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Date: May 20th, 2020
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden Outreach Coordinator & Customer Service Associate
RE: American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Fundraising Event Approval, October 3rd, 2020

Request to hold a fundraising event at Battery Park.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be hosting their annual Out of the Darkness walk event this year. They have previously held this event at Oakledge Park but due to construction on the Burlington Greenway are hoping to temporarily relocate. AFSP's mission focuses on eliminating the loss of life from suicide by: delivering innovative prevention programs, educating the public, raising funds for suicide research and programs and reaching out to those who have lost someone to suicide. The event will have around 300 participants, depending on what the Governor's current orders are at the time of the event. They are requesting use of Battery Park.

Staff contact for the event is Debbie Babbe.

It is on a day with another walk – but they do not use the Burlington Greenway so there should not be any conflicts.

Staff Recommendations:

Approve event.