


Planning and Development Department Update

DATE: August 27, 2010
TO: Mayor Setti D. Warren
FROM: Candace Havens, Interim Director of Planning and Development
RE: Friday Report 
CC: Board of Aldermen
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities, as follows:

Meetings at a Glance:

Monday 8/30/10	
Tuesday 8/31/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation Advisory Committee – Safety Subcommittee, 7:00 p.m., Room 209
Wednesday 9/1/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fair Housing Committee, 8:00 a.m., Room 202
Thursday 9/2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Farm Commission, 7:00 p.m., Room 209• Newtonville Historic District Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202

- ***Fair Housing Committee:*** The Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 1, at 8:00 a.m., in Room 202, Newton City Hall. The agenda includes status reports on the Mayor's working group on accessibility in affordable housing, FHC member appointments and the Section 8 landlord program; status report by architectural access consultant Barbara Chandler from MBHP and discussion on accessibility needs; discussion of proposed language revision to Appendix C of *Newton Fair Housing Action Plan* on local residency selection preferences, and any revisions needed on applicability; discussion on program planning for fall and winter 2010; and approval of August minutes.
Contact Robert Muollo at 617-796-1121 or email: rmuollo@newtonma.gov.
- ***The Farm Commission:*** The Commission will meet on Thursday, September 2, at 7:00 p.m., in Room 209, Newton City Hall. On the agenda for this month is: Report on farm operations, Update on CPC Barn Renovation Project, Discussion on Valcent Verticrop High Density Vertical Growth System, approval of July minutes. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617-796-1121 or email: aananth@newtonma.gov.**
- ***Newtonville Historic District Commission:*** The Commission will meet on Thursday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m., Room 202, Newton City Hall, to review the following application: **58 Page Road** - Request to install PVC fence to enclose rear yard; and **19 Prescott Street** - Request to construct rear veranda. Other business includes approval of minutes from the April, May and June meetings.
Contact Katy Holmes at 617-796-1143 or email: kholmes@newtonma.gov.
- ***City Launches Archaeological Survey:*** Funded through Community Preservation funds, the City of Newton Planning and Development Department recently hired University of Massachusetts Archaeological Services to perform a city-wide archaeological survey. The survey is intended to locate existing archaeological sites and potential site locations as a means of preventing their destruction. The completed survey will be used by the Planning and Development Department as well as the Newton Historical Commission when reviewing projects. Two public programs are scheduled as part of this project that the public is encouraged to attend. If you have found artifacts in your yard while gardening or while out for a walk please come and tell us. The first program is on September 22 at the Jackson Homestead and the second is on October 19 also at the Jackson Homestead. Both programs are at 7:00 p.m. For more information check out the Newton Tab article here: <http://www.wickedlocal.com/newton/features/x1024319819/Archaeologists-begin-search-for-Newton-s-first-public-building>.
- ***Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act Funds Update:*** In July of 2009 the City of Newton received an allocation of \$603,513 in Community Development Block Grant Recovery (CDBG-R) funds under Title XII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Four park projects

were selected for use of the ARRA funds. Two of these projects – Stearns Park and Pellegrini Park - are located in Nonantum, one of the City's four CDBG target neighborhoods and two projects – Newton Centre Playground Accessible Pathway and Handicap Parking Spaces and Nahanton Accessible Pathway and Handicap Parking Space - are access projects designed to remove architectural barriers. Each project focuses on promoting economic recovery through the preservation and creation of jobs. Visit Newton Centre Playground to use the new ADA accessible pathway that connects Bowen Street with the accessible playground! Resident feedback on the new pathway has been overwhelmingly positive. Stearns Park Improvements will begin in August and construction at Pellegrini Park and Nahanton Park is scheduled to start in September. **Contact Kathleen Cahill at 617-796-1125 or email: kcahill@newtonma.gov.**

- ***Got LEED?:*** The City of Newton is interested in tracking LEED Certified construction within the City. If you know of a building that has received or is intending to receive this distinction please let us know! **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617-796-1121 or email: aananth@newtonma.gov.**

- **Near-Final Reminder of Community Preservation PROPOSAL DEADLINE: October 15, 2010**

Please read all instructions carefully before starting to prepare a proposal. The Community Preservation Committee holds only one funding round each year. If your proposal is missing required attachments or has not followed the published instructions, we will ask you to revise and resubmit it next year.

The instructions require many proposals to include written reviews or approvals from City commissions or boards whose volunteer members meet monthly and simply cannot respond at short notice. Please submit your project information to them as soon as possible -- if you don't know how to contact a specific group, ask us for help!

Online proposal forms are read-only. To request fillable versions or ask other questions about proposal requirements and the funding process, contact Alice Ingerson at 617-796-1144 or aingerson@newtonma.gov

GUIDELINES & FORMS **for Newton's Community Preservation Program**

www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm

Next deadline for full proposals: **15 October 2010**

[Funding Guidelines](#) (long-term goals)

[Fiscal 2010-12 Funding Priorities](#) (updated every 2-3 years)

Other City plans to cite in support of your proposal:

- [Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development](#)
- [Heritage Landscape Inventory & Report](#)
- [Recreation & Open Space Plan](#)

[Regular Funding Process](#) applies to virtually all proposals

[Supplemental Funding Process](#) shorter but applied at the CPC's discretion; ask about this by the July before the October deadline, so you can still use the regular process if you need to

PROPOSAL FORMS & INSTRUCTIONS

Online forms are read-only! Contact us for computer-fillable versions.

required for all proposals: [Basic Proposal Form & Instructions](#)

additional required attachments for certain proposals:
[Historic Resources Checklist](#) [Housing Checklist](#)

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