

City of Longview

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Legislation Text

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PROPOSAL TO INSTALL TWO ADDITIONAL VETERANS MONUMENTS IN R.A. LONG PARK

COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:

Address quality of place issues

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Bill Kasch, a resident, has requested to install two stone markers listing the names of Longview veterans at RA Long Park on either side of the existing veterans memorial marker. On July 20, 2015, the Parks Advisory Board endorsed the location and concept (minutes attached). At the November 23, 2015 regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), the proposal to install two new markers for veterans at RA Long Park was approved. The HPC was primarily concerned with review for compatibility with the park and future plans for the park. As a new addition, the proposal is considered for its potential impacts to the historic setting of the park. The commission members ultimately determined the proposed markers have been designed to complement the existing veterans memorial marker on the site which is proposed to remain after the planned renovations to the park are complete. The Commission did not question or verify the content of the markers which list the war, branch of service and names of individual veterans. The methodology and accuracy of this information is contingent upon Mr. Kasch's research which relies upon a list of names published by The Daily News. A memorandum summarizing the HPC's action and the approved proposal is attached.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Consider approval of the proposed location of two new monuments to veterans in R.A. Long Park.

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