



# Memorials & Dedications

August 28, 2013 – 7:00 PM – **Agenda**

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 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, 5/28/08, 4/11/11, 5/9/11, 6/28/11, 5/22/12, 6/12/12, 2/20/13, 5/20/13 – tabled, invited not in attendance)

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

2. Written Motion, Councillors Gonsalves, Gomes & Council President Duarte, requesting that the Department of Public Infrastructure replace the plaque which was stolen from Carney Academy property approximately three years ago, which commemorated the original site of the Bethel AME Church, the Church members have requested replacement several times in the past without success. (Ref'd 7/18/13)

***INVITEES: DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; Bethel AME Church Senior Pastor Milna I. Johnson; Yvonne Drayton***

3. 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, 5/20/13 – Clerk of Comm. to meet with Deb Shrader and Sue Bragdon)

***INVITEES: Fisherman's Tribute Fun President Deb Shrader; Fisherman's Tribute Fund Finance/Marketing Chairman Susan Bragdon***

4. 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, 5/20/13 -tabled)

5. Written Motion, Councillor Gonsalves, on behalf of John Souza, 46 State Street, that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications, look into renaming Gifford's Lane to Captain Mangual's Lane, or something similar, or possibly to establish some other appropriate tribute to Mr. Souza's late Grandfather, Captain Sixto Mangual. (Please see enclosed email for further information/backup regarding this request.)(Ref'd 9/14/06, 11/26/07 - tabled, 5/28/08, 6/30/09 – tabled, 2/28/11 – tabled, 4/11/11- tabled, 9/24/12 – tabled, 11/26/12 – To approve the request for a monument and to send another letter to the DOI seeking permission to erect said monument)

- 5a. Communication, Dennis R. Reidenbach, United States National Park Service Regional Director, to Councillor Linda M. Morad, Chairperson, Committee on memorials and Dedications, Re: Proposed addition to the Merchant Mariners Monument at Fort Taber. (4/21/11)

***INVITEES: Park Board Chairman Peter Boswell; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle; John Souza***

6. 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 Christina Connelly; Theodore Family***