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Date: April 12th, 2022
To: BPRW Commission
From: Meghan O'Daniel, Community Garden & Parks Outreach Coordinator
RE: Community Block Party Special Use Permit for June 2nd, 2022

Request for a Special Use Permit at Pomeroy Park to hold a neighborhood block party.

Mellisa Cain, the outreach coordinator for Mascoma Bank, has a goal of bringing the community together after a very long winter to celebrate the Old North end through food, music, art and sports in a fun and accessible way. There will be art activities designed and facilitated by ONE Arts Center Community School teachers and kids will be the highlights of the event. There will be music playing from a playlist and/or a DJ, food available for purchase from a local ONE food vendor available at a sliding scale, and an organized basketball tournament. They are prepared to rent a portalet to have available on site. Volunteers will be responsible for site clean-up. They have the necessary Certificate of Insurance.

The ONE Arts Center has two locations in the Old North End, both focusing on providing art education to young people in the Old North End regardless of financial background. ONE Arts will have a table to chat with their neighbors about programming, scholarships and, of course, making art. Mascoma Bank is a BCorp, meaning that they use their "business as a force for good." As part of their commitment to the Old North End, they have hired ten-year ONE resident, Mellisa Cain as a contractor to liaison with the ONE community and assist in meeting needs of folks who may be underserved. Mascoma will have a table and will likely be distributing water bottles and possibly have a tie-dye station.

The gathering and amplified sound will take place between 5pm and 7:30pm, and will consist of music from a playlist and/or DJ.

Contact for the event is Mellisa Cane.

It is on a day with no conflicting events.

Staff Recommendations:

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