



City of New Bedford
IN COMMITTEE

May 27, 2021

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Memorials & Dedications at a Meeting held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Baptiste, Abreu, Carney, Coelho, Dunn, Giesta, Gomes, Lima, Lopes, Markey and Morad, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with a Representative of the Mitchell Administration, the Department of Public Infrastructure Commissioner Jamie Ponte; and Parks Recreation and Beaches Director Mary Rapoza to discuss the feasibility of erecting an appropriate dedication in honor of New Bedford resident, Dr. Jibreel Khazan, a civil rights icon who is best known as a member of the Greensboro Four, a group of African American college students who on February 1, 1960, sat down at a segregated Woolworth's lunch counter in Downtown Greensboro, North Carolina challenging the store's policy of denying service to non-white customers; the protest and the subsequent events were major milestones in the Civil Rights Movement; Dr. Khazan has been a resident of New Bedford for the past 50 years and raised his family here in New Bedford where he has worked with numerous organizations and been one of the most influential people in our Community. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications.) (Ref'd 03/25/2021)

On motion by Councillor Baptiste and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council go on record in support of naming a park after Dr. Khazan and that this support and request be forwarded to the Park Board for consideration; and further, that Erik Andrade, Ross Grace, Jr, Charlie Perry, Jr. and AMilton Tavares be invited to attend the Park Board meeting as well. This motion passed on a Roll Call Vote of Yeas 4, Nays 0, with Councillors Abreu, yes; Baptiste, yes; Carney, yes and Lima, yes.

IN COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS &
DEDICATIONS

Councillor Ian Abreu, Chairman

IA: dmb



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CITY COUNCIL

March 25, 2021

WRITTEN MOTION

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Derek Baptiste, Councillor Ward Four

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large

Linda M. Morad, Councillor at Large

Debora Coelho, Councillor at Large

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Brad Markey, Councillor Ward One

Maria E. Giesta, Councillor Ward Two

Hugh C. Dunn, Councillor Ward Three

Scott J. Lima, Councillor Ward Five

Joseph P. Lopes. City Council President