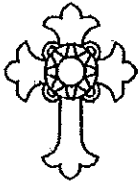
Anthony S. Kill
Pastor

Colleen Stritt
Director of Christian Education

Brunhilde Engelhardt
Interim Music Director

Carly Baker
Youth Director

Terri Whitney-Jackson
Church Administrator



Newton Presbyterian Church

Transforming lives by living the Truth of Jesus Christ

October 26, 2004

Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson,

As Senior Pastor of Newton Presbyterian Church I am writing this letter in support of the Farlow Park and Chaffin Park preservation and recreation study. Our church is right across the street from the northeast corner of Farlow Park. Often our parishioners visit this area after services, particularly if they have children. A restored park with attractive grounds can only make these grounds more inviting and serve to provide the entire community a special area for leisure activities and sport.

Sincerely,

Rev. Robert K. Perkins



UNDERWOOD PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

WORKING TOGETHER FOR OUR CHILDREN

101 Vernon Street, Newton, MA 02458

October 14, 2004

Ms Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Farlow Park Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Goldson:

At a regular meeting of the Underwood Parent Teacher Organization on October 7, 2004, the proposal to study the restoration of Farlow Park was discussed. The Underwood School Parent Teacher Organization unanimously voted to support the study of the restoration of Farlow Park. We are excited about this project. The bridge, in particular, is in need of restoration. We are glad to support the restoration of the park in any way we can.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan Gibson". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the typed name.

Nathan Gibson
Co-President

Presbyterian Church Nursery School

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phone 617.332.9255 x1 fax 617.332.4124 email nurseryschool@newtonpres.org

October 13, 2004

Ms. Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02460

Dear Ms. Goldson,

This letter is written in strong support of the proposed Phase I for the historic preservation study of Farlow and Chaffin Parks.

As Director of the Presbyterian Church Nursery School (75 Vernon Street), a clean, safe, historic park could provide endless opportunities for the children and their families to explore and learn. The benefits would be long-lasting!

As a 35-year member of the Newton Presbyterian Church (75 Vernon Street), I can envision many uses for the parks for our church members as well as for the other 3 neighboring churches.

Thank you very much. I wish you well as you thoughtfully make your decisions for the present and future of Newton.

Yours truly,



Ann MacKay, Director

Parkside Pre-School
474 Centre Street
Newton, MA 02458
617-965-7867

Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson,

As the Directors of Parkside Pre-School, located at the Eliot Church, and interested members of the neighborhood, we would like to add our support to the many "Friends of Farlow Park" in their effort to enhance and beautify the park. It is a valuable resource of pleasure and enjoyment for many and should be restored and maintained.

Gretchen Hunt
Sharon Cronin
Directors, Parkside Pre-School

City of Newton



David B. Cohen
Mayor

Newton Free Library
Kathy Glick-Weil, Library Director

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November 10, 2004

Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Jennifer,

I am pleased to write a letter of support for CPA funding of a study leading to the possible restoration of Farlow Park and Chaffin Park. I am particularly in favor of a study, as it should clarify for all involved not only what is involved to restore the Parks, but also the requirements for on-going maintenance to insure that any restored landscaping maintains its health and beauty. The Newton Corner Branch Library site would certainly benefit from attractive, well maintained landscaping and seating areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Glick-Weil".

Kathy Glick-Weil

October 20, 2004



Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Farlow Park Restoration Project

Dear Ms. Goldson,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Evans Park at Newton Corner and Benchmark Assisted Living Communities in full support of the application of the Friends of Farlow Park and the Parks and Recreation Commission to begin the restoration process for this landmark park.

Being an assisted living community that has existed in the neighborhood for more than ten years many, if not most, of our residents are long-standing residents of Newton. As a matter of fact, an historic picture of Farlow Park hangs over the fireplace in our lobby. Our residents remember the pond, Adirondack style bridge, bandstand and gazebo and frequently reminisce about their fond memories of visits with their families in the summer and winter months.

We at Benchmark are thrilled about the idea of restoring the Park to its original beauty and applaud the decision to go forward with this important project.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance in your decision process.

Sincerely,


Christen Bergeron
Executive Director

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1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459



Chairman Doug Dickson
Community Preservation Commission
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, Massachusetts 02459

November 8, 2004

Dear Chairman Dickson:

I am writing in support of the Farlow Park/Chaffin Park Historic Preservation and Recreation Study. I am pleased that this project is taking a very thoughtful and planful approach to the preservation and restoration of this historic area of the City by first completing a design phase and having a restoration phase that follows. The results of Phase I will allow the Parks and Recreation Commission working with the Newton Corner residents to create a plan for the future of this area.

In recent years, there has been a great deal of effort by the neighbors of this park to preserve their neighborhood. It is only fitting that the work to preserve and restore the historic integrity of Farlow Park which is on the National Register of Historic Places and the beauty of Chaffin Park take place take place.

By preserving and restoring these parks the City will be able to celebrate its history while at the same time demonstrating the value it places on shared community space which provides places for rest and relaxation for its citizens – even in one of the busiest areas of the City.

I join the Newton Corner residents who support this project and urge that you do so as well.

Sincerely,

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Marcia T. Johnson
Alderman-at-Large, Ward 2

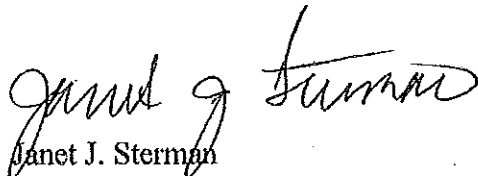
October 22, 2004

Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Goldson:

As a resident of Newton since 1985, and a homeowner in Newton Corner for over fifteen years, I am thrilled to know that the City of Newton is taking the restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Parks under serious consideration. I have always loved living in Newton Corner due to the great location, and having the park immediately across the street has always been a great bonus! I am excited to learn that the restoration of this park(s) is in the works. Not only do I fully support the restoration of Farlow Park, but I am also happy to advocate for this project in whatever ways I capable.

Thank you,


Janet J. Sterman

✓cc: Keith Jones, Friends of Farlow Park

I support the Friends of Farlow Park proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the restoration of Farlow Park and Chaffin Park.

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I support the Friends of Farlow Park proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the restoration of Farlow Park and Chaffin Park.

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Mary Bayda	11 Barnes Rd	617 641 0976	10/7/04
Lisa Goldfinger	20 Waterston	617-795-1752	"
Ang Gluck	19 Merton St	617-965-4097	10/7/04
William Masly	526 Centre St.	617-527-1516	10/7/04
TRACY CARR	98 GEORGE ST	617 795 0318	10.7.04
RAHIL Miramvoin	226 Church	617 583 3480	10.7.04
Robin Kramer	67 Waverley Ave.	617 965 9548	10-9-04
David Kramer	"	"	"
Sigmund Kharasch	18 Union St	617 414 7899	10-9-04
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I support the Friends of Farlow Park proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the restoration of Farlow Park and Chaffin Park.

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Date
KATHY CADE	120 Church St #2	617-965-5136	10/13/04
Reg - Alun	41 Park St.	617 965-0292	10/13/04
Elizabeth Reiser	132 Church St	617-244-0285	10/13/04
Jenna C. Boyan	84 Church St #6	617-558-9264	10/13/04