City of Newton



David B. Cohen Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

December 13, 2002

Mayor David Cohen City of Newton 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02159

Re: Forte Park Phase II Renovations

Dear Mayor Cohen:

I am writing to confirm our understandings regarding the recommendation made by the Community Preservation Committee (the "CPC") to the Board of Aldermen for the appropriation and transfer of \$500,000 from the FY 2003 Community Preservation Fund Current Year Reserve for the Forte Part Phase II Renovation Project. The CPC made this recommendation to the Board of Aldermen on the understanding that application would be made by the Parks and Recreation Department to the Urban Self Help Grant Program and that if the 50% matching funds from this program were not made available to this project, that the Parks and Recreation Department would return to the CPC for the reconsideration of this proposal. Our recommendation to the Board of Aldermen is predicated on the receipt by the City of the matching funds and the ultimate return of 50% of the appropriated amount to the Community Preservation Fund.

The CPC recommendation on this project was made on the further understanding that if commencement of construction on this project did not begin within 24 months that the Parks and Recreation Department would return the Community Preservation funds to the FY 2003 Community Preservation Fund Current Year Reserve.

I am writing this letter to confirm our understandings with respect to this matter.

We look forward to the successful implementation of this program for the much needed restoration of Forte Park.

Very truly yours,

Jeffrey Sacks

Chairman

cc: The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Michael Rourke, Chief Administrative Officer

David Wilkinson, Comptroller

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