

MINUTES
WAR MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BUILDING COMMITTEE
Thursday, October 8, 2015

The Building Committee of the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco met at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2015, in the Trustees' Board Room, War Memorial Opera House, Chair Pelosi presiding.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members Present: Chair Pelosi, Trustee Shultz, Trustee Stafford, President Bashford, *Ex officio*, Vice President Horn, *Ex officio*

Committee Members Absent: Trustee Moscone, Trustee Wilsey

Non-Committee Trustees Present: Trustee Bechtle, Trustee Davis

Staff Present: Jennifer Norris, Assistant Managing Director

Request from American Legion War Memorial Commission to relocate the San Francisco Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the Veterans Building:

Chair Pelosi reported that in advance of today's meeting, Committee members received a letter from the American Legion War Memorial Commission requesting to relocate the San Francisco Vietnam Veterans Memorial plaque to the Veterans Building. The Commission advises that the plaque is currently mounted on a deteriorating concrete block at the foot of Market Street and fails to attract the recognition and respect it deserves. The Commission states that the plaque will be cleaned and restored prior to being relocated and that costs for the restoration and relocation will be paid for by private donations.

Chair Pelosi stated that Committee members also received a plan of the Veterans Building 1st floor indicating the proposed location for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial plaque and a photo of the proposed plaque location.

Chair Pelosi introduced Paul Cox, Chair of the American Legion War Memorial Commission, and asked Mr. Cox to comment on the request.

Paul Cox stated that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial plaque, which lists the names of the 164 San Francisco men who were killed in the Vietnam War, is currently not in a good location for a reverent memorial, and veterans would appreciate the Board's consideration in allowing the plaque to be relocated to the Veterans Building. He stated that the plaque is currently under the jurisdiction of the City's Recreation & Parks Department and that Recreation & Parks supports moving the plaque to the Veterans Building where it will be then under jurisdiction of the City's War Memorial Department. Mr. Cox stated that the plaque, which is 48 inches by 24 inches, is proposed to be located in the Veterans Building outer main lobby.

Mr. Cox stated there is not a date set for the installation because the plaque has to be taken down from its current location and refinished. In response to a question from Chair Pelosi, Mr. Cox stated that the Commission initially estimated the removal, restoration and reinstallation of the plaque would cost \$3,500. He stated they now believe that cost may double in order to cover the cost of restoring the concrete surface to which the plaque is currently attached. He said all costs related to relocation of the plaque will be paid for by private donations.

Following discussion and public comment, and on motion of Trustee Shultz, seconded by Trustee Davis, the following recommendation was unanimously adopted:

RECOMMENDED, To the Board of Trustees of the War Memorial of San Francisco that it approve the request of the American Legion War Memorial Commission to relocate the San Francisco Vietnam Veterans Memorial plaque to the Veterans Building outer main lobby, subject to all costs related to the relocation being borne by private donations through the American Legion War Memorial Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Building Committee, Chair Pelosi adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Jennifer E. Norris
Executive Secretary