

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** APRIL 22, 2014

**TO:** THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER *MA FOR*

**SUBJECT:** ALEXANDRIA POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL

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### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Alexandria Police Department (APD) plans to honor former and current Alexandria Police officers who die in the line of duty in a police memorial that would be constructed in front of the existing Wheeler Avenue Police Department building; adjacent to the existing entrance plaza. The Alexandria Police Foundation has led an effort to raise the necessary funds for the design and construction of the memorial. They have engaged HDR, the architects who designed the Police building, to develop a design for the proposed memorial. The Foundation has a major fund raising effort underway to secure the monies needed to construct the memorial. The proposed design plans are being routed to applicable City departments for review as a minor site plan amendment. See attached graphics of the proposed design.

### BACKGROUND:

On June 14, 2008, City Council approved Development Special Use Permit 2007-0037 and Special Use Permit/Transportation Management Plan #2008-0038, for the construction of the new Alexandria Police Department facility.

The site consists of approximately 7 acres in the I zone and is located on the east side of Wheeler Avenue, just south of Duke Street. Located in the Seminary Hill/Strawberry Hill area of the City, the property is surrounded by industrial, commercial, and residential uses. Across Wheeler Avenue to the north of the site is Normandy Hill Apartments; to the south is the CSX and WMATA railway corridor; to the west are the yards and offices of Flippo Construction (former Brown's Mill); to the east are several City facilities including Fleet Maintenance, Board of Education school bus parking, and Lockett Field.

**DISCUSSION:**

While a change to the approved Development Special Use Permit would typically require a return to public hearing, in this instance, the changes are of a minor nature. Staff is in support of the requested memorial design, which is on City property, and believes that the review can be conducted as part of the administrative site plan review process. Several City departments have been involved in the planning process for the memorial. In addition to the Police Department, the City Manager's Office, the General Services and the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities Departments have been involved in this effort. The goal is to have a memorial that is of a design that is in accord with that of the Police Department building. The involvement of Police building architects HDR has ensured that the memorial design complements the design of the Police building. The General Services Department staff will oversee the construction of the memorial and will ensure that all City departmental requirements are met. Staff will be reviewing this amendment as part of the administrative site plan review process, which will be reviewed by various City departments, including Planning and Zoning, Transportation and Environmental Services and Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. This memo is provided for informational purposes. No City Council action is required.

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