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February 23, 2021

Lara Kritzer
Community Preservation Program Manager
Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Dear Ms. Kritzer:

This letter is to confirm the motion made by the Parks & Recreation Commission on February 22, 2021, regarding the Gath Pool Memorial Renovation Project pre-proposal.

On February 22, 2021 I presented the proposal to the Commission. The following motion was made:

*Ms. Connolly made the motion to support the Gath Pool Memorial Renovation Project pre-proposal.
Mr. Figler seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.*

If you have any questions, please call the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department at 617-796-1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Banks", written in a cursive style.

Nicole Banks
Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner

Cc: Arthur Magni, Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson

From: [Pamela Wright](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Cc: [Nicole Banks](#); [Pamela Wright](#)
Subject: Letter of support for Gath Pool CPA funding
Date: Saturday, February 20, 2021 3:14:32 AM

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

Thank you for considering funding an evaluation of the Gath Pool facility. This is the first step toward repairing and restoring our important community asset. Now is the time. The pool is in desperate need of repairs and renovation.

Pools have been a big part of my life. I was a lifeguard and swim instructor at an outdoor pool for 3 years plus 5 years at the YMCA in Milwaukee and a few more years in the Boston area. I taught over 20 swim classes a week during college from infants to swim team to the handicap to the elderly terrified of the water. In MA I taught local lifeguarding classes and coached the Wayland swim team. I have taught or coached swimming to over 5000 people. I know the importance of a pool for the body, mind, and soul.

When my children were younger, we started with the Gath kiddie pool and then moved to the larger pool as they grew older. We have fond memories. I want all our residents to be able to enjoy the pool. Please support using CPA funds for the Gath Pool evaluation.

Sincerely,

Pam Wright

Ward 3, Councilor at Large

From: [Emily Cagwin](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Cc: [Cedar Pruitt](#)
Subject: Please fund the Gath Pool project
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 10:12:13 PM

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Hello,

As a member of Friends of Albemarle, I'm writing to echo each and every sentiment in the letter sent by our leadership to advocate for approval of CPC funds to be used by Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture for \$60,000 to an outside firm to conduct an assessment of Gath Pool.

The Gath Pool is a vital community resource and gathering place: welcoming and accessible to all. The pool is in desperate need of repair that we ask please be prioritized.

Many thanks!

Emily Cagwin
57 Taft Avenue
West Newton

From: [Lucia Panichella](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Cc: [Cedar Pruitt](#)
Subject: Gath Pool Project
Date: Friday, February 19, 2021 6:16:25 PM

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Dear Ms. Kritzer,

I'm am writing to you today to ask that you please fund the Gath Pool project. Doing so will ensure a thoughtful approach to the preservation of a well loved and used community resource.

I grew up in Newton and have many happy memories of meeting my friends at the Gath. Now, I'm raising my own family here and my sons have enjoyed the same experience. Not only is it a valued recreational resource for all ages but it's a true community gathering place. We need to ensure that it receives the care and attention it needs to serve Newton residents for many more years to come.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lucia Panichella
53 Anthony Circle
Member, Friends of Albemarle

From: [Paul Levy](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: Gath Pool project
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 4:46:15 PM

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Dear Laura,

I write in support of the Gath Pool project that is before the CPC for approval.

The Pool is a community-wide resource that is in a bad state of disrepair. It's time to invest in its rehabilitation so that it can continue to be an asset for many years to come. Healthy outdoor recreation is an important aspect of life in Newton for people of all ages, and this facility has a key role to play in the well-being of the community.

Thank you,

Paul Levy
59 Oxford Road
Newton Centre
617-733-7423

From: [Andrea W. Kelley](#)
To: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Cc: [Cedar Pruitt](#); [Nicole Banks](#)
Subject: Gath Pool application
Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:27:54 PM

Lara, I know I missed the preferred deadline of last Friday, but I want to **register my full support for the request on behalf of the Gath Pool**. This is an open space and recreation project, fully worthy of CPA funding. It's aiming towards a real renovation and restoration of a deteriorated community asset in much need of improvement, well beyond the realm of standard maintenance.

When responding, be advised that the Secretary of the Commonwealth has determined that email may be considered a public record.

Andrea

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Lara Kritzer

Subject: FW: Gath Pool application

From: Andrea W. Kelley <akelley@newtonma.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2021 12:28 PM

To: Lara Kritzer <lkritzer@newtonma.gov>

Cc: Cedar Pruitt <cpruitt@gmail.com>; Nicole Banks <nbanks@newtonma.gov>

Subject: Gath Pool application

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