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April 24, 2023

Honorable City Council  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to appropriate and expend the sum of \$140,000 from Acct # 5503R602-590001 B.A.A. Marathon to a Parks, Recreation & Culture Account to fund a "Heartbreak Hill" banner and playground improvements.

\$50,000 will be used for improvements to the Heartbreak Hill summit area for the installation of permanent support poles for the City's top of Heartbreak Hill marathon banner. The banner has been temporarily hung using trucks for the past two marathons and a permanent pole solution would be advantageous from staffing and aesthetic perspectives.

The second amount is for \$90,000 for playground improvements. The certified playground safety inspector in the Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture is conducting site reviews this spring. The playground locations and extent of each improvement will be determined by her findings. BAA Boston Marathon funds have traditionally been used for City playground improvements.

Please see attached a memo from Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

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*Nicole Banks, Commissioner*

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April 24, 2023

Re: Request for BAA Marathon funds to be appropriated for playground improvements and Heartbreak Hill improvements.

Dear Mayor Fuller:

I am writing to respectfully request that you docket an amount of \$140,000 with the Honorable City Council for two purposes. The first is for \$50,000 improvements to the Heartbreak Hill summit area for the installation of permanent support poles for the City's top of Heartbreak Hill marathon banner. The second amount is for \$90,000 for playground improvements at locations throughout the city. Our Department's certified playground safety inspector is conducting site reviews now. The playground locations and extent of each improvement will be based on her findings. Having these funds available promptly will allow us to implement repairs and improvements without delay.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Banks".

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Nicole Banks, Commissioner, Parks, Recreation & Culture

4/24/2023  
Date