



Programs & Services Committee Report

City of Newton In City Council

Thursday, September 8, 2022

Present: Councilors Krintzman (Chair), Humphrey, Wright, Baker, Albright, Noel, Ryan, and Greenberg

City Staff: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operations Officer; Josh Morse, Director of Public Buildings, Lara Kritzer, CPA Program Manager; Sean Nickerson, Recreation Manager Aquatics; Carol Stapleton, Recreation Program Manager; Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Park, Recreation, & Culture; Luis Perez Demorizi, Open Space Coordinator; Jini Farley, ADA Coordinator; Rafik Ayoub, Project Manager; Jaclyn Norton, Committee Clerk

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committees

#437-22 **CPC Recommendation to appropriate \$486,500 in CPA funding**

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending appropriation of four hundred eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$486,500) in Community Preservation Act funding from the FY23 Unrestricted Funds to the control of the Planning & Development Department to complete Phase II of the Gath Memorial Renovation Project, including the completion of construction and bidding documents, project permitting, and any other work necessary to make the project “shovel-ready”.

Action: **Programs & Services Approved 7-0 (Councilor Baker not voting)**

Note: The Chair read the item into the record and introduced Lara Kritzer, CPA Program Manager, to present the item. Ms. Kritzer during her project overview explained that CPA funding was approved in 2021 to hire a consultant to complete a survey of the existing condition and needs of Gath Pool. This Phase is nearing completion with the consultant drafting designs for a new pool facility that better meets the needs of the community. This funding request is to complete Phase 2 which is continued work with the consultants to get the project ready to begin construction. To complete Phase 2 Ms. Kritzer requested the amount of four hundred eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$486,500) in CPA funding. Ms. Kritzer in her presentation as well detailed former CPA funding approved for the renovation of Gath Pool in 2021, along with the cost of staff time for management and oversight. It is anticipated that an additional funding request will take place in the future regarding Phase 3. A timeline of the project was then provided to the Committee, with Phase 2 estimated to be completed in 10 months. This concluded Ms. Kritzer’s presentation.

One Councilor sought clarification regarding the funding plan for construction. Josh Morse, Director of Public Buildings, responded that the construction funding for this project is a cost share between the Community Preservation Commission and the City of Newton. The current estimate for the City's contribution would be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) towards the construction. Another Councilor expressed that this is a project of interest to the community and looks forward to seeing the results of the study conducted in Phase 1. Seeing no further comments, the Chair entertained a motion to approve. This Committee voted 7-0 (Councilor Baker not voting) on this motion to approve brought by Councilor Krintzman.

#424-22 Appointment of Ima Jonsdottir to the Commission on Disability

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Ima Jonsdottir 156 Warren Street, Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office to expire on October 3, 2025. (60 Days: 11/06/2022)

Action: Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Note: The Chair read the item into the record and introduced Ima Jonsdottir to speak as to why she would like to serve on the Commission on Disability. Ms. Jonsdottir described during her presentation that she is a mother of a 13-year-old son who uses a power wheelchair. She commented on how her family moved to Newton primarily due to the work Newton Public Schools have already done in being accessible. However, there have been some barriers that her family has encountered and overcoming these barriers for her son has informed the advocacy work she has done for the disabled community. In her advocacy work, Ms. Jonsdottir has helped to work with various departments to ensure school playgrounds can better serve the needs of a diverse population and advocated for increased access at various City locations. In detailing this advocacy work Ms. Jonsdottir made certain to express thanks to various city staff that she has worked with to execute change. Multiple Councilors commended the work that Ms. Jonsdottir has done within Newton and one councilor pointed out that they are glad that an activist will be serving on this Commission. Seeing no further discussion, the Committee voted 8-0 on a motion to approve from Councilor Albright.

#425-22 Appointment of Nyree Kibarian to the Commission on Disability

HER HONOR THE MAYOR appointing Nyree Kibarian, 68 Los Angeles Street, Unit 103, Newton as a full member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office to expire on October 3, 2025. (60 Days: 11/06/2022)

Action: Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Note: The Chair read the item into the record and introduced Nyree Kibarian to give a statement. Ms. Kibarian began her statement by stating that she is relatively new to Newton and has been a wheelchair user for over 20 years. During her statement, Ms. Kibarian detailed how she is trying to advocate for the disabled community in primarily an organic manner, and barriers previously faced have helped inform her advocacy work. Her goals in joining the Commission are helping to break down the barriers that occur for individuals of all types of disabilities. By joining the Board, Ms. Kibarian sees the work that needs to be done in Newton as an opportunity. This

concluded her statement. Multiple Councilors thanked Ms. Kibarian for her willingness to serve on the Commission on Disability and welcome her perspective. Seeing no further discussion, the Committee voted 8-0 on a motion to approve from Councilor Greenberg.

#402-22 Reappointment of Karen Haywood to the Jackson Homestead

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Karen Haywood, 69 Walker Street, Newtonville as a Trustee of the Jackson Homestead for a term of office to expire on May 31, 2025. (60 Days: 10/07/2022)

Action: Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Note: The Chair read the item into the record. Committee members expressed no concern relative to Ms. Haywood's reappointment and voted 8-0 on a motion to approve from Councilor Albright.

#423-22 Reappointment of Anne Killilea to the Commission on Disability

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Anne Killilea, 789 Watertown Street, West Newton as a member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office to expire on December 31, 2024. (60 Days: 11/06/2022)

Action: Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Note: This item was discussed concurrently with #426-22.

#426-22 Reappointment of Jane Brown to the Commission on Disability

HER HONOR THE MAYOR reappointing Jane Brown, 104 Atwood Avenue, Newtonville as a full member of the Commission on Disability for a term of office to expire on July 31, 2025. (60 Days: 11/06/2022)

Action: Programs & Services Approved 8-0

Note: The Chair read items #423-22 and #426-22 into the record. Committee members expressed no concerns relative to the reappointments and voted 8-0 in favor of a motion to approve from Councilor Krintzman.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda Noel, Vice Chair

Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project - Phase II Funding Recommendation

Community Preservation Committee
Presentation to Programs and Services Committee
September 8, 2022

Project Overview

- ▶ Previous CPA funding used to hire consultants Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype (BH+A) to complete the Phase I survey of the existing conditions and needs of Newton's only public swimming pool
- ▶ BH+A has spent the last year completing the conditions assessment, meeting with community stakeholders, and attending public hearings to understand the needs and goals for the site
- ▶ Phase I is nearing completion and BH+A has produced draft designs for the new pool facility with improved accessibility and new features to better meet the needs of the community



Current Funding Request

CPA funding is requested to continue working with consultants to complete Phase II of the Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project including the following:

- ▶ Converting the draft plans into construction documents
- ▶ Completing the bidding documents and bidding process necessary to begin construction
- ▶ Completing all of the permitting documentation and requirements for construction
- ▶ Any other work necessary to take the project to “Shovel Ready” status

Recommended CPA Project Funding

CPA Funding Accounts	Amount
FY23 Unrestricted Funds	\$486,500
TOTAL CPA PROJECT FUNDS:	\$486,500

CPA Funding is recommended to be Recreation category funding.

CPA funding was also approved in 2021 for the Phase I Feasibility Study (\$60,000)

Phase II Project Funding Sources

Funding Source	Amount
CPA Funds from FY23 Unrestricted Funds	\$486,500
City Staff Time for Oversight and Management of Phase II Design	\$39,200
TOTAL PROJECT COST:	\$525,700

The current CPA funding request is only for Phase II of the Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project. The CPC anticipates that additional funding will be requested for construction in the future.

Timeline

Phase I - Existing Facilities Study - Complete

Phase II - Completion of Construction Documents

- ▶ Schematic Design Phase/Site Plan Approval (3 months)
- ▶ Design Development (3 months)
- ▶ Construction Documents (3 months)
- ▶ Bidding Process (1 month)

Phase III - Construction (Fall 2023)

Questions & Discussion

► Thank you!

