



Memorials & Dedications

May 20, 2013 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda (Revised)**
Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber, Room 213, Municipal Building

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1. Written Motion, Councillors Pimental, Morad, Pina, Gonsalves, and Coelho requesting that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications look into the possibility of placing a Memorial in the City of New Bedford for the Women who served in the Armed Forces. (Ref'd 7/20/06, tabled 11/26/07, tabled 5/28/08 – Press Release by Committee promoting a “Tea” to which the Women Veterans be invited and ideas could be discussed, 4/11/11 – tabled, 5/9/11 – tabled, 6/28/11 – tabled, 5/22/12 – tabled, 6/12/12 – table – hold next meeting at Military Museum, 8/8/12 – tabled, 9/11/12 – tabled, 9/24/12 – tabled, 2/20/13 – tabled)

INVITEES: Veterans Agent Christopher Gomes; Veterans Advisory Board Chairman Robert Bromley; Councillor Denis Lawrence, Jr.

2. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes, Saunders and Lopes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with Jeff Costa, Chairman of Financing and Marketing, Deb Shrader, President and Committee members of the Fisherman’s Tribute Fund, for the purposes of discussing the possibility of erecting a Fisherman’s Memorial to be located at Monkey’s Island on East Rodney French Boulevard, north of East Beach. (Ref’d 3/22/12, 5/22/12 – tabled, letters, 9/24/12 – tabled, 11/26/12 – letter to the Mayor, 2/20/13 -tabled)

INVITEES: Fisherman’s Tribute Fund Site & Design Chairman Derek Frates; Fisherman’s Tribute Fund Finance and Marketing Chairman Jeff Costa; Fisherman’s Tribute Fund President Deb Shrader

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet with the Administration for the purpose of discussing a suitable site for a Memorial honoring the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy, for his 47 Years of Service of Dedication and Representation to our Country, Commonwealth and our City while serving in the United States Senate, seeing that Senator Kennedy’s ties to the City of New Bedford were infused by his many actions to help this City and it’s Citizens and the people who were dedicated to and supported the Senator; further, in this Councillor’s opinion, a suitable location for a dedication would be the completion of the hurricane dike walkway reflecting the late Senator’s love for the City, and for the ocean; further that this recommendation be forwarded to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications to work with the Army Corps of Engineers; and further requesting that, if the hurricane dike walkway is not feasible, then the Committee, along with the Administration, look for another location to memorialize the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. (Ref’d 9/10/09, 5/22/12 - tabled, letters)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Neil Mello

4. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications, along with the Lang Administration, discuss and complete the dedication of City Hall Square, naming it Joseph Theodore, Jr. City Hall Square, which is long overdue tribute to a great patriot; and further, that the Committee make the appropriate arrangements for this dedication to take place this spring or summer, in the remembrance of Joe Theodore, one of the greatest Citizen’s of New Bedford and the United States of America – he truly loved America and its people. (Ref’d 5/11/10, 2/28/11- tabled, 4/11/11 – tabled, 5/9/11 – tabled, 5/22/12 – tabled, letter to family, 9/24/12 – table until next meeting - invite Theodore’s and Ms. Connelly, 11/26/12 – tabled until **next meeting**)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Neil Mello

5. Written Motion, Councillors Saunders, Gonsalves, Alves, Martins, Dehner, Duarte, Gomes, and Lopes, requesting to rename a portion of Shawmut Avenue, from Nash Road to the New Bedford Regional Airport to ARNOLD B. CAMARA AVENUE, in memory of Mr. Camara for his contribution to the community. (Ref’d 7/18/10)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Neil Mello

6. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Duarte, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet for the purpose of discussing a suitable tribute to honor the late Thomas D. Lopes, former State Representative and owner/publisher of the Cape Verdean news; and further, that this tribute be located in the Ward Four area, the Cape Verdean section of the City. (Ref'd 9/27/12)

7. Related Motion, Councillor Saunders, requesting that the Council refer the naming of the Garage to Lawrence D. Worden Central Garage to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications for design purposes. (Ref'd 2/14/13)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Neil Mello

Chairman suggests taking "No Further Action", on the following items:

8. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes & Fortes, requesting that the Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet to discuss a suitable site and location, such as Police Headquarters, City Hall, or the Library, to Honor former New Bedford Police Officers; Benjamin F. Williams, Jr., John O. Williams and Charles H. Williams, using the 1925 portrait of the Officers, along with a dedication plaque, for being the first in history black-appointed Police Officers in the City of New Bedford, and recognizing them for their multiple heroic actions while Policemen in the early 1900's. (Ref'd 03/10/05, 9/13/06 - tabled, 5/28/08 - tabled, 9/15/08 - tabled, 6/30/09 – tabled, 9/15/09 – letters)

9. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications meet for the purpose of finding a suitable location for a Memorial to the late Manuel Lopes, recognizing him for his community involvement, especially his work towards placing Cape Verdean as a Nationality on the National Census; and further, that the Cape Verdean Memorial Square on County and Grinnell Streets be considered as a suitable location for a Plaque and/or Monument honoring the late Manuel Lopes. (Ref'd 10/12/06, 5/28/08 - tabled)

10. Written Motion, Councillors Coelho and Duarte, requesting on behalf of a constituent, that the mermaid statue at the Waterfront Visitor's Center have signage installed beside it, describing the history of the statue and the reason for the placing of said statue at that location, since many other statues throughout the City of New Bedford had such signage placed at the time they were initially installed. (Ref'd 5/27/10)

11. Written Motion, Councillor Morad, requesting that the Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet with Rita Campoli, 1085 Pequot Street, to discuss the placement of an antique Wishing Well Memorial at the former Sassaquin Pond Public Beach; said memorial to be dedicated to the recently deceased owner of the Wishing Well. (Ref'd 9/7/10)

12. Communication, Loretta Bourque, to the members of the Committee on Memorials and Dedications, Re: Loretta Bourque Park. (7/3/11)