



REPORT

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

DATE ISSUED: February 09, 2012

REPORT NO: 102

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board
Agenda of February 16, 2012

SUBJECT: Installation of a Veterans Memorial Monument at Chicano Park to Honor all Veterans from the Logan Heights Community

SUMMARY

Issue - Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the recommendation to install a Veterans Memorial monument at Chicano Park to honor all military veterans from the Logan Heights community?

Director's Recommendation - The Park and Recreation Department does not take a position on this issue.

Other Recommendations – On August 29, 2011, Susan A. Davis, Congresswoman in the House of Representatives and the Ranking Member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, sent a letter of support to establish a Veterans Memorial at Chicano Park.

On August 22, 2011, Councilmember Todd Gloria, City of San Diego Third District, sent a letter of support to establish a Veterans Memorial in Chicano Park.

On August 5, 2011, Greg Cox, First District Supervisor for the San Diego County Board of Supervisors sent a letter of support to establish a Veterans Memorial in Chicano Park.

On July 21, 2011, Councilmember David Alvarez, City of San Diego Eighth District, sent a letter of support to establish a Veterans Memorial in Chicano Park.

On July 13, 2011, the Community Parks II Area Committee voted (7-0-0) recommending approval to place a Veterans Memorial at Chicano Park.

On June 14, 2011, the Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Council voted (6-0-0) recommending approval to place a Veterans Memorial at Chicano Park.

On June 9, 2011, Chris Schmidt, Senior Transportation Planner from Caltrans District 11, sent approval on behalf of the State of California, for the Veterans Memorial plan to place a monument at Chicano Park.

On January 14, 2008, Bob Filner, Congressman in the House of Representatives and Chairperson of the Veterans Affairs Committee sent a letter of support to establish a Veterans Memorial in Chicano Park.

Fiscal Impact – There will be no impact to the Park and Recreation Department operating budget. Funds for design, construction and long term maintenance will be the responsibility of the applicant. These conditions will be incorporated into the Right-of-Entry (ROE) Permit issued to the organization for installation and maintenance.

BACKGROUND

The Logan Heights Veterans Memorial Committee is primarily comprised of members from the Don Diego Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7420. The committee is supported by over 555 active members of the Don Diego VFW. Committee members are diverse in their ethnic backgrounds, occupations, branches of service and many have had other family members in the Armed Forces.

The committee was created to build a memorial to honor the service men and women of the Logan Heights community who have honorably served their country in peace and war time. Since 2008 members have conducted fund raisers and accepted contributions to construct and maintain the monument at no cost to the City. On Veterans Day, November 11, 2008, a ceremony was held at Chicano Park to enhance awareness for the project. Dignitaries, government officials and military personnel were in attendance along with over 300 supporters.

DISCUSSION

Promoting patriotism without glorifying war is an underlying theme of the project. The vision is to salute the men and women from Logan Heights who have served in the United States military.

Originally the monument was to be constructed out of solid granite and display the emblems of the various branches of military service and will include a nonpolitical statement. The top of the monument was 48 inches wide, 28 inches tall and 8 inches thick. The base was 62 inches long, 8 inches thick and 14 inches from front to back. The monument was to be placed on the southeast side of the property adjacent to the entrance to the I-5 southbound freeway entrance.

The veterans committee is funding this project through private donations and is recognized as a 501 C (3) non-profit organization. The installation and upkeep of the monument will be the responsibility of the Logan Heights Veterans Memorial Committee. The accessible walkway to the monument will also be included in the project scope.

The location known as Chicano Park is the property of the State of California and leased to the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department. It is not dedicated park land.

Upon the recommendation of the Park and Recreation Board at the September 15, 2011 meeting by the following motion:

● **MOTION: MOVED/SECONDED Ms. King/Mr. Bussell**

To delay voting and have a process by which there can be a meeting and have unanimous or combined presentation with the recommendation the community should come together, have same goal and work on the implementation.

Motion passed with six in favor (Mr. Brown, Mr. Bussell, Mr. Diehl, Mr. Greene, Ms. King and Ms. Puentes-Reynolds) and three opposed (Ms. Granowitz, Ms. Dunaway and Mr. Kinney)

Per the advisory recommendation the Director, Deputy Director Monroe, and District Manager Haupt convened a meeting with representatives from the Veterans Memorial Committee and the Chicano Park Steering Committee on November 9, 2011 and January 6, 2012. By working together the representatives agreed to a specific location and design. Specifically, the monument will be placed in the location as referenced in the initial report to the Board in September which is at the southeast side of the property adjacent to the entrance to the I-5 southbound freeway entrance. In addition, the design was modified to include the following:

- The monument will be constructed out of solid red granite in the color 'India'
- A "kiosco" pattern will be etched onto the monument's sides, base sides and base back to simulate the pattern around the existing kiosk.
- Display emblems of the various branches of military service and include a nonpolitical statement.
- The monument will be no larger than 36 inches wide at the top and the base 60 inches wide, 60 inches tall and approximately 10 inches thick.
- A permanent flag pole will be placed to the right of the monument.

ALTERNATIVES

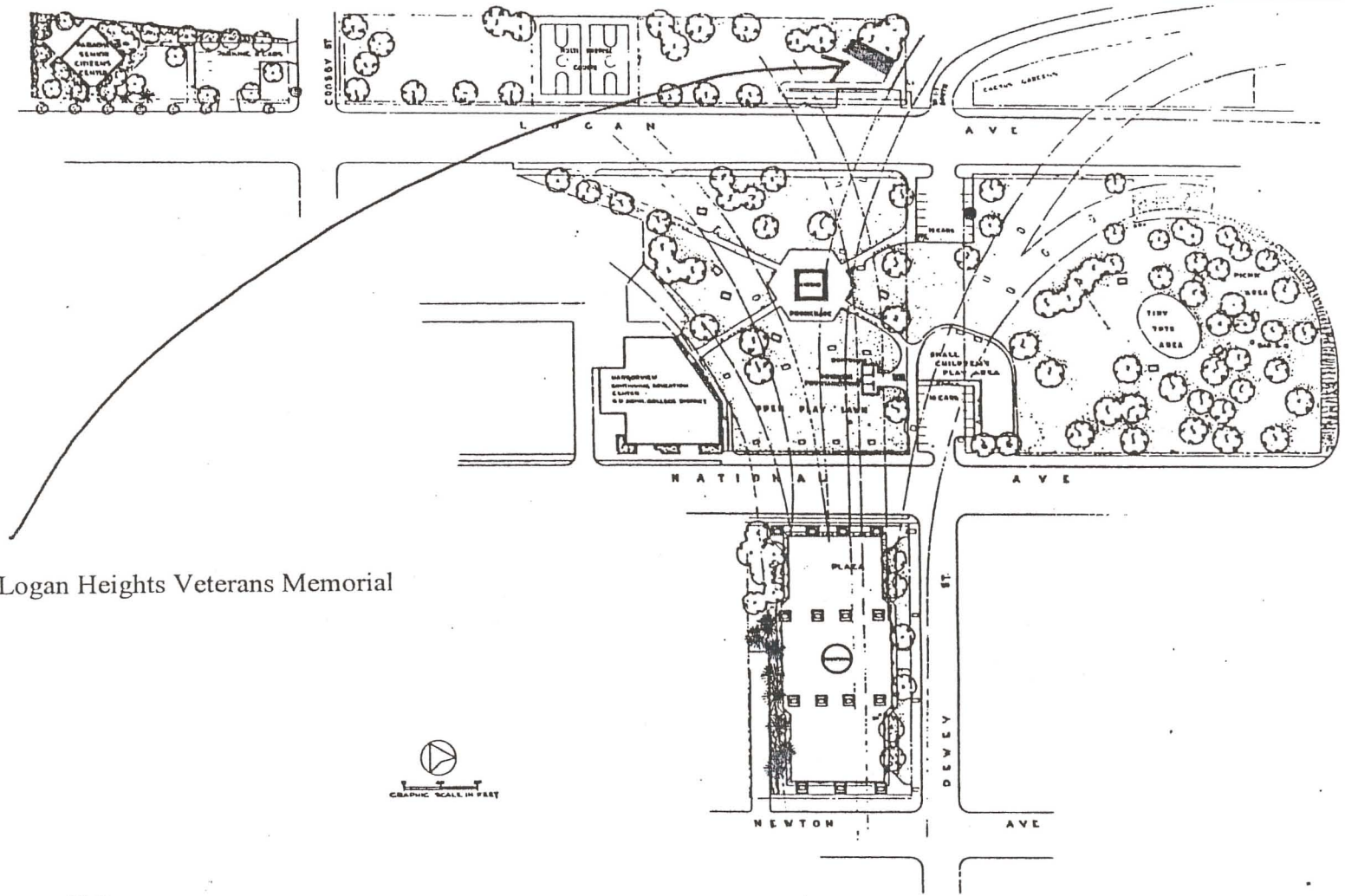
1. Do not approve the installation of a Veterans Memorial at Chicano Park.
2. Recommend approval of the proposed Veterans Memorial with conditions.

Respectfully submitted,


Christy Haupt, District Manager

Attachments: 1. Location Map
2. Dimensions of proposed monument
2. Photograph of proposed monument

cc: Council District 8

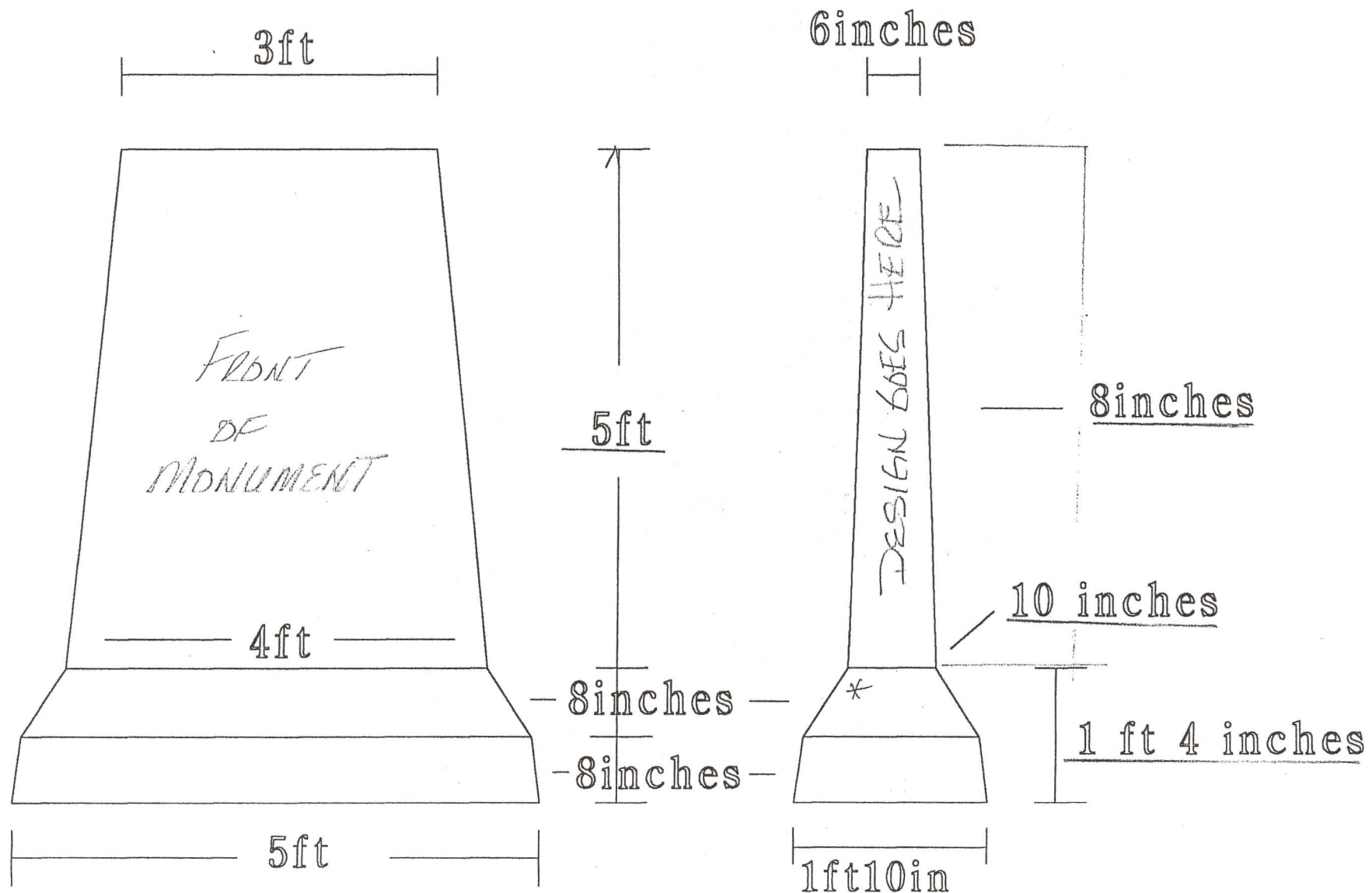


Location of proposed Logan Heights Veterans Memorial

DATA LOG FOR				IMPROVEMENTS SUMMARY (DATA FROM AS-BUILT DRAWINGS)				CITY OF SAN DIEGO PARK and RECREATION DEPARTMENT			
DATE	ACTION	REFERENCE DOCUMENTS	COST	ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY	ITEM	QUANTITY
1976	SITE ACQUIRED	RESO NO R-215761	7.82	TOTAL SITE	7.82 AC	PLAY AREA	10,775 SF	PAVED WALKS	25,717 SF	SECURITY LIT	10 STDS
	SITE DEDICATED	DRS NO		IMPROVED AREA	7.59 AC	MULTI PURPOSE CT	9,775 SF	PARK BENCHES	50	BALL FIELD LIT	5000
1969	CON CONSULTANT HIRE	RESO NO		TENNIS	8.75 AC	TENNIS CT	5	PARKING LOT	8,616 SF	TENNIS CT LIT	5000
	P&R BOARD APPROVAL	PF & R APPROVAL		SHRUB BED	123 AC	RESTROOM	223 SF	" STALLS STD	27	MULTI PURPOSE CT	5 STDS
3-23-70	INITIAL DEVELOPMENT	CIP NO	117941	NATURAL	AC	REC BLDG	50 SF	" STALLS HDOP			
3-2-74	PHASE I	CIP NO	117061	OTHER LANDSCAPING	16 AC	POOL BLDG	50 SF	COURT BENCH AREA	50	BENCHES	50
6-7-75	ADD IMPRVTN	CIP NO	117261	DIRT OFFIELDS	AC	" DECK	50 SF			TENNIS CT	50
3-10-76	PLAY AREA	CIP NO	117569	DIRT	10 AC	" WATER	50 SF	LOBBY ROOMS	7,620 SF		
7-3-77	KIOSK	CIP NO	117420	CACTUS GARDEN	10 AC	PLAZA	28,699 SF				
4-25-79	PLAZA	CIP NO	117474			FOUNTAIN	704 SF				
8-10-81	PLAZA W	25-6175	117906			SITTING	424 SF				
9-19-84	HANDBALL CT		118190			CONC ALLEY	1,220 SF				
								1987 - NATIONAL AVE			
								LAMBERT COORDINATES 193-1723 THOMAS BROS PG 69-E3			
								H-436			

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Tapered P-5

Base 5-0/4-0X1-10/0-10X1-4 P-5
Bottom half Tapered and Top half beveled



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Veterans Memorial



Que Dios Bendiga Nuestros Veteranos
Honor Them By Remembering