



## **Board of Directors Agenda Report**

**MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021 ITEM NUMBER: 8D**

**SUBJECT:** **Presentation of Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation Financial Pledge to Veterans Serenity Walk Project and Vote on Whether or Not to Move the Project to 2022 Capital List**

**DATE:** December 10, 2021

**FROM:** Doug La Belle, Chair

**PRESENTATION BY:** Doug La Belle, Chair

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Per the Chair, schedule the Serenity Walk project for 2022, subject to the Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation cash contribution of \$100,000.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Heroes Hall Veterans Museum was opened in February of 2017. The Museum includes the Medal of Honor Courtyard and the Heroes Hall Walk of Honor on which recipients of various medals are recognized, for example Medal of Honor, Distinguished Flying Cross, and others.

The A4-M Skyhawk was dedicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2019. The last Walk of Honor recipient was recognized on that day as well, Marine Captain Tom Clark Jr. who received the Distinguished Flying Cross. The Walk of Honor is currently at near capacity for honoring those who meet the criteria for inclusion on the Walk of Honor.

The Heroes Hall Veterans Foundation has provided the funding for the new plaques for each of the Walk of Honor recipients. The Foundation has received a number of requests for inclusion on the Walk of Honor.

The Serenity Walk Project is included in the District's Capital Budget in the amount of \$300,000 in year 2024. The project will provide the opportunity to honor other medal recipients as envisioned in the concept developed by staff. The project will also provide rest areas adjacent to the berm for reflection by family and friends of the sacrifices made by those we honor.

The concept plan for the Serenity Walk is attached.

**Objective:**

Enhance the look of the Heroes Hall lawn landscape for year-round visitors and special events at Heroes Hall.

A sensory garden will be installed throughout the area along the fence line of the Heroes Hall Lawn/Business Development area. This garden will represent an extension of Heroes Hall and will be called the Garden of Honor. All are invited to enjoy the garden, but the main objective will be to provide a place for veterans to relax and contemplate. Included will be 3 – 3-foot-tall planters along the fence for sunflowers. The rest of the area will have a meandering walking path, additional pillars for Heroes Hall Walk of Honor plaques, a pergola, a wall fountain, five benches for sitting, shade trees and native plants. The colors will be blues, purples, greys, and shades of green. The garden will be accented with yellows and a little bit of red. All of the plants will have interesting textures and scents as well as visual interest throughout the year.

**General scope of work:**

May need to be done by a number of contractors for different parts of this project.

Drainage

- The berm has a tendency to flood from irrigation and from rain. It appears that the current lawn area doesn't have good drainage. This may have the potential to adversely affect the artificial turf. This raises more questions, how much flooding can the artificial turf handle over what period of time? Will the ground need to be treated in a certain way to allow for drainage? Can drains be installed and if so, where will they drain? The storms drain in Pac Amp, the Park Plaza Lawn, the sewer? How much drainage can Park Plaza accept without flooding? How often does the Heroes Hall lawn flood? Can the drain that is already in place that leads to the asphalt be used or redirected?

Tree removal

- Remove Chinese Elm trees from the fence line.
- Grind stumps.
- Remove Japanese Blueberry from the fence line, but salvage as much of the root ball as possible to save and replant in large pots
- Remove grass and weeds
  - Spray or physical removal
  - Add new soil, if needed
  - Add soil amendments
- Install bender board that matches the existing bender board.

Irrigation and plant installation

- Evaluate the possibility of moving the irrigation valve boxes
  - How difficult would it be to move the valve boxes to a different location, i.e. closer to where their corresponding sprinklers are located?
  - See the irrigation valve map
  - Move valves 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 next to valves 1, 2, 3, 4 on interior of berm.
  - Remove valves 11, 12, 13, 14 – these are for the lawn and will no longer be needed.

- Valves 15, 16, 17 are located in various places and may be able to be moved to their respective locations.
- The original irrigation was installed incorrectly. The 1½" valves that are for the berm will need to be upgraded to a 2" valves. This will increase the flow of water and allow better irrigation.
  - If the irrigation valve boxes are moved, this may not need to happen.
- Install irrigation for new plants.
- May require changing the irrigation from bubblers to spray or drip irrigation.
- Purchase plants. These will be purchased at specialty nurseries and can be purchased by OCFEC instead of the landscape contractor.
- Install 2' – 4' of mulch in deter weed growth and retain moisture. About 3,200 square feet, 26 cubic yards will be needed. The mulch should match the existing mulch which was purchased from Apollo Wood Products.
  - Gorilla Hair Mulch
- Can sections of the green iron fence be removed to access the lower part of the berm for planting? Ideally, very large trees (48" or 60" box trees) will be planted and they could be planted behind the fence. This would allow more room for the walking path and other elements of the garden but still provide shade along the path.

#### Benches

- Some healing and therapeutic gardens have waterproof journals attached to the benches for anyone to journal anonymously. This might be a nice idea to include.

#### Pergola

- Installed by contractor or OCFEC staff

#### Wall Fountain

- Installed by contractor or OCFEC staff

#### Pillars

- Installed by pillar company
- For additional plaques in the Walk of Honor

#### Walking Path

- Can it match the existing path around Heroes Hall?
- It MUST complement the existing path and not look like an addition was added.

#### Lighting

- For the walking path
- For the pillars with plaques.
- Still needs more research

Benches, Pergola, and Planters can be purchased from the same company who can also install.

<https://www.foreverredwood.com/>

**Total: \$43,750.33**

## Bench

Veterans Memorial Bench-8 feet (seats 4-5)

Bench Leg Styles: Extra-long legs (to place in wet concrete)

Wood Grade & Warranty: California Redwood (15-yr Warranty) - MOST POPULAR

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Cushion: No Cushion - (MOST POPULAR)

Engraving: No Engraving - (MOST POPULAR)

Sealant: Transparent Premium Sealant - (MOST POPULAR)



### Veterans Memorial Bench

Much like our VA Bench, this Outdoor Memorial Bench, designed and built by veterans, is a classic that dates back to WWI. Traditionally used as seating for veterans' memorials, it has a subtle beauty and incredible strength that truly lives up to its name. The Veterans Wood Bench is built with a solid steel base and back railing, as well as 100% restoration forestry redwood slabs, to ensure a long lifetime, and beautiful outdoor aesthetics.

5 benches at \$2,530.00 each = \$12,650.00

## Pergola option

Arched Pergola Kits - 15 ft x 15 ft x No Wall Privacy Panels - (MOST POPULAR)

Wood Grade & Warranty: California Redwood (15-yr Warranty) - MOST POPULAR

Rain Guard: No thanks.

Post Height: 9 ft - (MOST POPULAR)

Electrical Wiring Trim Kit: No, Thank you

Post Decorative Trim: No post decorative trim (standard post) - (MOST POPULAR)

Post Anchoring: 4-post anchor kit for stone, brick or concrete (with anchor bolts)

Curtain Rods: No Curtain Rods - (MOST POPULAR)

Ceiling Fan Base: No Ceiling Fan Base - (MOST POPULAR)

Sealant: Transparent Premium Sealant - (MOST POPULAR)

1pergola \$14,800.00



## Planters



Mendocino Planters - 72 inches L x 24 inches W x 36 inches H

Wood Grade & Warranty: California Redwood (15-yr Warranty) - MOST POPULAR

Mendocino Planter Base or Casters: Add 1 3/4-inch feet - (MOST POPULAR)

Planter Trellis: 4-ft tall Trellis Kit

Growing Vegetables?: No, please seal interior and exterior of box - (MOST POPULAR)

Sealant: Transparent Premium Sealant - (MOST POPULAR)

3 planters at \$1,720.00 each = \$5,160.00

**Fountain – can be purchased and installed by OCFEC or by the fountain company**  
**Wall Fountain option**

<https://www.soothingcompany.com/>

Grandeur River Floor Fountain: \$5,029.00

Green Featherstone: \$0.00

Frame Finish TBD: \$0.00

Outdoor hood cover: \$428.00

Hold Down Brackets: \$150.00

Free shipping (curbside delivery only): \$0.00

Total: \$5,607.00

Engraving/logo added to this feature, would start at \$850 for a single color and would be an additional \$160 for each color added.

With the Grandeur River Floor Fountain, please note that the Featherstones will need to be tiled. This means that there will be two slabs used with a slight seam down the center. Below is an image of a unit that should give an idea of how that would look.



Example of Grandeur River Fountain



Example of two slabs with seam



Examples of engraving



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