

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



City Council Meeting Date: November 15, 2005

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

RECOMMENDATION:

City staff is recommending the following options for consideration by the Council:

1. That the City Council consider establishing a memorial at the downtown Pocket Park with placement of 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; or
2. That the City Council consider placement of a Monument (with name plaques) in Centennial Square to recognize those that have given their lives for all wars/conflicts dating back to the first recorded death to present, and to replace the existing flag pole with a new lighted fixture; or
3. That the City Council consider moving the Flag Pole Monument from the Lompoc 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.

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.

DISCUSSION:

At the Commission meeting of July 13, 2005 a sub-committee was formed consisting of two Commissioners and a City staff member. Commissioners Lacey and Hovater along with Dan McCaffrey, Director of Parks, Recreation & Urban Forestry made up the sub-committee and met numerous times.

On August 18, 2005 the sub-committee 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; brainstormed for potential considerations, options and locations for the Memorial. On September 13, 2005 potential site visits were conducted and proposed options reviewed.

At the Commission meeting of September 14, 2005, the sub-committee reported that two sites and three concepts were being considered.

Those sites and concepts were:

Option I - Pocket Park

Establishing 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.

Option II - Centennial Square

Consideration #1:

Place a Monument Fixture (see Attachment A) 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 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 Commission meeting. After much discussion, the Commission prioritized recommendations and echoed unanimous support for Recommendation #1.

SUMMARY:

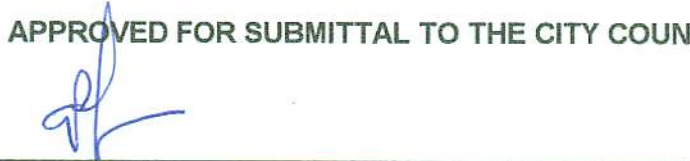
Staff recommends that City Council give direction regarding desired option to honor our military personnel killed in the line of duty.

Respectfully Submitted,

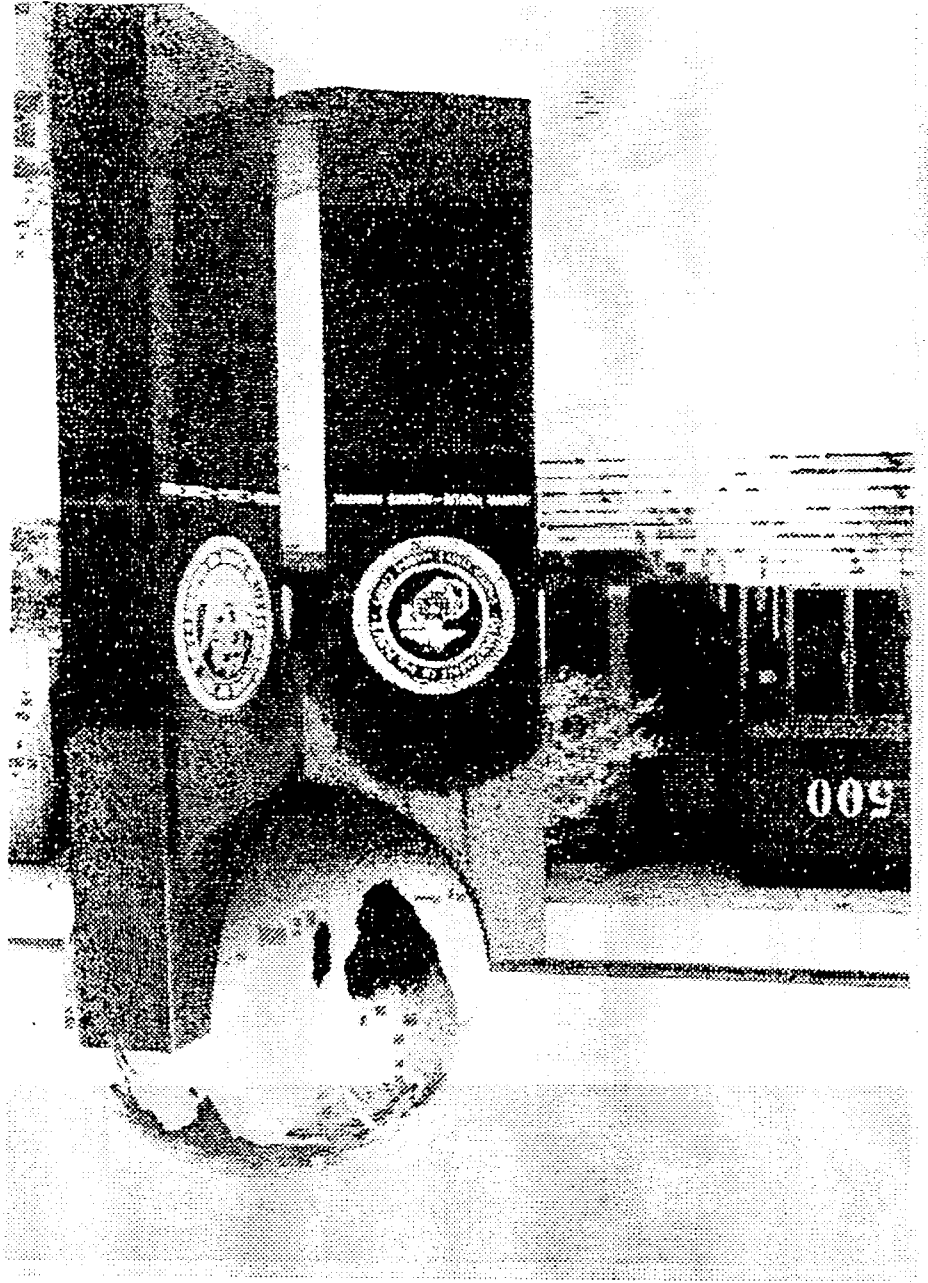


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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:



Gary R. Keefe, City Administrator



Example of Monument Fixture

Attachment A