



Boston City Council
Erin J. Murphy
Councilor - At-Large

July 7, 2023

Boston Conservation Commission
One City Hall Square, Room 709
Boston, MA 02201

Re: Calling for an Emergency Meeting to Open the Curley Community Center Beach

Dear Director Elena Itämeri,

I am writing to you because I share the frustration of residents who are disappointed in the City of Boston's lack of timely responsiveness in submitting the required Beach Operations Management Plan (BOMP) to the state in time for the outdoor facilities and beach at the Curley Community Center to be opened to the public. While the work of the building project is complete and the magnificent new indoor facilities are already being used by thousands of children, seniors, and others, unfortunately, the opening of the beaches has been delayed again.

By missing the June 21st deadline to submit the BOMP to the state, City officials had to postpone the beach opening again. Unfortunately, the BCC's next meeting is not scheduled until July 19, so I urge the Boston Conservation Commission to hold an emergency hearing earlier than July 19th so that the residents of Boston can begin to enjoy the beach.

As an At-Large city councilor, and the Chair of Public Health, Mental Health and Recovery Services, I know that matters like these are so crucial to the health and well being of our residents, not to mention the joy that public beaches provide to everyone during a hot city summer. I listen to and respect the voices of the residents who are most impacted by this beach opening delay and I urge you to schedule an emergency as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact my office at 617-635-3115.

Sincerely,

Erin Murphy
Boston City Councilor At-Large