

City of Newton



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Alderman CPC Sub-Committee Member Amy Sangiolo
Alderman CPD Sub-Committee Member Stephen Linsky
Chief Administrative Officer Mike Roarke

Re: Newton Senior Center Project

Dear Aldermen Sangiolo and Linsky:

Public Works officials met with members of the Newton Senior Center project team on Friday, March 18, 2005 to discuss potential DPW involvement in the upcoming beautification project. Specifically, we looked at the possibility of using DPW crews to install granite curbing and new concrete sidewalks on the site. No other aspects of the project were deemed appropriate to be done by DPW due to inherent difficulties in working around private and public schedules and the potential conflicts over areas of responsibility should any issues of liability arise.

The following tables show the costs of this work by both private contractor and by in-house staff:

| <u>Private Contractor</u> | | | |
|---------------------------|----------|---------|-----------------|
| Concrete Sidewalks | 3,269 sf | \$ 5.50 | \$17,980 |
| Granite Curb under fence | 293 lf | \$50 | \$14,650 |
| Granite Curb | 218 lf | \$35 | \$ 7,630 |
| Total | | | <u>\$40,260</u> |

| <u>In-House Staff</u> | | | |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|----------|
| Concrete Sidewalks | 3,269 sf | \$0.86 | \$ 2,811 |
| Granite Curb under fence | 293 lf | \$20 | \$ 5,860 |
| Granite Curb | 218 lf | \$20 | \$ 4,360 |
| Total | | | \$13,031 |

Since there are no labor charges included in the In-House Staff calculation, there is a net savings of approximately \$27,000. However, we do estimate that it will take three crew weeks to complete this work and would require a commensurate reduction in our scheduled work for this construction season.