



Las Vegas

Agenda Item No.: 58.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON: OCTOBER 6, 2010

DEPARTMENT: CITY MANAGER
DIRECTOR: ELIZABETH N. FRETWELL

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:
ADMINISTRATIVE:

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

Fiscal Impact

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No Impact

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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 Veterans Memorial concept design by Douwe Blumberg. This design concept was approved by a selection committee that included representation by the Las Vegas Arts Commission. The Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Foundation will continue to work with the artist, Mr. Blumberg, and the community to complete the final design and fund the project throughout all phases of construction. The Memorial, which will honor past, present and future veterans and their families, will be donated to the City of Las Vegas upon completion. All funding for the construction of this project will be made through private donations.

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept the report as provided

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

PowerPoint Presentation

Minutes:

Report given. No motion required.

TED OLIVAS, Director of Administrative Services, introduced BILL MARION, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the selection of the Veterans Memorial concept design by DOUWE BLUMBERG. This design was approved by a selection committee and submitted to the Las Vegas Arts Commission. The Memorial will be located at Huntridge Circle Park as a salute to veterans.

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MIKE MILLETT, Director of the Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Project, thanked the City Council for their support and the veterans and looks forward with the support of the community. MICK CATRON, Las Vegas Veterans Memorial Project, was not sure of the completion date until the final design timelines are established.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that there is an expectation and desire that the project be complete by Veterans Day of next year.

COUNCILMAN ROSS verified with MR. MARION that this project will be funded through private donations without taxpayer dollars. The Councilman commented that this is an opportunity to say "thank you" to the men and women who have served this country and many with their lives.

MAYOR GOODMAN stated that several months ago the City Council began to recognize members of the military personnel with ties to Nevada who lost their lives overseas. He sadly announced that on September the 21st, Senior Airman MICHAEL J. BURAN, succumbed to injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated in Kandahar, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 99th Civil Engineers Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base and was a Purple Heart recipient from a previous deployment. This park is being built with him in mind and those who preceded him, and is dedicated as a living memorial for those who made the ultimate sacrifice. It is critical that money is raised from the private sector to honor those who risk their lives in order to protect everyone's freedom and rights.

COUNCILMAN REESE acknowledged the amount of time and work put into this project by MR. MARION, MR. MILLETT and MR. CATRON. Many people tried to derail this project but he is sure it will become a tourist destination.

