

March 31, 2025

## TO THE CITY COUNCIL

**Dear Councilors:** 

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order that will authorize the reassignment of the Community Preservation Act funding for the Charlestown Peace Park to the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Originally, this body voted on March 31, 2021 to provide \$500,000 to the Charlestown Preservation Society for partial funding of Charlestown Peace Park, specifically for the design and capital improvements, including site preparation, paving, lighting, built features, furnishings, and water access to rehabilitate land for active and passive recreational use. The Charlestown Preservation Society was able to complete the design portion of the project, utilizing \$84,500 of the funds. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Charlestown Preservation Society is unable to continue the construction of the project.

The BPDA has agreed to complete construction of the park and undertake the obligations of the original grant agreement. Upon completion of the project, the BPDA will convey the property to the Boston Parks Department for ownership and maintenance of the park. On June 10, 2024, the Community Preservation Committee voted to reassign the project and the associated funding of \$415,500 to the BPDA.

In order to facilitate the transfer of funds and ultimately, completion of the project, the Community Preservation Office requires permission from this body to reassign the remaining funds to the BPDA in lieu of the Charlestown Preservation Society. I urge this Honorable body to adopt this Order so that the BPDA can receive the funds to complete the Charlestown Peace Park.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu

Mayor of Boston

## CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING REASSIGNMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDING ASSOCIATED WITH THE CHARLESTOWN PEACE PARK TO THE BOSTON PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY.

**ORDERED:** That the remaining Community Preservation Act funding (\$415,500.00) for the Charlestown Peace Park project be reassigned to the Boston Planning and Development Agency to complete construction of the park.

I HEREBY CERTIFY
THE FORGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

ADAM CEDERBAUM CORPORATION COUNSEL

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