



AGENDA

**QUANG TRI MONUMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

**WESTMINSTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS
8200 WESTMINSTER BOULEVARD
WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA 92683**

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CITY OF WESTMINSTER
QUANG TRI MONUMENT COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

SALUTE TO FLAG

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

THIS IS THE TIME OF THE MEETING THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE REGARDING ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OR NON-AGENDA ITEMS THAT ARE WITHIN THE SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXTENDED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE, COMMENTS SHALL BE LIMITED TO FIVE (5) MINUTES PER SPEAKER.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Meeting held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

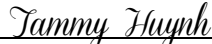
- A. Continued from November 30, 2021 Meeting: Monument
 - [Late Communication](#)
 - I. Final Design

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Staff Report - Monument Location Recommendation to go through Community Services and Recreation Commission

5. ADJOURNMENT

DECLARATION: This agenda was posted on the Bulletin Board outside of the Council Chambers, where completely accessible to the public, at least 72 hours in advance of the Quang Tri Monument Committee Meeting.



Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant

QUANG TRI MONUMENT COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2021: Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Au Truong, Ngoc Buu Phan, Quan Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Robert Harrison, Conrad Gomez, Aidinh Nguyen and Chanh Minh

PRESENT: Son Chi Do, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Robert Harrison and Quan Nguyen.

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director, Jake Ngo and Community Services Director, Diana Dobbert.

SALUTE TO FLAG: Chair Paul Sau Van Le

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Man Cong Van submitted an E-comment and asked if the word “Tuesday” can be inserted into the Adjournment section of the November 16, 2021 minutes.

Nam Tan submitted an E-comment and recommended that Westminster Park be the location for the monument.

Bill Vetter submitted an E- comment expressing his concerns regarding the meaning and placement of the monument. He asked to rethink this monument, its function and longer term implications.

Terry Rains, resident of Westminster, submitted an E-comment expressing her concerns regarding the depiction and design process and possible Brown Act violations and provided her input on the wording of the Monument Title. She expressed concern regarding Monument Location Recommendations being on the agenda, stating it conflicts with the scope and purpose of this committee and pointed out that Westminster is deficient on parkland and space should be used for recreational amenities for the community. She recommended the committee explore placing the monument on private property along Little Saigon’s Bolsa Ave. in conjunction with the City’s Little Saigon Blueprint for Investment plan.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Robert Harrison and seconded by Quan Nguyen to approve minutes from the November 16, 2021 meeting.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Hung Van Nguyen, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Robert Harrison and Quan Nguyen.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Continued from the November 16, 2021 Meeting: Monument:

- I. Title – Chair Paul Sau Van Le suggested the English title of “Retaking of Quang Tri Citadel 1972 Monument”. Committee Member Robert Harrison mentioned he spoke to a Vietnamese English teacher and asked him his opinion about the wording of the Monument title; the teacher suggested

using “Recapture of the Quang Tri Monument 1972”, as it sounds more proper. Chair Paul Sau Van Le said he spoke to someone who speaks English very well and was told that between the words Recapture, Retaken and Retaking, “Retaking” is much better than using the word “Recapture” in the monument title; he was also told that the word “the” does not need to be used in the title, therefore, “Retaking of Quang Tri Citadel 1972 Monument” would be the best title. Committee Member Quan Nguyen commented he spoke to a prominent Vietnamese English writer and was told by the writer that the word “Recapture” is better but from Committee Member Quan Nguyen’s historical perspective, he thinks the word “Retaken” is better. Committee Member Son Chi Do commented that using the word “Recapture” would be more accurate than “Retaken”. Committee Member Nam Tan said he read war books and watched military movies and they reference the word “Retaking” often, therefore he thinks that word should be used. Chair Paul Sau Van Le stated that he researched books and asked a professor and was told that “Retaking of Quang Tri Citadel 1972 Monument” would be the better title.

Chair Paul Sau Van Le made a motion to approve title on the monument to read as follows: “Retaking of Quang Tri Citadel 1972 Monument”, it was seconded by Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Hung Van Nguyen, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan and Ngoc Buu Phan.

NOES: Robert Harrison

ABSTAINED: Quan Nguyen

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

II. Who will be honored – Chair Paul Sau Van Le stated that all units that participated in the battle should be included on the monument. Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang spoke about additional wording to be added to the front of the monument. Committee Member Robert Harrison inquired about the American Military Logos for the front of the monument and Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang mentioned that the logos for the front of the monument should be for military divisions and above such as the United States Air Force, United States Navy and mentioned there is not enough space on the front of the monument to include logos for all units below the divisions; he mentioned that all military units under the major divisions will be honored on the sides of the monument. Committee Member Robert Harrison mentioned that there were two Marine helicopter squadrons that continuously flew the ARVN Airborne and Marines in and out of the battle and mentioned Committee Member Conrad Gomez had given him a patch for the American Advisors; he mentioned other units and divisions who participated in the battle as well. Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang mentioned he understands however, he reiterated they should include the higher, major units, divisions and above on the front of the monument which would encompass all of the units below the major divisions and mentioned that there were also a lot of lower Vietnamese military units as well but can’t include all of their logos on the front of the monument because there is no space; he mentioned that all of those units will be included on the side of the monument.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang and seconded by Son Chi Do to have Vice Chair Hoang design front of monument, which will include all military division logos and above, who participated in the battle, and military units below the divisions will be mentioned on the sides of the monument.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Hung Van Nguyen, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le,

Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan and Quan Nguyen.

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: Robert Harrison

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

B. Fundraising Subcommittee Update – Committee has not yet met. The members that will serve on subcommittee include the following: Chair Paul Sau Van Le, Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Chanh Nguyen, Nam Tan and Quan Nguyen.

C. Monument Location Recommendation – Chair Paul Sau Van Le mentioned last week he and Committee Members Robert Harrison, Nam Tan, Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, looked at possible locations for the monument. He mentioned all four of them agreed on Westminster Park. Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang provided a photo of the specific location in the Park that the committee members agreed on and were very excited with this location. Community Services and Recreation Director, Diana Dobbert reminded committee members that they are just recommending the location but not deciding on the location. Committee Member Robert Harrison mentioned that their committee is to come up with the depiction and design of the monument and not to determine the location of the monument, however, he mentioned location and acreage are important for depiction and design; he stated they all looked at different parks individually and looking at the larger parks with larger acreage, they all came to the same conclusion about Westminster Park. He also mentioned that when he walked around the various parks, he felt uneasy placing a monument at one of the city parks, as the city already doesn't have enough park space. He also brought up the Little Saigon Blueprint for Investment and feels that any monument or museums should be incorporated with this Blueprint instead, to develop a major tourist spot; but if they have to select a park, Westminster Park was their best choice. Committee Member Nam Tan said he and his family visit a lot of parks around the city and thinks Westminster Park would be very convenient and likes that it is large and has a large parking lot to host an annual commemoration at that park.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang and seconded by Son Do Chi to recommend Westminster Park as the location for the monument.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Hung Van Nguyen, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan and Ngoc Buu Phan, Robert Harrison and Quan Nguyen.

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Create a Monument Construction Subcommittee – Chair Paul Sau Van Le invited members who have construction experience to join the Monument Construction Subcommittee. Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang mentioned he would like to be on the subcommittee and also suggested Committee Member Son Chi Do and Chair Paul Sau Van Le.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang and seconded by Son Do Chi for Chair Paul Sau Van Le, Vice Chair Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang and Son Chi Do to be a part of the Monument Construction Subcommittee.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Hung Van Nguyen, Chanh Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan and Ngoc Buu Phan, Robert Harrison and Quan Nguyen.

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen, Man Cong Van and Conrad Gomez

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 7:35 p.m. Chair Paul Sau Van Le adjourned meeting.

Tammy Huynh, Senior Administrative Assistant

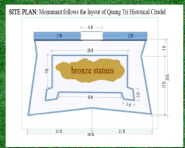
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Proposed Design for
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Revised Nov 20th, 2021



TỔ QUỐC GHI ƠN
TƯỢNG ĐÀI TÁI CHIẾM CỔ THÀNH QUẢNG TRỊ - 1972
RETAIING OF QUANG TRI CITADEL 1972 MONUMENT

Tri Ân và Vinh Danh Quân Dân, Cán Chiến Việt Nam Cộng Hòa và Hoa Kỳ đã Giải Cứu Họ Giải Trùng Trận Chiến Tái Chiếm Quảng Trị	In Honor Of The Republic Of Vietnam Armed Forces, American Allies, and The People Of Quang Tri Who Made The Ultimate Sacrifice in The Retaking Of Quang Tri Citadel 1972
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Notes:

1. The five soldiers are 3D bronze cast sculpture - 7 to 8 ft high.
2. The main base is about 20x10x5-1/2 to 6 ft (LxWxH) and about 1/2 the layout of the original citadel.
3. Behind the main base and statue is a section of the Historical Citadel wall.
4. RVNA flags are mounted on the top of the citadel back wall during special event.

TỔ QUỐC GHI ƠN

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Tri Ân và Vinh Danh
Quân, Dân, Cán Chính
Việt Nam Cộng Hòa
Và Hoa Kỳ
Đã Anh Dũng
Hy Sinh Trong
Trận Chiến Tái Chiếm
Quảng Trị



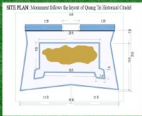
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