

Wellington Park Improvement Project

CPA Proposal Recreation



Submitted by

Citizens for Wellington Park
Newton Parks and Recreation

October 15, 2004

PROPERTY OF:
DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CITY HALL
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02159
2004 OCT 15 PM 4:49
* DO NOT TAKE *
* FOR REVIEW ONLY *
1

City of Newton



David B. Cohen
Mayor

APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING

Submit to Jennifer Goldson, Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton, MA 02459
jgoldson@ci.newton.ma.us
617-796-1120 ext. 1131

Name of Applicant³ Citizens for Wellington Park

Name of Co-Applicant, if applicable Newton Parks and Recreation

Contact Name Theodore Kuklinski

Mailing Address 24 Henshaw Terrace City West Newton State MA Zip 02465-1632

Daytime Phone 617-969-6222 Email Wellingtonpark@aol.com

Name of Proposal Wellington Park Improvement Project

Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel id) Wellington Playground, Kilburn Road, West Newton, MA

CPA Category (circle all that apply): Open space Historic preservation Recreation Community housing

CPA Funding Requested \$64,000 Total Cost of Proposed Project \$135,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?
2. **Community Need:** Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing City plans?
3. **Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support and any petitions.
4. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones?
5. **Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?
6. **Success Factors:** How will the success of this project will be measured? Be as specific as possible.
7. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs and contingencies. (NOTE: CPA funds may NOT be used for maintenance.)
8. **Other Funding:** What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.
9. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Provide the following additional information, as applicable.

10. Documentation that you have control over the site, such as Purchase and Sale Agreement, option, or deed.

³ If the proposal is on City-owned land, either the applicant or the co-applicant must be the City Board, Commission, or Department in control of the land.

DRAFT 9/17/04

11. For projects that include construction or rehabilitation, include the existing and proposed site plan, floor plans, elevations, and any other drawings as necessary to visually describe the proposal.
12. Evidence that the project is in compliance with the zoning ordinance, Architectural Access Board Regulations, or any other laws or regulations. Or, if zoning relief is required, specify what relief is needed and when an application will be made to the City for zoning review.
13. Evidence that the appropriate City Boards and Commissions have approved the project (for example, proposed new uses on Parks & Recreation land requires approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission)
14. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.
15. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.
16. Information indicating how this project can be used to achieve additional community benefits.

NOTE: If the requested funds are for a real estate acquisition, an independent appraisal will be required which the applicant will be required to fund. No funding decisions will be made without an independent appraisal. Contact Jennifer Goldson, Community Preservation Planner, at 617-796-1131 or jgoldson@ci.newton.ma.us to arrange for an independent appraisal.

Refer to the City web site (ci.newton.ma.us/Planning/CPA) for further information.
Form CPA-1 (Revised 9/11/03)

Wellington Park Improvement Project

Name of Applicant

Citizens for Wellington Park

Name of Co-Applicant, if applicable

Newton Parks and Recreation

Contact Name

Theodore Kuklinski

Mailing Address:

24 Henshaw Terrace
West Newton, MA 02465-1632

Daytime Phone:

617-969-6222 (Theodore Kuklinski)
617-796-1500 (Robert DeRubeis)

Email:

wellingtonpark@aol.com

Name of Proposal:

Wellington Park Improvement Project

Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel id)

Wellington Playground, Kilburn Road

CPA Category:

Recreation

CPA Funding Requested:

\$64,000

Total Cost of Proposed Project

\$135,000

Submitted to:

*Jennifer Goldson
Community Preservation Planner
Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459
jgoldson@ci.newton.ma.us
(617) 796-1120 ext 1131*

Project Description

Citizens for Wellington Park (CWP), in cooperation with the Newton Parks and Recreation Department, is pleased to submit this proposal for improvements to Wellington Park to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Wellington Park is a small neighborhood park on Kilburn Road in West Newton. Wellington Park is its local name but is officially referred to as Wellington Playground in city documents.

The park was originally donated to the city in 1930 by Frank Wellington. The park contains a number of open areas, a tot lot area, and some heavily cracked court areas (one a basketball court, the other formerly a fenced tennis court). Through the 1980's, the play area contained two swings and a sliding board. The slide was broken and removed in the late 90's. Citizens for Wellington Park was formed in 1999 for the purpose of fostering community and to advocate for improvements at Wellington Park.

Utilizing a city grant (\$12,500) and local fundraising, a successful playground build was completed in October 2000 with a total budget of approximately \$18,000. The picture on the cover of this proposal is taken from that playground build that was organized by CWP and illustrates how a park can bring people together. In addition, CWP and Newton Parks and Recreation have worked cooperatively in maintaining the park and bringing about a number of other improvements at Wellington Park. There new shade trees, fencing for the play area, a picnic bench and a volunteer maintained flower garden. CWP sponsors the annual Wellington ParkFest each fall to foster the sense of community. The 6th annual event was held this past September. Citizens for Wellington Park maintains a website (www.wellingtonpark.org) and publishes an email newsletter (10-12 times per year). One can follow the recent history of Wellington Park by referring to these resources. Two *Newton Serves* cleanup and planting projects have taken place at Wellington.

In 2001, there was a request to the Mayor's Committee on Handicapped Accessibility for funds to make Wellington Park more accessible. The playground area was designed with handicapped access in mind yet there was no accessible pathway from the street to the play area entrance. The Mayor's Committee approved an expenditure from Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) of \$10,000 for accessible pathways and benches at Wellington around the play area. While the funds are still available, the work was never performed in anticipation of new courts being put in first.

Perhaps the main need at Wellington is for new courts. There is a basketball court and another high fenced court which at one time functioned as a tennis court. The paved areas actually serve many uses. Most children learn to ride bikes on the surfaces. Both surfaces are heavily cracked and in need of replacement and may pose a tripping hazard. The area was once a peat bog which contributed to the cracking of the court surface. Currently the most popular activity on the court surfaces is chalk drawing. The basketball standards are functional but experienced metal fatigue cracks several years ago that were repaired. The fenced paved area in the former tennis court has two metal posts and some faded lines but has not functioned as a tennis court in at least the last twenty or twenty five years. No net has been there over this period. It has been the site of bicycle training, formerly street hockey (before the cracks were too deep), wiffleball, and a variety of other activities. We propose a tennis court for the site but an area which could function for other activities as well.

The courts at Wellington have been a priority project with the Parks and Recreation Department for many years. In the late 1990's, there was a request from the Ward 3 aldermen (Salvucci, Gentile, and Bullwinkle) for Capital Improvement Funds of \$60,000 to fund new courts. Due to heavier than anticipated snow removal costs, the approval for funding was delayed several years until late in 2002 when it was approved by Mayor Cohen. In the spring of 2003, the City Engineering Department prepared plans for construction of a basketball and tennis court at Wellington Park. In July of 2003, this project was put out to bid (<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/purchasing/bids/fy03/03-87.pdf>) with two bidders (<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/purchasing/bids/fy03/87-results.pdf>) and a minimum bid of \$96,794.50. The project was put out again in April of 2004 (<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/purchasing/bids/fy04/04-64-A.pdf>) and there were 5 bidders (<http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/purchasing/bids/fy04/04-64-results.pdf>) with a bid range from a minimum of \$93,550 to a maximum of \$118,040. It is unlikely that the cost will go down in any future bidding process. Costs have escalated over the past five years since the original amount of \$60,000 was proposed and without additional funding the needed new courts cannot be built.

We can anticipate an additional cost of approximately \$35,000 above the \$60,000 allocated for court work.

In addition to the court work, there are a number of other desired improvements at the park as determined by citizen input at a number of meetings and in cooperation with the Parks and Recreation Department. These include the following items:

- Extension of accessible pathway to the south Kilburn Road entrance
- Extension of accessible pathway to Princess Road entrance
- Bi-level accessible water fountain
- Garden hose connection and backflow valve
- Play equipment – upper body climber, etc.
- Benches
- Additional tree (sugar maple) around play area for shade
- Bulletin board / information kiosk
- Signage
- Miscellaneous – portable soccer goals, trash can covers, bag dispensers

The estimated cost of these additional improvements is expected to be about \$30,000. The total cost for Wellington Park improvements is anticipated to be about \$135,000. Wellington Park has currently allocated or committed funds towards these improvements of \$71,000. Of this, there are \$60,000 in CIP funds, \$10,000 in CDBG funds, and \$1,000 in CWP contributions.

We are requesting an allocation of \$64,000 in CPA funds to complete the improvements at Wellington Park. Any funds not used would be returned to the CPA general fund.

1. Goals:

What are the goals of the proposed project?

The goals of this project are to complete the rehabilitation of Wellington Park in West Newton. Included will be new basketball and tennis courts, additional play equipment, accessible pathways, fountain, and other park amenities. We want to make Wellington Park (Playground) into a fully functional and accessible recreation facility in Newton. We are asking for CPA funds to supplement existing CIP, CDBG, and CWP funds to complete the improvements needed at Wellington Park.

2. Community Need:

Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing City plans?

There is a need for safe parks and recreation areas in Newton. Wellington Park was an older neighborhood park that is in the process of being revitalized. Accessible paths and amenities are not just a convenience any more but a requirement. New courts will provide safe local recreational opportunities to Newton residents. Parks function as a focus and meeting area for a neighborhood, a place where young and old can come together, where friendships are formed, where folks can play sports or just sit on a bench and enjoy the day. Parks add immensely to the quality of life in an area. The City of Newton's Recreation Open Space Plan for 2003-2007 discusses the value of such neighborhood parks and in particular the need to make them handicapped accessible.

3. Community Support:

What is the nature and level of support for this project? [Include letters of support]

This proposal has strong community support. Appendix A includes many letters of support to the CPC in favor of this proposal. The local Wellington Park community is well organized and Citizens for Wellington Park functions as a neighborhood organization to help bring the community together. The major improvements in this proposal have been thoroughly discussed in meetings and publications in the local community. In addition, they have support of the city which has previously attempted to bring about these improvements. The annual Wellington ParkFest attended by hundreds of people from nearby and from across the City of Newton attests to the value that citizens place on Wellington Park as a community resource. Many citizen volunteers and local business have contributed to improving Wellington Park over the past several years.

4. Timeline:

What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical elements.

The following gives an approximate timeline for processes. The project should be put to bid early enough so that contractors can allocate time over the summer of 2005 for work to be done. We would hope to complete the park improvements and celebrate with a grand opening at the 7th Annual Wellington Parkfest in September 2005.

- Submit CPA Application - October, 2004
- Parks and Recreation Commission Approval – October/November, 2004
- Possible CPA Approval – March/April 2005
- Redraft engineering plan (including any new items) – January – May, 2005
- Prepare Bid – April 2005
- Put specifications to bid – May 2005
- Award bid to low qualified bidder – June 2005
- Begin court construction (and other) – July-August, 2005
- CDBG Path work (if separate) – August, 2005
- Complete construction and improvements – September 2005
- Grand opening – September 2005

5. Credentials:

How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?

The Newton Parks and Recreation Department and Citizens for Wellington Park (CWP) have worked cooperatively for the past 6 years in bringing about the rehabilitation of Wellington Park. In particular, CWP provided the organization for a playground build at Wellington Park completed in October 2000. CWP was sponsored by the Newton Community Service Centers, Inc, at 492 Waltham Street who served as a non-profit sponsor for fund purposes and in administering the project funds. A CWP committee helped design the Wellington play structure, select a vendor, arrange for stone, cement deliveries, etc. in close cooperation with the Newton Parks and Recreation Department. Citizens for Wellington Park maintains a website (www.wellingtonpark.org) and email newsletter (wellingtonpark@aol.com) to keep the local citizenry informed on park matters. The following is a description of the organization on its website:

Citizens for Wellington Park is an informal citizens organization dedicated to the betterment of Wellington Park, a small neighborhood playground park (1.9 acres) on Kilburn Road in West Newton, Massachusetts (02465), one of the villages of the city of Newton. We believe that our little park can be a focal point for building a spirit of community and cooperation in our neighborhood and beyond. We encourage the cooperative and constructive enjoyment of the park by many diverse users, including parents and children, pet owners, athletes, kitefliers, frisbee throwers, picnics, nature lovers, bench sitters, and anyone else who enjoys a friendly neighborhood park experience. Every fall, we sponsor an event known as the Wellington Parkfest, a kind of big block party. There are kid's games, chalk drawing, facepainting, balloons, bike tuneups, musical entertainment, soda, hot dogs, ice cream, and lots more fun. The Parkfest is a great opportunity for neighbors in the Wellington Park area to get to know each other. In cooperation with the City of Newton, our original improvement focus was a new play structure for the park which was installed in a community build several years ago. Currently we are looking to do additional improvements to the park - in particular to complete new tennis and basketball courts. While this website serves as our virtual bulletin board, we maintain a real bulletin board at the park for those who are not wired. Our organization is affiliated with the Newton Community Service Centers, Inc, our non-profit sponsor.

Citizens for Wellington Park
c/o Ted Kuklinski
24 Henshaw Terrace
West Newton, MA 02465
(617) 969-6222 (messages/fax)
www.wellingtonpark.org
wellingtonpark@aol.com

This project would be administered by the Newton Parks and Recreation Department, chaired by Commissioner Fran Towle. The Recreation Dept. maintains approximately 1,060 acres of land and is responsible for the care and maintenance of parks, playgrounds, school grounds, burial grounds, and all municipal grounds and recreation buildings. Staff also includes 48 maintenance personnel from recreation and forestry, and 250 seasonal part-time recreation leaders.

Newton Parks and Recreation Department
70 Crescent Street
Auburndale, MA 02466
(617) 796-1500
(617) 796-1512 (fax)

This project will be going before the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission on Monday, October 18, 2004 in order to ask for their co-sponsorship on this proposal. The Parks and Recreation Commission has jurisdiction on the specific improvement items of this proposal.

6. Success Factors:

How will the success of this project be measured? Be as specific as possible.

As with any park area, ultimate success is measured by the number of people that use the park facilities in the proper manner. After the playground build at Wellington Park, usage of the park has increased tremendously. There are even people who travel to Wellington from other parts of the city to experience a nice friendly park setting.

After many years of delay in implementing needed improvements, success will be completing the project in a timely manner and within budget. Hopefully bidders on the project would submit bids within the funds allocated. It would be desirable to receive funding by the summer so that work could be completed over the summer. Ultimately, the project will result in a safe, user friendly, and aesthetically pleasing open space park area that the entire community can enjoy.

7. Budget:

What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs and contingencies.

An estimated total budget for the project is provided below. The estimated figure of \$95,000 for the courts is based on previous low bids. The figure of \$10,000 for the accessible pathway is based on previous estimates and is allocated from CDBG accessibility funds. Cost estimates on other items are preliminary and will be firmed up in the near future. A contingency figure of \$10,000 is included in the budget. Any funds not used would be returned to the CPA general fund. Detail budget for the court work may be found in the previous bid documents (Appendix).

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$135,000, of which we are asking \$64,000 from the CPA Fund.

Item	Estimated Cost
Courts (Basketball and Tennis/multiuse)	95000
Accessible Pathway (North Kilburn gate around play area) and benches	10000
Extension of accessible pathway to the south Kilburn Road entrance	5000
Extension of accessible pathway to Princess Road entrance	5000
Bi-level accessible water fountain	1500
Garden hose connection and backflow valve	1000
Play equipment – upper body climber, etc.	3000
Benches (3)	2100
Additional tree (sugar maple) around play area for shade	400
Bulletin board / information kiosk	1200
Signage	200
Miscellaneous – portable soccer goals, trash can covers, bag dispensers	600
Contingency	10000
TOTAL	135000

8. Other Funding:

What additional funding sources are available, committed or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.

The total cost for Wellington Park improvements is anticipated to be about \$135,000. Wellington Park has currently allocated or committed funds towards these improvements of \$71,000. Of this, there are \$60,000 in CIP funds, \$10,000 in CDBG funds, and \$1,000 in CWP contributions.

9. Maintenance:

If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

Maintenance of city parks is normally handled by the Parks and Recreation Department. It is not anticipated that there would be any significant additional burden of maintenance beyond what is done currently.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

10. Control:

Documentation that the applicant has control over the site, via Purchase and Sale Agreement or deed.

Wellington Playground is a city owned parcel of land. It is under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

11. Plans:

For projects that include construction or rehabilitation, include the existing and proposed site plan, floor plans, elevations, and any other drawings as necessary to visually describe the proposal.

The Engineering Department has prepared a detailed plan for the court and accessible path at Wellington Park for previous bid purposes (see attached Appendix C). This plan will be modified to reflect additional paths and features.

12. Zoning:

Evidence that the project is in compliance with the zoning ordinance, Architectural Access Board Regulation, or any other laws or regulations. Or, if zoning relief is required, specify what relief is needed and when an application will be made to the City for zoning review.

Not applicable

13. Approvals:

Evidence that appropriate City Boards and Commissions have approved the project (for example, proposed new uses on Parks and Recreation land requires approval from the Parks and Recreation Commission)

The project has been reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Department. It will be presented before the Newton Parks and Recreation Commission hearing on Monday, October 18, 2004 at Newton City Hall (7:30 pm) in order to obtain co-sponsorship of the proposal.

14. Hazardous Materials:

Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is a plan for remediation in place.

This site does not contain any hazardous materials. IPM (Integrated Pest Management) methods are used in Newton's parks.

15. Professional Standards:

Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.

Much of the work will be performed by private contractors. Prior to accepting the qualified low bidders for the various aspects of the project, references will be checked to make sure that the contractors are qualified and meet the standards that are necessary for the project. Some of the work (e.g. pathways) may be done by qualified city departments such as Parks and Recreation or DPW.

16. Leveraging:

Information indicating how this project can be used to achieve additional community benefits.

This project will vastly improve the usability of Wellington Park and bring more people together there as it becomes even more of a neighborhood focus. Wellington Park can be a model for how other neighborhood groups can work to build a sense of community.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theodore T. Kuklinski
Citizens for Wellington Park

Robert J. DeRubeis,
Deputy Commissioner
Newton Parks and Recreation

Appendix A – Community Support

The following are some letters received by email in support of this project:

10/15/04

Dear CPA Committee,

We, the undersigned, urge you to support the proposal for improvements at Wellington Park in West Newton. This park is a focus of the community and exemplifies the concept of community. We have an organization that has been working for the benefit of the park for the past six years and have worked toward the revitalization of the park with a successful playground build and an annual community event known as the Wellington Parkfest. Some of the improvements in the Wellington CPA proposal have been on the table for many years and are already partially funded from other sources (CIP and CDBG). CPA funds will enable these improvements to be finally completed before the costs rise even more. Thanks for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Theodore Kuklinski

Janet Kuklinski

Christopher Kuklinski

Julia Gawle

24 Henshaw Terrace, West Newton MA 02465

Ann Dorfman

Jon Waldron

Loren Waldron

9 Henshaw Street, West Newton, MA 02465, 617-244-9321

Joyce Traister

Harriett Budd

47 Princess Road, West Newton, MA 02465

Wendy Czarnecki

61 Lindbergh Avenue, West Newton, MA 02465

Lena Fried

Southgate Park, West Newton, MA 02465

Qing Li

280 Cherry Street, West Newton

Sari Coumer

41 Lindbergh Ave.

10/14/04

Dear CPA Committee:

This letter is to strongly urge you to support the Wellington Park's proposal to upgrade the park. My two children and I go to the park almost daily and we have so enjoyed the improvements that have already been put into place. The park is a real focal point for the community, bringing families and children from the neighborhood all together in a safe haven. While the playground is great, it could be even better with some additional play equipment for children of all ages. In addition, it would be great if the surface of the tennis and basketball courts could be fixed so that at last, both kids and adults could play tennis and basketball on a smooth, non-cracked surface. From what I have heard, it has not been possible to play tennis at the park for more than 20 years even though the basic infrastructure is in place. It would also be wonderful if the pathway running through the park could at last be completed, allowing wheelchairs and strollers to gain better access to and through the park. A hose connection, as also

detailed in the proposal, would enable the volunteer gardeners at the park to finally have an easy means of keeping the flowers and plants growing for the beauty of all to behold.

Again, I strongly urge you to support renovations of the Wellington Park, as the park is essential to building a sense of community which, unfortunately, is often hard to come by in this day in age.

Thank you for your time and attention to this letter of support.

*Michelle Roover
26 Byrd Avenue
West Newton, MA 02465*

.....
10/14/04

Dear Newton Community Preservation Act Committee:

I live on Waltham Street with my wife and two sons, ages six and ten. Wellington Park is a critical neighborhood asset for us. We participated in the community planning and building effort that improved the play area for smaller children. We have also been regulars at the annual Parkfest.

I hope you support our proposal for better handicapped access, recreation improvements, water connections and other improvements. I don't ever recall the tennis court being operational and now it is an eyesore. The basketball court is not as bad, but the surface is breaking up and it will soon be as derelict as the tennis court.

I have been to many other parks in Newton for Little League, tennis, soccer and just playing with my children. Very few are in as poor a condition as our Wellington Park. The neighbors have been working hard for years now to get these basic improvements made. With the assistance of a relatively small amount of CPA funds, we will finally achieve our goal. Please give our proposal your full consideration.

With regards,

*Kelley Brown
457 Waltham Street
West Newton*

.....
10/14/04

Dear CPA Committee,

I urge you to allocate the money need to repair the damaged tennis and basketball courts in Wellington Park. I have lived near Wellington Park for over 20 years and the courts have been in a state of badly needed repairs for most of the twenty years. Wellington Park is widely used by everyone in the neighborhood, and, it is a sad state of affairs when the tennis and basketball courts cannot be used due to cracking and crumbling.

*Deborah Sharp
44 North Gate Park
West Newton*

.....

10/14/04

Dear CPA Committee,

This letter is to express my support for additional improvements to Wellington Park.

I have been thrilled to see the changes in Wellington Park in recent years. With the removal of the fifty year old swing set and slide, and the installation of the lovely and heavily used tot lot, Wellington Park has undergone major changes that have significantly enhanced our neighborhoods' sense of community.

One of the commitments we made to the neighborhood when we removed the old swing set and installed a play area for young children was to create spaces attractive to older children as well. Unfortunately that has not happened. The tennis and basketball courts, which could potentially draw older children and adults to the park, are in dismal condition, and have been that way for years.

My son, who plays on the varsity basketball team at NNHS, has not set foot on the basketball court since before he entered high school, due to the horrendous condition of the court surface. When he and his friends get together for a game of hoop they never gather at our house, because there is no suitable court in our neighborhood, even though his home is by far the closest to a potential facility. Likewise, we have lived on Henshaw Street for 17 years and there has NEVER been a net in the tennis court in all those years.

Wellington Park is a lovely park with the potential to bring the neighborhood together. The tot lot provides a wonderful space for families with children between the ages of two and five, but the park offers no other equipment for people of any other ages.

I strongly encourage you to provide whatever financial assistance is possible to enhance Wellington Park and make it the center of this neighborhood that it could be.

Sincerely,

Ann Dorfman
9 Henshaw Street
West Newton, MA 02465
617-244-9321
dorfmanann@comcast.net

.....

10/14/04

Dear CPA Committee,

I am aware you are in the process of reviewing funds for Wellington Park.

As a neighbor of Wellington Park, I am writing to support the allocation of additional funds for fixing the tennis court and basketball court. My teenage kids and I enjoy playing tennis and basketball there--and would welcome improvements. Tennis *with* a net would be a novel experience!!

More importantly, we enjoy the camaraderie of our neighbors there. The park provides a nice center of friendship. With better facilities, more people will gather and the neighborhood will grow closer.

Thank you for your support,

Nancy and John McGrath
Mary and John Michael
60 Lindbergh Ave
617-795-1875

.....
10/14/04

Dear CPA Committee,

I am writing to show my support for further improvements to the Wellington Park. My husband, daughter (age 4.5) , son (age 17 months), and I visit the park at least 4 times every week. We have met many other families there and are so happy it provides safe, fun playground equipment for our young kids. We would particularly value more playground equipment, but all the proposed enhancements would make the park a special place for even more members of the neighborhood.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Chivo
17 Talbot Street

.....

10/15/04

Dear CPA Committee.

Please consider the proposal to finish off the Wellington Park improvements which include new basketball and tennis courts, accessible pathways and water fountain, signage, bulletin board, hose connection, and some additional play equipment. I am pleased with the improvements so far and anxiously waiting a long time for the additional improvements. I look forward to playing tennis on a non cracked surface. One of the reasons I decided on moving to this neighborhood five years ago was the courts being within walking distance from my home. A completed pathway will make it easier for wheelchairs and strollers to access the park. Additional play equipment will provide more variety. A hose connection will allow our volunteer gardeners a means to keep the flowers growing. The park builds a sense of community which is so lacking today.

Thank You

Susanne McInerney
28 North Gate Park, West Newton

.....

10/15/04

Dear CPA Committee,

I urge you to support the proposal for improvements at Wellington Park in West Newton. This park is a focus of the community and exemplifies the concept of community. My family and I have lived across from the park for more than a decade. We participated in the building of the kiddie play area and continue to frequently use the park, despite its deficiencies that this proposal would provide money to improve. The proposed improvements would indeed ensure the active life of the park for many years to come.

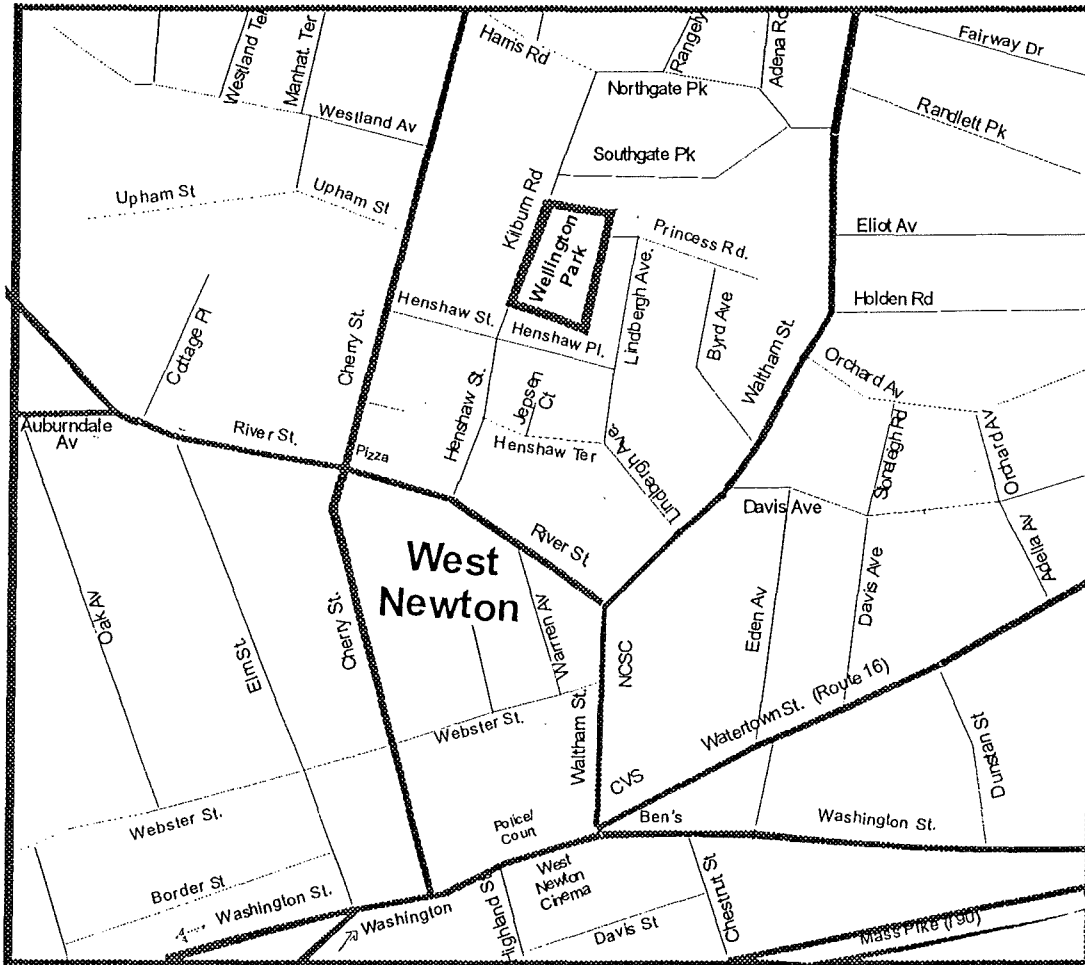
Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

David Lewis
41 Kilburn Road
West Newton, MA 02465

.....

Appendix B – Background Material on Wellington Park

Location Map of Wellington Park



History of Wellington Park

From the report of the Newton Playground Commission (1930):

"The past year has been a very busy one for the Playground Department since it was called upon by the City Government to function in a number of affairs incidental to the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the City of Newton.

Most gratifying progress was made by the addition of approximately forty-two acres of playground areas. Inasmuch as this is one of the important phases of wise city planning, the year 1930 was a banner year in this respect.

Although most of this land was bought from the tax levy, we must gratefully acknowledge a gift of a one and one-half acre playground made by J. Frank Wellington of Somerville, the deed of which was recorded May 7, 1930. This property is located in West Newton off Henshaw Place. These premises were conveyed upon the express condition that the same shall be improved, dedicated, and forever used by the City as and for a public park and playground, and for no other purpose. This splendid gift will prove a great relief in the near future for this section which is rapidly being developed, and will give the little children a playground which they can reach without crossing main streets."

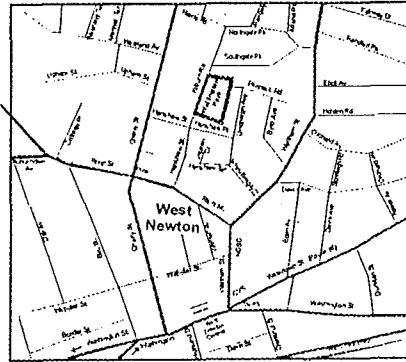
6th Annual *Wellington*
Parkfest



Sunday, Sept 19, 1 to 4 pm

- * Meet your neighbors & make new friends!
- * Hot Dogs (veggie too), Soda, Ice Cream
- * Musical Entertainment - live band
- * Scavenger Hunt (2 pm) & Kids Games
- * Sidewalk Chalk Drawings, Facepainting
- * Bike Tuneups, Balloons & More!
- * Tell your friends and invite any new residents!
- * RAINDATE - Sunday, October 3rd, 1-4 pm

The Parkfest is part of the Newton Pride block party program. All are welcome. Bring a chair or snack (e.g. Cookies) to share if you wish. Call Michelle at 617-796-9142 or email wellingtonpark@aol.com if you wish to help.



Wellington Park is in West Newton on Kilburn Road which is one block northeast of River and Cherry, parallel to Cherry.

Sponsored by
**Citizens for
Wellington Park**

617-969-6222
www.wellingtonpark.org

For free email newsletter
send request to:
wellingtonpark@aol.com

CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
COMPARISON OF BIDS

INVITATION TO BID #04-64
WELLINGTON PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION

BID OPENING TIME: 10:00 A.M., MAY 6, 2004
PARKS & RECREATION

SIDDER	EST QTY	MASS PAVEMENT		BELLI CONSTRUCTION		CAPE & ISLAND CORP*		CER-TROM		D & D ENTERPRISES	
		UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL
1. SURCHARGING, DEMOLITION & SITE PREPARATION	1 L.S.	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	\$7,050.00	\$7,050.00	\$7,850.00	\$7,850.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,050.00	\$13,220.00	\$13,220.00
2. EXTRA EXCAVATION TO REMOVE UNSUITABLE MATERIAL	100 C.Y.	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$11.50	\$1,150.00	\$36.00	\$3,600.00	\$36.00	\$3,600.00
3. FURNISH & PLACE 3/4"-1" CRUSHED STONE (SUPPLEMENTAL STONE FOR FILL, NOT BLEEDER)	10 C.Y.	\$30.00	\$300.00	\$20.00	\$200.00	\$35.00	\$350.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$215.00	\$2,150.00
4. FURNISH & PLACE GRAVEL & GRAVEL REFILL (MATERIAL FROM OFF SITE)	100 C.Y.	\$25.00	\$2,500.00	\$10.00	\$1,000.00	\$26.50	\$2,650.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00	\$62.00	\$6,200.00
5. FURNISH & PLACE DENSE GRADED CRUSHED STONE (FOR LEVELING UNDER COURT BIT)	300 C.Y.	\$30.00	\$9,000.00	\$20.00	\$6,000.00	\$32.50	\$9,750.00	\$42.00	\$12,600.00	\$62.00	\$18,600.00
6. 8" BLEEDER DRAIN SYSTEM (COMPLETE IN PLACE INCLUDING STONE AND FABRIC)	1 L.S.	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00	\$9,945.00	\$9,945.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
7. GEOTEXTILE CONSTRUCTION FABRIC (UNDER COURT ARE BIT, ONLY)	1 L.S.	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,440.00	\$3,440.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
8. BASKETBALL & TENNIS NET SYSTEMS WITH FOUNDATIONS	1 L.S.	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	\$7,300.00	\$7,300.00	\$11,500.00	\$11,500.00
9. 10" CHAIN LINK FENCE & GATES (TENNIS COURT PERIMETER)	1 L.S.	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$12,840.00	\$12,840.00	\$16,200.00	\$16,200.00	\$13,500.00	\$13,500.00
10. 3" BITUMINOUS CONCRETE TYPE I-1 (FOR COURT AREAS ONLY)	1600 S.Y.	\$18.00	\$28,800.00	\$18.00	\$28,800.00	\$14.00	\$22,400.00	\$11.00	\$17,600.00	\$18.70	\$29,920.00
11. SEALCOATING THE BITUMINOUS CONCRETE COURT SYSTEM	1 L.S.	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$9,825.00	\$9,825.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,600.00	\$6,600.00
12. REGRADING, LOAMING & SEEDING	300 S.Y.	\$10.00	\$3,000.00	\$10.00	\$3,000.00	\$9.57	\$2,871.00	\$12.00	\$3,600.00	\$15.00	\$4,500.00
13. MISCELLANEOUS WORK ALLOWANCE (ENGINEER'S DISCRETION)	ALLOWANCE		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
14. FURNISH & MOUNT SIGNS (INCLUDING POSTS)	30 S.F.	\$25.00	\$750.00	\$20.00	\$600.00	\$33.00	\$990.00	\$92.00	\$2,760.00	\$65.00	\$1,950.00
15. SAFETY CONTROLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS	1 L.S.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
16. MATERIALS TESTING	ALLOWANCE		\$400.00		\$400.00		\$400.00		\$400.00		\$400.00

TOTAL FOR ALL ITEMS	\$93,550.00	\$93,800.00	\$96,433.00	\$99,580.00	\$118,040.00
----------------------------	--------------------	--------------------	--------------------	--------------------	---------------------

*DIDN'T ACK. ADDENDA

AWARD RECOMMENDED TO _____ DATE _____
DEPARTMENT HEAD _____ DATE _____

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER _____ DATE _____
DAVID B. COHEN _____ DATE _____
MAYOR

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING
COMPARISON OF BIDS**

**INVITATION TO BID #03-87
WELLINGTON PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION**

**BID OPENING TIME: 10:00 A.M., JULY 17, 2003
ENGINEERING**

BIDDER	EST QTY	CAPE & ISLAND CORP.		MASS PAVEMENT RECL.		UNIT COST	TOTAL
		UNIT COST	TOTAL	UNIT COST	TOTAL		
ITEM							
1. SURCHARGING, DEMOLITION & SITE PREPARATION	1 L.S.	\$7,890.00	\$7,890.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00		
2. EXTRA EXCAVATION TO REMOVE UNSUITABLE MATERIAL	100 C.Y.	\$11.55	\$1,155.00	\$20.00	\$2,000.00		
3. FURNISH & PLACE 3/4"-1" CRUSHED STONE (SUPPLEMENTAL STONE FOR FILL. NOT BLEEDER)	10 C.Y.	\$36.90	\$369.00	\$25.00	\$250.00		
4. FURNISH & PLACE GRAVEL & GRAVEL REFILL (MATERIAL FROM OFF SITE)	100 C.Y.	\$26.56	\$2,656.00	\$17.00	\$1,700.00		
5. FURNISH & PLACE DENSE GRADED CRUSHED STONE (FOR LEVELING UNDER COURT BIT)	300 C.Y.	\$32.52	\$9,756.00	\$25.00	\$7,500.00		
6. 6" BLEEDER DRAIN SYSTEM (COMPLETE IN PLACE INCLUDING STONE AND FABRIC)	1 L.S.	\$9,945.00	\$9,945.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		
7. GEOTEXTILE CONSTRUCTION FABRIC (UNDER COURT ARE BIT. ONLY)	1 L.S.	\$3,440.00	\$3,440.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		
8. BASKETBALL & TENNIS NET SYSTEMS WITH FOUNDATIONS	1 L.S.	\$8,050.00	\$8,050.00	\$8,500.00	\$8,500.00		
9. 10" CHAIN LINK FENCE & GATES (TENNIS COURT PERIMETER)	1 L.S.	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00	\$10,500.00	\$10,500.00		
10. 3" BITUMINOUS CONCRETE TYPE I-1 (FOR COURT AREAS ONLY)	1600 S.Y.	\$14.68	\$23,488.00	\$15.00	\$24,000.00		
11. SEALCOATING THE BITUMINOUS CONCRETE COURT SYSTEM	1 L.S.	\$9,825.00	\$9,825.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00		
12. REGRADING, LOAMING & SEEDING	300 S.Y.	\$9.873	\$2,962.00	\$10.00	\$3,000.00		
13. MISCELLANEOUS WORK ALLOWANCE(ENGINEER'S DISCRETION)	ALLOWANCE		\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00		
14. FURNISH & MOUNT SIGNS (INCLUDING POSTS)	30 S.F.	\$15.55	\$466.50	\$25.00	\$750.00		
15. SAFETY CONTROLS FOR CONSTRUCTION OPERATIONS	1 L.S.	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00		
16. MATERIALS TESTING	ALLOWANCE		\$400.00		\$400.00		
TOTAL FOR ALL ITEMS			\$96,794.50		110,700.00		

AWARD RECOMMENDED TO _____ DATE _____

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER _____ DATE _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD _____ DATE _____

DAVID B. COHEN
MAYOR _____ DATE _____