



Las Vegas

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: JULY 21, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

ABEYANCA ITEM: Report regarding the progress of the design and creation of a world class Veterans Memorial to be constructed at Huntridge Circle Park which is located at Maryland Parkway and Charleston Boulevard - Ward 3 (Reese)

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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Augmentation Required

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Budget Funds Available

Amount:

Funding Source:

Dept./Division:

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

Representatives for the Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation, a non-profit organization created by American Shooters, will report on the progress of the design and creation of the Veterans Memorial to be constructed at Huntridge Circle Park. This memorial will be designed to honor past, present and future veterans and their families. Upon completion, the Memorial will be donated to the City of Las Vegas as a public art project. All funding for the construction of the project will be made through private funding sources and donations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept report as provided

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting PowerPoint Presentation by Bill Marion, Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation, and Documentation by Peter Chris Christoff

Minutes:

MAYOR GOODMAN announced that he and the other Councilmembers are very excited about this project. All the memorials that are being considered are very nice.

BILL MARION, Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation, gave a detailed PowerPoint Presentation, a copy of which is made a part of the backup documentation, to report on how the Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation was created, site selection, artist selection process and the four projects that were chosen for public display maquettes.

MR. MARION stated it is a pleasure to participate in this project and it is time for a veterans memorial in Las Vegas, because there are veterans memorials throughout the country, but none

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in the Las Vegas community, one of the cities with the fastest growing veteran population. He indicated that final selection would be made in mid-August 2010 and would be presented before the Council for approval. The project is being totally privately funded. He thanked COUNCILMAN REESE and his liaison, SUSIE MARTINEZ for their assistance, as well as the entire Council for its support and cooperation.

COUNCILMAN REESE thanked MR. MARION for his kind words and for all his work, and that of all the people that have been involved in this project.

MR. MARION stated that when the final selection is made, modifications will be made to the design and it will be made clear that only a portion of the park will be available for the memorial.

COUNCILMEMBERS ROSS, BARLOW and TARKANIAN stated that this country cannot do enough to recognize its veterans, and this memorial is on the right site and in the right location. COUNCILMEMBERS BARLOW and TARKANIAN also mentioned some of their family members that have served this country.

MR. MARION noted that the designs will be available through the end of July 2010 for public display at the East Las Vegas Community Center.

PETER "CHRIS" CHRISTOFF, Las Vegas resident, recalled the efforts he made over the past six years in trying to make this project a reality. He had an audience with COUNCILMAN REESE and his staff, but MR. CHRISTOFF pointed out that he never committed to pay for the memorial in full. He always intended that with the leadership of the Mayor, people would come together to help pay for it. And it does not matter who pays for it, but he feels that he was pushed out of the process. MAYOR GOODMAN stated that MR. CHRISTOFF'S project was considered by the Committee, who chose the final four projects. MR. CHRISTOFF countered that the public of Las Vegas should have the right to vote on the final project. MR. MARION affirmed to the Council that ample opportunity was given to anyone interested.

MAYOR GOODMAN indicated that he went to a conference on small businesses, where he cited examples on how the City of Las Vegas strongly supports military personnel and veterans.