

Jack Browand

From: Kasha Helget <kasha.helget@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 26, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Ryan Wojtanowski's memorial

Hello Mr. Browand,

I just recently learned that there was a public comment period regarding the establishment of a memorial for Ryan Wojtanowski. I am so sad to have missed it because I most definitely would have urged that it be created to honor Ryan. And I would have alerted other folks who knew Ryan but didn't know about the chance to weigh in on the tribute.

I knew Ryan for over 20 years and witnessed his passion for the City and everything regarding the river. When I say everything, I mean all his work, not only on the Dandy, but dredging, repairing, refurbishing both equipment and waterways. He always wanted the best for the town that he's always known as home, and often became very passionate about decisions regarding the environment. We once got into a really interesting discussion about creating habitat for fish and crabs using items that people otherwise throw away. He was interested in so many aspects of the city and ways to improve it and the nature in and around it. A memorial would be so fitting for someone whose work should not be forgotten.

Today is the 2-year anniversary of Ryan's death. So many of us miss him like it was last week. I know that Jan, his wife, would also be touched by the memorial, and it would be a way to keep him and his wonderful contributions alive for others to appreciate.

Thank you for reading this. I hope it helps.

-- Kasha Helget

Jack Browand

From: Jan Macpherson <janice.macpherson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 5:49 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Sex

I think we met a few times. Ryan was my husband. I appreciate so much all the trouble you're going to about the memorial!

Jack Browand

From: HARRY MAHON <513harry@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 28, 2018 3:47 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: Twig's Second
Subject: Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

Hi Jack – I received notice of the proposal to memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski at the Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline. I have to admit that I don't recall hearing of "Captain Ry", but he sounds like a notable person. I have a couple of questions: in what way would he be memorialized (is it some kind of structure or a plaque?)? How was he nominated for this recognition? Aren't there others that have made significant contributions to the environmental stewardship of the shoreline (and City) – I'm thinking of, maybe, Andrew MacDonald, Ellen Pickering, The Potomac Riverkeepers & probably many more – so has a way to memorialize many of the contributors to the stewardship been considered? Is there any significant cost to the City to do this?

Thanks!

Best regards,
Harry
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Jack Browand

From: Paul and Karen Comcast <pkdelay1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Jack Browand
Cc: Stanecki Karen
Subject: Re: Memorializing Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

Thanks. This is helpful. We will support whatever is approved.

Paul R De Lay
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Sent from the iPad of Paul De Lay

> On Feb 27, 2018, at 12:38 PM, Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks for your comments. Final treatment continues to be discussed but could include a bronze plaque to an engraved stone to an aluminum sign. The final condition will be determined in part on placement and cost. It has been proposed that the final memorial will be at no cost to the City. The fall back would be a standard memorial plaque on a park bench.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Paul and Karen Comcast [mailto:pkdelay1@comcast.net]

> Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:16 PM

> To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

> Cc: Stanecki Karen <karens929@gmail.com>

> Subject: Memorializing Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

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> Hi, Jack,

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> We live near Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline. We would strongly support memorializing Captain "Ry", but it would be good to know what this would consist of. A plaque, a bench, a statue? Is this part of the discussion? Thanks.

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Jack Browand

From: Judy Noritake <jnoritake@nka-arch.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: FW: City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

While this is not a bad thing I would pick a bone with the narrative. Most of that notion of a naturalized back came out of a three day workshop held by the American Planning Association in Louisville KY as a part of their City Parks program where Kerry (Mayor), Sandra and I presented Windmill Hill Park as a design problem. There were six cities invited to attend and present and a panel of park planners to give feedback. That is where a naturalized shoreline came from. <https://www.planning.org/cityparks/casestudies/windmillhill.htm> That link does give the work done at the session, just says we got \$30K to come back and strat a planning process. Between Kerry and Phil (then the CM) they chose Andrew McDonald to lead that effort I strongly opposed it at the time. That assignment took him to CC in my view. And the plan created was a vision far less than what the APA planners did at Louisville. It was one of the biggest lost opportunities on the waterfront.

Judy

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From: Alexandria eNews [mailto:noreply@everbridge.net]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Judy Noritake
Subject: City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

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City of Alexandria Seeks Public Comment on Proposal to Memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski at Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline

For Immediate Release: February 27, 2018

The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment on a proposal to memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski at the Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline located at [501 S. Union St.](#) The proposal was forwarded by the City of Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission.

Ryan "Captain Ry" Wojtanowski was a dedicated and active member of Alexandria's Environmental Policy Commission from October 2010 until his death in 2016, and served as its representative to the Alexandria Waterfront Commission. Captain Ry was a mariner, fisherman, and an advocate of Alexandria's riverfront, aiming to protect it as a public amenity and to ensure its long-term environmental health. As a recognized

expert in riverbank construction, he was a valuable resource to City staff in the early planning of the City's flood mitigation project and strongly encouraged solutions that provided public access to the Potomac River that were environmentally sound, closely imitated natural conditions and included the use of appropriate native plants. Through his advocacy efforts, City staff successfully updated and received approval from City Council for the removal of the deteriorated concrete bulkhead at Windmill Hill Park and replacing it with a naturalized shoreline nearing completion on the City's southern waterfront.

In addition to his environmental stewardship, Captain Ry was a poet. Shortly before his death, he was appointed by the Alexandria's Commission for the Arts as the City of Alexandria Poet Laureate. Fittingly, he delivered his first poem as Poet Laureate by officially opening the 2016 City of Alexandria Earth Day Festivities.

The public is invited to provide comment on the proposal to memorialize Captain Ryan Wojtanowski at the Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline through Friday, March 30. Those interested in providing comments will be able to record their comments by email to jack.browand@alexandriava.gov, subject line: Captain Ryan Wojtanowski, or by mail to Recreation and Parks, Attn: Jack Browand, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria VA 22314. All comments received or postmarked by Friday, March 30 will be evaluated by the City Council Naming Committee.

For additional information, contact Jack Browand, Division Chief, Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities at 703.746.5504 or by email at jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

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Sent from the iPad of Paul De Lay

Jack Browand

From: Sue Gunter <suegunter96@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 12:09 PM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Re: Question re Materialization of Captain Ry

Thank you - I am in favor.

On Tue, Feb 27, 2018 at 11:53 AM, Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov> wrote:

A memorial plaque would be placed in the park.

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Jack Browand, Division Chief

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From: Sue Gunter [mailto:suegunter96@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:34 AM

To: Jack Browand <Jack.Browand@alexandriava.gov>

Subject: Question re Materialization of Captain Ry

How would he be memorialized at the park?

Not clear from the email notice.

Thank you,

Sue Gunter

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Jack Browand

From: Jennifer Lane
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Jack Browand
Subject: Captain Ryan Wojtanowski

Dear Mr. Browand,

As a member of the Poet Laureate Committee that selected Mr. Wojtanowski as the City's Poet Laureate shortly before his untimely death, I am very pleased to read that there has been a proposal to memorialize him at the Windmill Hill Park Living Shoreline. He was an asset to the City, and his contributions are missed. It's a fitting location for his memorial, and I hope that any memorial to him will include one of his poems.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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