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*Interim Assistant City Manager/Public Works Commissioner*

To: Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager

From: Thomas R. Bellegarde, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Commissioner

Date: April 25, 2017

RE: Council Motion of 8.4 4/11/17 C. Leahy

***Req. City Council Vote To Name Open Space At 150 Douglas Road, Previously Gifted To The City By The Knott Family; As "Lowell Veterans' Park", And Dedicate Its Use In Honor Of Lowell Veterans***

The City of Lowell Department of Public Works has received earmark funding from Representative David Nangle in the sum of \$125,000. On June 27<sup>th</sup>, the City Council Parks and Recreation Subcommittee recommended to refer this matter for approval by the Board of Parks. Unanimously, the City Council approved to send this to the Board of Parks for their June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.

After reaching out to the Belvidere Neighborhood Group, Representative Nangle and the Department of Public Works presented a concept that would enhance and add value to the neighbors of Douglas Road. The scope would include passive areas for reflection, memorials for all branches of the Armed Forces, complimentary landscaping, open green spaces, a natural border to abutting properties, passive lighting, and setbacks from the street that promote safety.

The Board of Parks unanimously approved and recommended the passive park for construction. The Department of Public Works will continue to work with Rep. Nangle to create the work. Local landscape architects have volunteered their services. It was recommended to work with the school children of Lowell to help create educational ideas for incorporation into the park. We will also ensure that the privacy of the abutters is not compromised.

A more detailed scope is required to be communicated to the MA Department of Conservation and Recreation by the end of August and construction will begin in the early fall. A springtime completion and dedication is expected.

Feel welcome to contact me with any further questions on this matter.