

MEMORANDUM
For Meeting of December 9th, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Steve Worthington, City Manager
SUBJECT: New Business-Fountain Memorial Name Plates

REPORT IN BRIEF:

Based upon Council action taken by the Fife City Council on June 6, 1988, the historical landmark fountain was additionally designated as a lasting memorial site upon which memorial plaques may be affixed in honor and remembrance.

BACKGROUND:

Policy statement from October, 10, 1989 reads, "It is, henceforth, the policy of the City Council to entertain recommendations and grant enshrinement by placement of a plaque upon the fountain of those who by their lives of faithful service, exemplary actions and good deeds, have substantially enriched the community of Fife and the welfare of its residents."

ATTACHMENTS:

Policy Statement
Dedication Program

DISCUSSION:

Is this a policy that Council would like to continue with and if so, should there be further qualifiers or remain as is?



Approved for Agenda:
Steve Worthington, City Manager

City Reference No: _____

POLICY STATEMENT

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Based upon action taken by the Fife City Council on June 6, 1988, the historical landmark fountain, located at a focal point in front of Fife Swimming Pool, was additionally designated as a lasting memorial site upon which memorial plaques may be affixed in honor and remembrance.

It is, henceforth, the policy of the City Council to entertain recommendations and grant enshrinement by placement of a plaque upon the fountain of those who by their lives of faithful service, exemplary actions and good deeds, have substantially enriched the community of Fife and the welfare of its residents.

Approved by the City Council by motion duly made and seconded at a public meeting before the City Council held on the 10th day of October, 1989.

ATTEST:

Shirlee A. Kinney
Director of Administration

Policy Effective Date: 10/10/89



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P R O G R A M

"Dedication of Fife Memorial Fountain"

Saturday, October 28, 1989 - 2:00 P.M.

L O C A T I O N

Fife Community Swimming Pool
5410 20th Street East

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- o Welcome
Acknowledgment of Officials in Attendance
Mayor
Art Conduff
- o Invocation
Rev. Vic Clark
Fife Presbyterian Church
- o Unveiling of Historical and
Memorial Plaques
Councilmember
Helen Frederick
- o Memorial Plaque Dedication
In Memory of
Joseph J. Felice
Richard Meuschke
Director
Fife Public Works
- o Closing - Call for all attendees
to join hands and observe
a moment of silence in
reflective respect.
Mayor
Art Conduff

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FIFE FOUNTAIN HISTORICAL MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Sincere welcome to all of you!

Thank you for coming as we dedicate our historical fountain with a marker telling a wee bit of its history. Also, proclaiming this fountain as a permanent memorial to the early settlers and enshrining the names of contemporary persons who have contributed by their good works to our City.

This structure originally stood in the center of the intersection of 54th Avenue East and 20th Street and had its beginnings as a watering trough for horses.

Later, with the coming of the automobile, it was filled with good valley soil and became a lovely planter cared for by the ladies of the Garden Club.

In 1961, with the coming of the freeway (I-5), it was moved by the State Department of Transportation to a temporary location in front of the Fire Station #10.

We are deeply indebted to Fire District #10 for 25 years of rent free storage and watchfulness of our historical horse watering trough.

In 1964, Fritz Bohren (also a volunteer fireman) and contributing others enhanced the structure with decorative brick work encircling the base and created another flower planter which was colorfully planted each year. The structure was also wired for lighting and plumbing work done to turn the center portion into a decorative fountain in front of the Fire Station.

In 1978, the brick work was damaged by a moving truck and had to be removed. Later, during a civic effort by the Fife School, the exterior of the base was painted the school colors.

In, 1984, with the coming of the Fife Swim Pool plans were made to relocate the structure to this permanent place. Many persons, clubs, businesses organizations, residents volunteered to be involved in this community project.

We are deeply grateful to Fife-Milton Rotary, Linde Corp.-Mr. Sam Shdo, Merritt and Pardine Architects, and many others for their most generous support in attempting and completing this relocation project for the City of Fife.

There were many, many hours of volunteer labor and valuable expertise donated by caring community folks, Bill Addy gave both material and labor in the electrical work. The City of Fife thanks to all of you most sincerely and will always be grateful for your efforts.

I also wish to acknowledge the fine work contributed by the Swim Pool Staff and our Public Works Department; The design of the location pad, the cement work, the rockery, the lighting, the landscape, the water fountain design, and the work of Joe Felice in the water blasting and cleaning of the structure.

This project has truly been a caring community effort. Feel good, my friends for your efforts and contribution to this very special structure.

I will now unveil the historical marker plaque and read the short story there.

"Erected in 1914, this structure stood at the center of the intersection of 20th Street East and 54th Avenue East, 200 Feet West of this location.

Originally a picturesque water trough for horses, the structure was built by the merchants of the four street corners and allowed the horses to drink and rest while the owners shopped and visited at the growing agricultural and business center of Fife Square.

The graceful structure is preserved here as a flowing water fountain in recognition and remembrance of the sturdy German, Italian, Swedish, Norwegian, Swiss, Indian, Japanese and Slovak people who lived and worked in the fertile Puyallup River Valley.

We are deeply indebted to this diverse heritage for our solid, basic beginnings and their early pathways into the present and future."

On the other side of this structure is another plaque proclaiming our fountain as a memorial to those persons of Fife who by their lives and good deeds have forever enriched our community. This dedication will be done by Public Works Department Director Richard Meuschke.

"This fountain is dedicated as a lasting memorial to those who by their lives of faithful service, exemplary actions, and good deeds, have substantially enriched the community of Fife and the welfare of its residents."

"YOU ARE REMEMBERED AND HONORED"