



Memorials & Dedications

May 23, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Minutes**

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

MEETING: COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS & DEDICATIONS
DATE: MAY 23, 2016
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: COUNCILLOR WILLIAM SALTZMAN ANTECHAMBER, ROOM 213, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

PRESENT: COUNCILLORS KERRY WINTERSON, CHAIRPERSON; HENRY BOUSQUET, VICE-CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU; NAOMI CARNEY; DANA REBEIRO

ABSENT: NO ONE

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Councillor Winterson called the Memorials & Dedications Committee Meeting to order and took attendance, everyone was present.

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Councillor Bousquet made a motion to take up items one (1) and two (2) together which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

Notice, Clerk of reference of a Communication to the Committee on Memorials and Dedications in support of naming the Dog Park after Captain Jack Peterson (Ref'd 7/28/15) and a Written Motion, Councillors Bousquet, Martins, Morad, Lopes and Winterson, requesting, that the lot across from the High School between Ruggles and Greenwood Streets to be transformed into a dog park with the appropriate fencing, key system, play areas, trash barrels, doggies bags, stands and benches, and that this dog park be named after "Captain Jack Peterson" long time talk radio announcer, friend, further, that the City establish an account for Peterson Park, so that people can make a donation in Jack Peterson's name in order to support the development and construction, as well as the care and maintenance of the Dog Park (Ref'd 8/21/14) were received and placed on file by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu. (1 & 2)

Mary Rapoza, Director Parks and Recreation addressed the Committee. She informed the Committee that they will be establishing a Revolving Fund for the Dog Park so that funds collected for fees as well as donations will be going into that fund and be dedicated to ongoing maintenance for the Dog Park. The recommendation to name the Dog Park after Captain Jack Peterson, she has heard very strong support to do that from the public and she would recommend bringing this before the Park Board.

Councillor Bousquet made a motion to amend the motion to read naming the Dog Park, The Captain Jack and Lynne Peterson Dog Park, which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend APPROVAL of the lot across from the High School between Ruggles and Greenwood Streets to be transformed into a dog park with the appropriate fencing, key system, play areas, trash barrels, doggie bags, stands and benches, and that this dog park be named "The Captain Jack & Lynne Peterson Dog Park", and that the City establish an account for Peterson Park, so that people can make donations in Jack Peterson's name in order to support the development and construction, as well as care and maintenance of the Dog Park; and further that this be sent to the Park Board for its next meeting on June 15, 2016 for further approval. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications discuss implementing a moratorium on future memorials being placed at Fort Taber Park (Ref'd 04/09/15) was received and placed on file by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Abreu. (3)

Councillor Lopes informed the Committee that this was supposed to be done a year and a half ago but it slipped through the cracks. The federal government wants a moratorium there. This is a formality, it's their land and we get to use it. We had the Director for the country down here three years ago after the female monument was placed there and she literally expressed her distaste for all the monuments that are going on down there, so let's keep the government happy.

Mary Rapoza informed the Committee that as a result of the meeting when the Women's Memorial went in the Interior Department, which approves all our contracts for people to use buildings and everything down there, decided there was a moratorium on anything happening, they weren't even going to renew our contracts with the Military Museum or anything down there until a new Master Plan was in place that very clearly defined that there were not going to be any more memorials there under any circumstances and they wanted to make sure that the city had a strong system in place to ensure that that did not happen. The Planning Office worked very hard to get a Master Plan in place, so we do have a Moratorium.

On motion by Councillor Bousquet and seconded by Councillor Carney, the Committee VOTED: To take "No Further Action" on this matter at this time. This motion passed on a voice vote.

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Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the City of New Bedford recognize Herb Rego for dedication and commitment to the residents of the City, by naming the bathhouse on West Rodney French Boulevard the "Herb Rego Memorial Lifeguard Center" (Ref'd 8/19/10) was received and placed on file by Councillor Abreu and seconded by Councillor Bousquet. (4)

Councillor Lopes informed the Committee that the Rego family approached him on this matter. Herb Rego was Director of Parks and Recreations for over twenty years; he was a lifeguard and taught swimming. The family thought it would be a nice idea. There was once a brass plaque on one of the buildings named after someone but it was stolen. Former Mayor Tierney was willing to help raise funds for another brass plaque, so maybe you should table this and invite former Mayor Tierney to a meeting.

On motion by Councillor Carney and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To table this matter for 60 days and invite former Mayor Tierney to a meeting when this matter is discussed. This motion passed on a voice vote.

Councillor Abreu made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Carney.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:11 p.m.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Committees