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## Community Preservation Committee Funding Recommendation for Gath Memorial Pool Project, Phase II

**Date:** August 5, 2022  
**From:** Community Preservation Committee  
**To:** The Honorable City Council  
**CC:** Her Honor Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

### PROJECT GOALS & ELIGIBILITY

This proposal requests CPA Recreation Funding to continue work to renovate and restore the existing Gath Memorial Pool Facility. At nearly 60 years of age, much of the existing facility's equipment, systems, and infrastructure have reached the end of their useful life and significant work will be needed to preserve this resource for the future. Over the last year, CPA funding has been used to hire consultants Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc. (BH+A) to complete a feasibility study on the site which looked at the existing conditions and needs for the facility and developed preliminary plans for its renovation and restoration. The current proposal will build on the information gained in Phase I to complete the construction and bidding documents necessary to make the project "shovel-ready". The goal of Phase II is to complete all of the steps necessary in order to move forward with construction in Phase III.

The project is eligible for CPA funding for the preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of a city-wide Recreation resource.

**RECOMMENDED FUNDING** At its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12, the Community Preservation Committee unanimously recommended, with a vote of 6 to 0, that \$486,500 in Community Preservation Act funding be appropriated from the FY23 Unrestricted Funds to the control of the Planning & Development Department to complete Phase II of the Gath Memorial Renovation Project, including construction and bidding documents and any other work necessary to make the project "shovel-ready."

Proposed CPA Funding Accounts for the Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project, Phase II			
Account Name	Account Number	Amount Currently Available	Proposed Amount for Gath Pool Project, Phase II
FY23 Unrestricted Funds	#58R10498 579000	\$1,231,412	\$486,500
<b>Total Project Funds</b>			<b>\$486,500</b>

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**SPECIAL ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE CPC**

**Community Needs:** This proposal is the next step in a much larger Recreation project to restore and improve the existing 60 year old Gath Memorial Pool Complex. During the first phase of the project, the Committee received numerous letters of support from organizations and individuals who regularly use Newton's only public swimming pool facility, which the Parks, Recreation and Culture Department estimates serves 30,000 Newton residents each summer. Those initial discussions and the recently completed conditions assessment have highlighted the critical need for this repair as the facility's systems and features are now well beyond their useful life. The current proposal will complete all of the research and design work needed to take the project from its current stage through to construction.

This project has been included in the City of Newton's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for several years. In 2021, the project moved up the list due to the increased urgency of the work needed and is currently listed as Priority #44 in the FY22-26 CIP. The project is specifically noted in the Open Space and Recreation Plan's Seven Year Action Plan as a "Possible Aquatic Project" in Goal 2, Objective 2B, #25 which includes "Replacing the pool, kiddie pool, and bath house" (<https://www.newtonma.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=47207>, Section 9, Pages 151-152). The current proposal also notes that this project meets additional goals in Section 8 of the OSRP including the following:

- Section 8, Page 141 Goal 3 Objective 3A: Increased accessibility in the City's Park land.
- Section 8, Page 142 Goal 4 Objective 4A: Improved existing open space resources where need is greatest.

**Funding Uses and Sources:** CPA funding will be used to have the existing consultants, Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc. (BH+A), continue their work on the project and take it to construction ready status. The CPA funding allocated for Phase I hired BH+A to complete the initial assessment materials, including the schematic design for the new facility. Phase II builds directly on the information gathered during Phase I to complete the plans and permitting necessary to ready the project for construction. Attached to the CPA funding proposal is a Design Services document from BH+A which includes a detailed list of the Phase II work to be done and its proposed costs. The City will provide a match to the CPA funding in the form of the staff time required to oversee the project and consultants through the design review, approval and permitting process.

**Project Finances:** This request is the second step in the process of replacing and restoring the Gath Memorial Pool Facility to ensure that it will continue to be a resource for Newton residents in the future. The CPC anticipates additional proposals for CPA funding in the future for the physical restoration of the site once the design and scope are finalized.

**Accessibility:** The existing pool facility has a number of accessibility challenges which were identified in the feasibility study and will be addressed in the renovation plans.

**ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS** *(funding conditions)*

1. CPA funding is limited to the hiring of consultants to complete the construction, bidding and permitting work necessary to begin construction on the Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project.
2. The funding must be used within one year of the City Council's approval of this recommendation. If this funding deadline cannot be met, the Applicants must submit a written request to extend that deadline to the CPC.

3. Any periodic reports or interim deliverables prepared as part of this project, and any City or State reviews of those deliverables, must be shared with the CPC for online posting.
4. A copy of the final report from the consultants must be submitted to the CPC for posting online.
5. Any remaining CPA funds at the completion of the 100% design project will be returned to the Newton Community Preservation Fund.

### **KEY OUTCOMES**

The Community Preservation Committee will evaluate this project based on its success in completing the construction plans and bidding documents and receiving all permits necessary to begin construction on the new Gath Memorial Pool Facility in late 2023.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- June 2022 Proposal and selected attachments submitted to the CPC for the July 12, 2022 public hearing
- Project Presentation given at the July 12, 2022 CPC meeting.

Additional information not attached to this recommendation, including petitions and letters of support, are available on the CPC's website at:

<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/planning/community-preservation-program/proposals-projects/gath-memorial-pool-renovation-project>