

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



City Council Meeting Date: March 20, 2007

TO: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING A MEMORIAL FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM  
LOMPOC KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council study, review, and give Staff direction regarding desired expectations to honor our military personnel killed in the line of duty.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the City Council meeting of June 7, 2005, Mayor DeWees requested City staff to consider establishing a Memorial for Military Personnel from the Lompoc Valley killed in the line of duty. This item was directed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The Commission formed a sub-committee on July 13, 2005 to study and make recommendation regarding the request.

On August 18, 2005 the Commission reviewed the request of Council; reviewed Resolution No. 99-5 pertaining to the Rules & Regulations Governing the Use of Permanent Plaques or Markers in City Parks; discussed and set parameters for the process; and brainstormed for potential considerations, options and locations for the Memorial. At the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting of September 14, 2005, two sites and three concepts were reviewed.

Those sites and concepts were:

**Recommendation #1 - Pocket Park**

Establish brick work (with names in tile) along the bottom of the existing mural to recognize those that have given their lives for all wars/conflicts dating back to the first recorded death to present.

Recommendation #2 - Centennial Square

Consideration #1:

Place a Monument Fixture with name plaques and replace the existing flagpole with a new-lighted unit to recognize those that have given their lives for all wars/conflicts dating back to the first recorded death to present.

Consideration #2:

Move the Flag Pole Monument from the Museum to Centennial Square.  
Refurbish, light and place name plaques to recognize those that have given their lives for all wars/conflicts dating back to the first recorded death to present.

Public input was taken at the October 12, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting. After much discussion, the Commission prioritized recommendations and echoed support for Recommendation #1, the Pocket Park consideration.

Staff reported the prioritized recommendations to City Council on November 15, 2005. After some discussion, City Council voted to bring this item back at a later date for further consideration.

Staff has pulled this project file to bring back to Council for further study and direction.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dan McCaffrey, Director  
Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry Department

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

