



MEMO

Date: March 8th, 2022
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O’Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: REIB Special Use Permit for June 18th, 2022

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

The Racial, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging (REIB) committee will be hosting an event called “The Black Experience” at Battery Park on Saturday, June 18th as an addition to the City-wide Juneteenth celebration on June 19th. This will be a celebration of the centralized representation of the Black lived experience in Vermont. It will include arts, music, community organizing, education, entrepreneurship, food and all other aspects of the thriving Black Vermont community.

This event will have two sections of programming throughout the day. In the morning, the focus will be centered on the family experience and the afternoon will focus on three pillars: culture, community and education. More information in attachment 1. REIB will be working with the Department to ensure all vendors follow the required guidelines and go through the proper process and the required infrastructure will be in place. There are sponsorship packages available. More information in attachment 2.

The amplified sound will take place between 4pm – 7pm and will include speakers and music. They have already booked Battery Park.

Staff contacts for the event are Nyla Ruiz, Emiliano Void and Jersey Ellerby.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

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