



MEMO

Date: February 14th, 2023
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Buddy Walk Special Use Permit for October 1st, 2023

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

The Champlain Valley Down Syndrome Group (CVDSG) will be hosting their 13th Buddy Walk at Battery Park. Fundraising efforts for this event help support their mission to provide information, resources and support to individuals with Down syndrome to help them achieve their full potential as well as promote awareness and inclusion within the wider community. This event will have around 125 participants and 15 volunteers. They are not requesting use of the Burlington Greenway, but instead will walk down Battery Street, down along the Waterfront Boardwalk, crossing through the park to Lake Street and then back up Battery Street to the park. CVDSG will be providing free food for the 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 12pm – 3pm, including music from a playlist and speeches. They have already requested Battery Park.

Staff contacts for the event is Steve Boutcher.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

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