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Ryan Woods, Commissioner
Department of Parks and Recreation,
City of Boston
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02118
via email

RE: Walker Playground, Mattapan: Addition of Pathway Lighting for Safe Park Use

Dear Commissioner Woods:

Thank you for the work by the Department of Parks and Recreation on improvement plans for Walker Playground on Norfolk Street in Mattapan. Residents appreciate the presentation given on the updated plan, and the opportunity to provide comment to the Department in advance of the scheduled start of construction in summer 2021.

We are writing to recommend and request that pathway lighting be added to the project, and that this be done via a change order, so as not to delay start of construction. As discussed at the recent community meeting, pathway lights are needed to ensure safe and enjoyable use of the entire park by families and individual residents.

We estimate that 10 new lights are needed. Assuming that the 5 existing pathway lights are replaced at the same time, a total of 15 new fixtures are needed. Please see attached site plan mark-up. Our estimate of the total new lighting cost is \$100,000, out of the total project budget of \$1,550,000 (consisting of CPA at \$680,000 and City capital funds of \$870,000.) We recommend that the pathway lighting be solar powered, if at all possible.

We agree that the project should proceed with the existing contractor, and as indicated, that the pathway lighting be included at the same time as the overall park improvements are being made.

Thank you for the Department's continued engagement with residents at Walker Playground.

Sincerely,

Fatima Ali-Salaam, Chair
Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC)



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