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9-29-15

Jackie Henderson

From: Mark Jinks
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 3:07 PM
To: William Euille
Cc: Emily Baker; Jackie Henderson; Jack Browand; Diane Ruggiero; James Spengler
Subject: RE: City Council Docket item #6

Importance: High

Bill:

Council could decide tonight to defer the acceptance of this Chuck Hamel memorial gift at this time, and ask staff (this is the second recommendation in docket item #6) to develop a park memorial policy before Council reconsiders this request. Such a policy could cover not only identifying "opportunities for residents to memorialize friends and loved ones" but also the process by which a memorial gets vetted through the City's decision making system.

Mark

From: William Euille
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:45 PM
To: Mark Jinks; Jack Browand; Diane Ruggiero; Jackie Henderson
Subject: Fwd: City Council Docket item #6

Mark,
Please advise ASAP as to how we handle this request from Ms. Theismann, which I received in the AM today.
Thanks,
Bill

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeanne Theismann <jctheismann@aol.com>
Date: September 29, 2015 at 12:08:31 AM EDT
To: william.euille@alexandriava.gov
Subject: City Council Docket item #6

September 28, 2015

Dear Mayor Euille -

I am writing in regards to City Council's consideration of item #6 on the agenda for tomorrow's City Council meeting.

This consent agenda item requests approval for a cairn memorial to be placed in Founders Park as a tribute to Chuck Hamel. Mr. Hamel was a longtime resident of the Founders Park community and is considered by many to be one of the "founding fathers" of the park.

As a 20-year resident of the Founders Park community, I knew Mr. Hamel as a neighbor and friend and in no way want to diminish his role in the preservation of Founders Park. My concern is that by

making this memorial a tribute solely to Mr. Hamel the dedication, hard work and efforts of others is being diminished or entirely forgotten.

I would like to request that City Council require that the names of other individuals central to the creation of Founders Park be included on any plaque that is erected near this memorial.

The names that I am aware of include:

David Charney

Bruce Clubb

Patricia Golubin

Chuck Hamel

Ellen Pickering

Fred Tilp

Each of these individuals played a crucial role in the establishment of Founders Park. To recognize only Mr. Hamel is not an accurate reflection of the history of the park.

While this memorial is being presented by the Founders Park Community Association, it is my understanding that only the FPCA board members (less than 10 individuals including myself) are aware of the specifics of this memorial for Mr. Hamel. Other members, such as Greg Golubin, whose mother's efforts to create the park predate Mr. Hamel's, have not been given an opportunity to weigh in on the process of creating and/or naming this memorial.

Deferring this agenda item would allow for further discussion, not only on this specific memorial but also on a process (or even the appropriateness) of erecting private memorials on public property.

In the absence of a deferral, I hope you will consider my request to require that additional names be placed on any plaque to accompany this memorial.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration...

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From: William Euille
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 1:46 PM
To: hjbergman51@gmail.com
Cc: City Council; City Council Aides; Jackie Henderson; Call Click Connect; Gloria Sitton
Subject: Re: Call.Click.Connect. #81927: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg

Thanks Howard.
I will be supporting this wonderful honor for Chuck.
Bill

Sent from my iPhone

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Request Details:

- Name: Howard Bergman
- Approximate Address: No Address Specified
- Phone Number: 952-232-7220
- Email: hjbergman51@gmail.com
- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor, City Council
- Request Description: Dear Mayor Euille, Vice Mayor Silberberg and Members of City Council,

I am President of Founders Park Community Association (FPCA), a community organization organized in 1979, dedicated to the preservation, protection and enhancement of Founders Park.

At Tuesday's legislative Council meeting, you will be considering the request of FPCA to donate a memorial to honor Chuck Hamel, one of FPCA's founding members. (Agenda item #6)

Mr. Hamel played an important role in the creation of Founders Park and was an enthusiastic and energetic supporter and protector of the park during the entire time he lived in Alexandria, at 101 Quay Street. We believe that our donation of a memorial cairn will recognize Mr. Hamel's dedication to the Park and enhance the Park's central grove where it will be placed.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Founders Park Community Association (FPCA) and its entire membership, thank you in advance for your consideration of our request to donate the memorial for Mr. Hamel.

Sincerely,

Howard Bergman

President

Founders Park Community Association

- Expected Response Date: Monday, October 5

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