
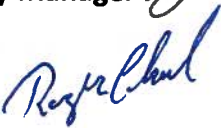


**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**  
**AGENDA ITEM REQUEST**  
**PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT**

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**TO:** Edward Lavalley, City Manager   
**FROM:** Roger Clark, Planner   
**DATE:** August 1, 2013  
**SUBJECT:** Special Event Request – Boston Strong Run  
(Saturday, April 19, 2014: 7-10:30 a.m.)

**Background**

The Venice YMCA would like to organize a community racing event this coming April that honors the victims of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings.

This run will be a fundraiser, with 50 percent of the net proceeds being donated to One Fund Boston. The remaining 50 percent will be contributed locally to the Y's Children & Families Scholarship Fund.

The event will be held on Saturday morning, April 19, 2014. The five-mile race course will mimic the Boston Marathon's layout, moving from local parks and neighborhoods and then into the heart of Venice. The Y will transport the runners to the event starting line at Patriots Park where a moment of silence will be observed. Racers will cross US 41 at the park's north entrance and run over the north (Hatchett Creek) bridge – this is our version of Boston's Heartbreak Hill! From there runners will traverse along Bayshore Drive and make their way downtown to the finish line at Centennial Park where an awards ceremony will be held.

**Staff Cost Estimates (see attached):**

Public Works - \$75.00

Fire Department - \$400.00

Police Department - \$1,400.00

**Park Closure:**

Western half of Centennial Park for finish line chute and gazebo awards ceremony.  
Confirmed with Linda Wilson, Farmer's Market Manager.

**Requested Action**

Staff respectfully requests City Council approval of this special event. Applicant signed Special Event Agreement is attached.