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January 15, 2021

Board Members:

A meeting of the Facilities Committee of the Board of Education will be held at Bridgeport Regional Aquaculture Science & Technology Center, 60 St. Stephens Road, Bridgeport, Connecticut, on Monday, February 1, 2021, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

Due to social distancing protocols, members of the public will not be allowed in the meeting space, but will be able to view the meeting through live stream on <https://www.bridgeportedu.net/stream>.

Agenda

1. Discussion and Possible referral to the Full Board on Installation of Basketball Court at Black Rock School
2. Overall Facilities Update

Joseph Lombard

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BBOE Facilities Committee Members:

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1/14/2021

To Whom it May Concern:

Full Court Peace (FCP), a publicly registered 501(c)3 organization, seeks to build a brand new basketball court on Board of Education property on School Street, the exact details of which are below. FCP is a fully-insured and funded organization; there will be no cost to the City of Bridgeport for this work. Finally, the court will be named after Bob McCurdy, a longtime CT resident and supporter of the organization.

Organization History

FCP uses basketball to unite and strengthen local communities throughout Fairfield County; the organization began working here in 2013, after a long history of international work, including in places like Belfast, Havana, Juárez, Wind River Indian Reservation and Santo Domingo. Its website is www.fullcourtpeace.org.

In 2020, FCP repaired the outdoor basketball courts at **Curiale Middle School**, **Barnum School** and **Wilbur Cross Middle School**, in each case spending roughly \$7,000 and bringing together kids from different socioeconomic backgrounds to clean, prepare and paint the court.

The Purpose of Proposed Work

Full Court Peace focuses heavily on the unification of youth from different socioeconomic backgrounds. The proposed lot is situated in a location where a diverse array of children live and go to school; FCP sees this court as a meeting place for area youth.

In 2020, longtime donor and supporter of FCP, Bob McCurdy, passed away from cancer. His family asked to memorialize him through FCP; Bob was a nationally renowned basketball player and fan. As a result of a short campaign to fundraise in his name, FCP received over \$72,000 in restricted funds in Mr. McCurdy's name.

Memorial Fund - 

\$72,730.48

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The Process of the Proposed Work

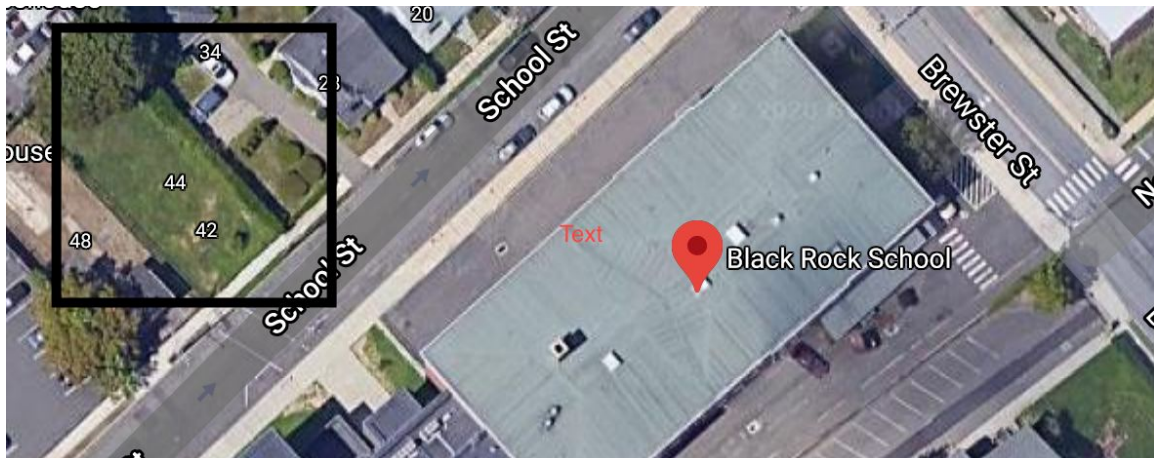
Given the unique location of empty space, FCP would like to turn the grass lot into asphalt, fit with: two basketball hoops, a fully painted surface, fencing/gate access, and bleachers for spectators. FCP is of course open to additional ideas that help to encompass the interests of students and children outside of basketball (four square, hopscotch, etc).

Proposed date of work: May-June 2021.

Proposed cost (details below): \$70,500

Proposed location:

The empty lot sits between the Black Rock School and School Street, as seen in this screenshot from Google Satellite. The **black box** indicates the proposed site.




Prospective Budget of Proposed Work:

Item	Volume	Value	Total
Entire process of paving the lot	1	\$45,000	\$45,000
Hoops	2	\$3,000	\$6,000
SealMaster Paint Coats	3	\$1,500	\$4,500
Fencing	1	\$6,000	\$10,000
Memorials	1	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total			\$70,500

Testimonial from Melissa Cordova-Spoto, Bridgeport Principal:

"There were two old abandoned backboards hidden behind overgrown weeds, trees and shrubs. They completed extensive landscaping and removal of old growth to open up additional space so kids had baskets to "shoot around" while they waited to get on the court for a game. Additionally, the gym teacher has two additional basketball hoops that he can use for drills while running games on the court. They also repaired the two basketball hoops on the main course; one was just a pole with a backboard and the other had a rim with no net. These were fully replaced. There were cracks along the black top making it unsafe for play; FCP dug up the weeds and grass that were causing the cracks in the black top and then filled it in/smoothed it out with tar. Under the two new basketball hoops on the side of the main court, FCP also painted lines for real game play. Finally, FCP donated dozens of basketballs, and is committed to sponsor travel basketball expenses, basketball uniforms, t-shirts and sneakers when team sports resume. Mr. Evans has assured me that this is not a "one and done," and that I can call them back at any time if any additional work needs to be done. "

- Principal at Wilbur Cross School

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FULL COURT PEACE C/O MICHAEL EVANS 9-11 WALL ST STE 304 NORWALK, CT 06850	DIN: 17053213313033 Contact Person: CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954 Contact Telephone Number: (877) 829-5500 Accounting Period Ending: October 31 Public Charity Status: 170(b)(1)(a)(vi) Form 990 Required: Yes Effective Date of Exemption: March 15, 2012 Contribution Deductibility: Yes Addendum Applies: Yes
Dear Applicant:	
We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax exempt status we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to you are deductible under section 170 of the Code. You are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Because this letter could help resolve any questions regarding your exempt status, you should keep it in your permanent records.	
Organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined that you are a public charity under the Code section(s) listed in the heading of this letter.	
For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities . Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.	
Sincerely,  Director, Exempt Organizations	
Letter 947	

