



Memorials & Dedications

April 30, 2015 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber,
Room 213, Municipal Building

1. 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 03/22/12, 05/22/12 – tabled, letters, 09/24/12 – tabled, 11/26/12 – letter to the Mayor, 05/20/13 – Clerk of Comm. to meet with Deb Shrader and Sue Bragdon, 08/28/13 – tabled, 03/11/14 – tabled for 30 days)

INVITEES: Representative of the Mayor Christina Connelly; DPI Commissioner Ron Labelle

The Chairman suggests taking “No Further Action” on the following items:

2. 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, 5/20/13 – tabled; clerk to look into how many parcels would be affected by this name change, 07/30/14 – tabled, 9/15/14 – Letters)
3. Written Motion, Councillor Morad requesting, on behalf of Normand Cabral, Commander-Howland Chapter Veterans Association, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications consider dedicating the electrical building located at Clasky Common Park in memory of the late Louis S. Whitlow, Jr., who for many years worked tirelessly and with great pride on the annual holiday decorations display at Clasky Common Park. (Ref'd 11/22/11, 05/22/12 – Letters, 03/11/14 – Remain in Committee, 07/30/14 – Letters, 9/15/14 – Letters)
4. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Gonsalves and Bousquet, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications look into erecting at least six Peace Poles across New Bedford, with one Peace Pole being erected in each ward across the City; and further, that said Committee seek input from community groups and local religious organizations on placement of said poles. (Ref'd 08/16/12, 03/11/14 - letters)
5. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes and Council President Martins, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications look into establishing a Sister City Relationship with Johannesburg, South Africa; and further requesting that when this matter is heard in Committee that this Councillor be invited to said meeting. (Ref'd 08/16/12, 03/11/14 – letters, tabled)
6. Written Motion, Councillor Alves and Coelho requesting, that the City Council designate an appropriate memorial to recognize the commitment and leadership efforts of the late James (Jim) Simmons in cleaning up and saving the Acushnet River for future generations, it is because of his efforts and leadership the local environmental organization “Hands Across the River” took on the challenge to fight the National Environmental Protection Agency to insist and require them to clean up the Acushnet River and to locate the dredged PCB's to a location away from New Bedford; and further, that the City Council consider designation of the overpass at the location of the historic march across the Acushnet River (former Fairhaven Bridge location near the Route 195 on-ramp) and that the Committee on Memorials and Dedications work with the City Department of Public Infrastructure, the State Department of Public Works and Hands Across the River to establish such a memorial. (Ref'd 01/23/14)
7. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications and the Board of Park Commissioners name softball field three at Buttonwood Park after the Late Captain Jack

Peterson, WBSM News and Sports personality, in recognition of his over fifty years of broadcasting in the area and in recognition of his being an adopted son of the City. (Ref'd 8/21/14)