

Lu Ann Fahndrich - May 19th Meeting

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Hi Lu Ann,

I wanted to confirm that Secretary Phillips will be attending the meeting regarding the Future of Soldiers' Grove (HR 331) next Thursday. In addition, Suzanne Chubb and Dave Szobocsan from the Bureau of Facilities Management will be attending. I also plan to be there. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SELECT COMMITTEE ON SOLDIER'S GROVE

STATE CAPITOL
ROOM ##

DAY, MONTH ##, 2012
TIME

MEETING ON
HR 331(BARRAR)

PRESENT:

HONORABLE STEPHEN BARRAR, MAJORITY CHAIRMAN
HONORABLE CHRIS SAINATO, MINORITY CHAIRMAN
HONORABLE MARK GILLEN

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DANA ALWINE
JOHN BRENNER, SVC
HARRY BUCHER, VAEP STAFF
PATRICK CUSICK, SENATOR SOLOBAY STAFF
LUANN FAHNDRICH, VAEP STAFF
SEAN HARRIS, VAEP RESEARCH ANALYST
RICK O'LEARY, VAEP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
STACY LEVY, DESIGNER
HOLLY LUBART, DGS
DIANA MCHAUGHTON, SENATOR BAKER'S OFFICE
LAUREN MUGLIA, DMVA
SHERI PHILLIPS, DGS SECRETARY
DENNIS RYDBERG, LANDSCAPE DESIGNER
DAVE SZOBOCSAN, DGS
JENN TYLER, VAEP STAFF

OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Barrar made opening remarks, explaining that Soldier's Grove, as established, will run out of room by 2016. The purpose of this select committee is to investigate the necessary changes that need to be made to ensure the posterity of Soldier's Grove.

STACY LEVY'S REMARKS:

Stacy, one of the original designers, spoke on the current them of the Grove "Keeping the Past Alive in a Memorial". This is a memorial for those who went above and beyond the call of duty, and they should be placed in a historical context. Stacy spoke on creating a living memorial with ongoing history. The placards are placed in ripples of history, while grassy areas represent times of peace; the aggregate area represents the ongoing line of conflict. Each recipient of the Medal of Honor is to receive a stone placard placed in a rippling timeline, with the ripples as a metaphor of history; reaching the shore and bouncing back again. Every two feet will represent a year in time.

DENNIS RYDBERG REMARKS:

Dennis, a landscape designer, comments on how the arcs would look going back for future wars. In time the arcs would consume all of the grass of peace, and the overlaps would be difficult for people to understand. Another problem is as more wars occur; more plaques will need to be added. It's important for the memorial to be visually moving as well as depict their stories.

Ideas to solve the problem:

1. Seal the memorial as is and go forward elsewhere, but where?

2. Consolidate wars, but it becomes confusing and an inaccurate representation of history.

SEAN HARRIS AND STACY LEVY DIALOGUE:

SH: Are you open to modifications?

SL: Yes, as long as we have a say in it.

SHERI PHILIPS REMARKS:

Sheri, from DGS, explains underneath the Grove is heating and ventilation equipment for the Capitol. This is currently not a problem. But if the memorial begins to ripple back and more weight is placed on the Grove there will be problems.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

GILLEN: Suggested using the inner swath of grass to maximize space utilization.

BARRAR: Expressed concern about the confusion and aesthetic appeal of the ripple back effect.

DENNIS: Explained that under the original plan it wasn't anticipated that larger conflicts would occur in the future; very concerned about the arcs coming back.

STACY: Wants to keep the special feeling going as long as possible.

DENNIS: Suggests sealing the memorial as is and continuing along the side of the Grove.

BARRAR: Raises the question of money, is there any funding available? Capitol Preservation Committee will need to be involved.

DANA ALWINE: Comments that the equipment underneath the Grove would be extremely costly to move, and would like to look into consolidating space. Notes that moving

the trees wouldn't be a good option due to their age. Also, Suggests strengthening the underground infrastructure.

JOHN BRENNER: Comments that he likes the Tides of War theme.

IN CLOSING:

A new, lighter, stain resistant material could be used throughout the Grove.

A budget needs to be developed.

There's only one supplier of the marble that is currently used.

Report is due to the House by November 30th.

Stere

Rick

Stacy

Rep Gillen

me

Sean

Dana Alw

Lauren Muskie

John Brenner

Dennic Rydberg

Dore McNaughton

Shem

Ally Whart

Dave - Dr. F

Sen Solaban's

Haru

Jen Tyler

Chris Sauristo

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Rep Barron opening comments

2016 - Running out of room

[Soldier's Grove]

Stacy's comment

- Sustainable award

above & beyond call of duty

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place in historical context

1. How do you make a living memorial?

ongoing history

2. Ripples of history -

3. Grassy areas - times of peace

4. aggregate area - time of conflict

stones for each recipient

- timeline in space

Metaphors of Rippling in history - hit the shore & reverse

2 ft = 1 yr.

Theme Keeping the Past Alive in a Memorial

Dennis: ? How would the arc's look going back - future wars?

Dialogue

→ Intime - no grass of peace
more difficult to understand / overlaps

① - one idea - seal the memorial - & go forward elsewhere?

② other problem: memorial → need to add (prints)
more plaques for more wars

space

The problem is when you conclude wars

NOT an accurate reading of history

Stacy
Dennis

→ important to be a visually moving structure
plus depict their stories

Rep.
Scholey

→ an idea of suspending - go up -

Sean

ask Stacy - open to modifications
yes → as long as they have a say in it

Sheme/Tiggs

→ equipment under there - will need
to have access - now under
grassy area - but if the
memorial ripples back then
it will be a problem

Stacy - ~~the~~ suggested Design Commms

Gallen → side areas - how much are
utilized?

underground

Sam? →

When were arches built →
29-1931 - Dennis

Dennis Soldier's Grave Gov Fisher 1931

~~Dennis~~ — briefly discussed the original plan that never manifested itself
name changed 1987 to Soldiers Grave

10:35 Tour of Soldiers Grave

Discussion

Gillen: would suggest using the inner swath of grass — practicality
lense of space utilization

Barrar: Concerns about Ripple back →
aesthetic appeal ← confusion

Dennis: 1994 — contracts procured —
weren't anticipating larger
conflicts popping up
Big concern — Arcs coming back

Stacy: IF good to know where
equipment is in case it
would have to come out.
- Keep the special feeling going
as long as possible

Rick → clarified → Sealing the
memorial as is

Dennis clarified → seal that - continue
along side

Discussion
Barrack - any money

Capitol Preservation Committee involved

Dana

1. flexibility of moving equipment

- huge - people work under

DES 2. astronomical cost to moving

3. consolidate space - optional?

4. mature trees - 90 year old
trees - constantly (Dennis)
replanting

John Brenneis ~~at~~ contact ~~to~~ info

Constraints - no weight no height

Slope - off the weight restrictions

Dana - strengthen the underground
infrastructure

— Keep staff working, c̄ DGS + Artists

— John Brenner - likes the whole concept
Tides of Water

New materials - lighter -
stain resistant -

perhaps a different material
numbers, frame

NEED To find out Budget.

Dennis - one supplier - Marble.
Rock of Ages

Melt
Done:
Water - NOT
ABLE TO
DO

Rick
Interact... ~~END~~ OF JUNE

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Report DUE NOV 30th to House by

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March 28, 2012

Stacy Levy
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Dear Ms. Levy:

In my capacity as Chairman of the House Resolution 331 Select Committee, I am calling the first meeting of this Select Committee to be conducted on **May 10, 2012**. The meeting will be held in Room 39 EW from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Chairman Sainato and I will be providing a light lunch immediately following the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to first obtain the background and history of this memorial, followed by discussions on the current predicament we face in regard to running out of room for placement of additional memorial stones beyond the year 2016. The committee will then conduct a walk through discussion-tour of Soldiers' Grove.

Pursuant to HR 331, the Select Committee has been tasked with conducting a study of the future use of Soldiers' Grove, specifically the Medal of Honor Memorial known as "The Tides of War."

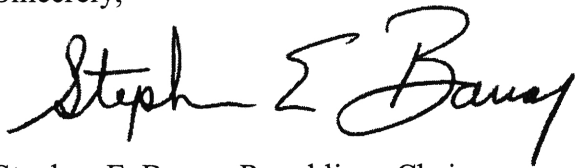
HR 331 also requires the Select Committee to report its findings and recommendations for remedial legislation or other appropriate action to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives on or before November 30, 2012.

The PA House of Representatives has passed this resolution to address the issue of space availability while maintaining the purpose of the Medal of Honor Memorial. The original design calls for ever two feet to equal a year in time. Under this current measurement within the design, the year 2016 is the projected date at which there will be no available space to continue the "Tide" and the recognition of our future Medal of Honor recipients.

I look forward to working with all of you on this most important endeavor. Contact my Administrative Assistant, Lu Ann Fahndrich at 717-783-3038 or lfahndrich@pahousegop.com and inform her of your ability to attend. If you are unable to attend, please select a proxy and notify our office with their name and contact information.

If you should have any questions on this meeting, or HR 331, please feel free to call and discuss these matters with Rick O'Leary, the Veteran's Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Executive Director (717-787-1534).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steph E Barrar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "E" and "B".

Stephen E. Barrar, Republican Chairman
Veterans Affairs & Emergency Preparedness Committee
160th Legislative District

CC: Chairman Sainato

SEB/lbf

Enclosure

May 10th

SOLDIER'S GROVE

Select Committee on House Resolution 331

✓ Representative Steve Barrar	Chairman ✓
✓ Representative Chris Sainato	Vice Chairman ✓
✓ Stacy Levy, Artist	Appointee
✓ Winifred Lutz, Artist	Appointee
✓ Dennis Rydberg	Appointee
✓ Senator Lisa Baker	Appointee
✓ Senator Tim Solobay	Appointee
✓ Sherrie Phillips, Secretary of DGS	Appointee
✓ Major General Wesley E. Craig, Adjutant General	Appointee
✓ Representative Mark Gillen	Appointee
✓ John Brenner, Chairman PA State Veterans Commission	Appointee

✓ Aaron Schenck / Gov's office

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Will this suffice

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