

City of Newton



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January 19, 2005

Michael Kruse, Director
Department of Planning and Development
Newton City Hall
330 Homer Street
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Mike,

I would like to request an additional \$41,000 for the library's CPA project to restore the exterior of the Newton Corner Branch Library. This funding would be a transfer from the CPA project to paint the City Hall balustrade, which has an excess of \$50,000.

The bids for the Newton Corner project were just opened, and one bid was received for \$186,700, \$41,000 more than the estimate in our CPA application. I have spoken at length to the architect, and he believes the bid was higher for the following reasons:

1. The application estimate was based on a summer 2003 bid. Bidding was delayed for several reasons:
 - a. August 2003 approval of the project
 - b. January 2004 final contract with the architect
 - c. March 2004 Historical Commission approval
 - d. Agreement to delay the bidding until November-December 2004 in order to hopefully receive a lower bid than would be received in a July 2004 bid.
2. The scope of the project changed with a detailed analyses of the building:
 - a. The chimneys require rebuilding
 - b. The vestibule at the front entrance must be removed
 - c. The Historical Commission requested that column bases be added to the porch.
3. The job is a small, complicated job with many unknowns until the contractor actually gets into the building. Although we are disappointed that there was only one bid, Vareika (the contractor) has a DCAM rating of 96 which the architect feels is exceptional and a good reason to seek to have them on the job.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Kathy Glick-Weil

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Cc: Nick Parnell

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TO: Community Preservation Committee
Michael Kruse, Planning Director

FROM: A. Nicholas Parnell, AIA
Public Buildings Commissioner

DATE: January 24, 2005

RE: Newton Corner Library

The Newton Corner Library renovation project has received a higher than expected construction bid. In order to keep the project moving forward, I respectfully request that the Community Preservation Committee approve a transfer of \$41,000 from the City Hall Balustrade Painting (FY03-08-C) to the Newton Corner Library (FY03-13). The City was fortunate in receiving a lower than expected bid, from a more than qualified vendor, and has completed the project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this request.

ANP:dla

cc: Mayor David B. Cohen
Kathy Glick-Weil
Jennifer Goldson