



MEMO

Date: August 9th, 2022
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Charles Mack Vallee Foundation Special Use Permit for October 15th, 2022

Request for a Special Use Permit and waiver to allow for fundraising and amplified sound for 4.5 hours at the Leddy Park soccer fields for a soccer tournament.

From Charlie's partner and organizer of the event, Basa Zvarova:

"Charlie grew up in Shelburne and attended South Burlington high school, where he stood out as an incredible soccer player. His ability to show the most genuine support and to always serve as the team's biggest cheerleader along with his unrelenting dedication made him hard not to love. He went on to live his adult life in Washington DC, where he worked for the Department of Defense. As on the soccer team, Charlie's passion, exceptional knowledge, and his efforts were poured into his work. Somehow, however, he was able and adamant to turn any attention and praise onto his friends, coworkers, loved ones, or even strangers. I've never met someone more humble.

After struggling with brain fog, memory impairment, and confusion associated with the long Covid for two months, he took his life on May 3, 2022.

The Charles Mack Vallee (CMV) Foundation was created in his name to support efforts to gain a better understanding of Long Covid and to establish an effective care plan for people struggling with the confusing, unsettling, frustrating, and often debilitating effects of long Covid. Money raised for the foundation will not only be put towards ongoing research but will also be offered as grant awards that support new research projects that individual researchers can apply for, enabling more experts to get involved.

The event will be in the format of a soccer tournament, however, not all attendees are required to play. All ages are welcome. Brackets will be created based on age. Those who are not participating in the tournament will have the option to cheer on those who are and/or enjoy the family-friendly music, food and lawn games such as cornhole and frisbee."

They are requesting to have intermittent amplified sound from 10:30am – 3pm, including announcements and music. They are expecting roughly 50 people to attend. No vendors will be involved.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

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