



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

July 20, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications, at a meeting held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service of Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and its Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. (Ref'd 09/10/2009) (05/22/2012-tabled, letters mailed) (05/20/2013-tabled until we get federal approval confirmation to build this memorial in the Whaling National Historic Park) (09/15/2014 – tabled) (06/27/2017 – tabled; the next time this matter is on an agenda, New Bedford National Parks Superintendent Meghan Kish should be invited) (04/25/2018-tabled 30 days)

On motion by Councillor Burgo and seconded by Councillor Pereira, the Committee VOTED: To recommend that the City Council take "NO FURTHER ACTION" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service of Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy's ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and its Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor's opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator's love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS

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Councillor Naomi R. A. Carney, Chairperson

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