



MEMO

Date: August 1st, 2021
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden Outreach Coordinator & Customer Service Associate
RE: Out of the Darkness Walk Special Use Permit for October 16th, 2021

Request for a Special Use Permit at Battery Park to hold a fundraising event and for a waiver to allow amplified sound.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is requesting to host their Out of the Darkness walk at Battery Park. Fundraising efforts for this event will help support their mission to give those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death. They are dedicated to saving lives and bringing hope to those affected by suicide. The organizers are expecting that the event will have around 300 participants. They have arranged for extra portalets and their staff will be responsible for site clean-up. They have the necessary Certificate of Insurance.

The amplified sound will take place between 8:30am and 11am, including music and speeches. They have already booked Battery Park.

Staff contacts for the event is Heather White.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

Allow for Special Use Permit including a waiver for amplified sound.