

EM SUBMISSION NO.: EME 2862014

PRESENTED: 5-20-14

ADOPTED: 6-3-14

BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGER:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENAMING OF McFARLAN PARK TO
McFARLAN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

McFarlan Park, located at Martin Luther King Avenue and Saginaw Street, was the first park established in the City of Flint; and

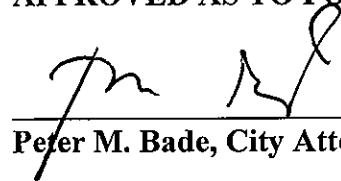
The 0.40 acre of property was purchased by the City of Flint in 1875; and

The Friends of McFarlan Park, Inc., have presented a plan to modernize, repair and restore McFarlan Park, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part hereof; and

In addition to the modernization, repairs and restoration, the Friends of McFarlan Park, Inc., request the park be renamed to "McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park."

IT IS RESOLVED that effective immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the park now known as McFarlan Park shall be renamed McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park in honor of the immense sacrifices made by the citizens of the City of Flint and the County of Genesee in all wars.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Peter M. Bade, City Attorney

EM DISPOSITION:

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Darnell Earley, Emergency Manager

DATED 6-3-14



Friends of McFarlan Park, Inc.

McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park

"to the heroes of all wars"

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McFARLAN WAR MEMORIAL PARK

Presentation to City Officials

PURPOSE

- Modernize, repair and restore McFarlan War Memorial Park to its proper place in the Great Flint Area. The park is the heart and soul of the community because of the immense sacrifices made by its residents.
- Change the Name of the park to "McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park".
- Establish an endowment plan for the upkeep of the Park.
- Open up the park landscaping to improve circulation in the park for people attending services.
- Fundraising to accomplish our goals will include the sale of bricks, donations, and grants.

OVERVIEW OF PLAN – See site plan

- Remove and replace all cement work with bricks placed on a solid base. (6000+bricks)
- Remove, replace, and update all of the name panels.
- Repair the joints of the granite columns.
- Move the big flag from the point to the current flag behind columns. And places for six additional flags that would conform to the flag code.
- Open the center of park by moving the ground cover father out. Replace all trees with a more suitable tree. Reduce the number of trees behind the columns from 6 to 4.
- Monuments: Add a POW/MIA monument in front of the main granite column. Remove sesquicentennial plaque and place it behind the column. There would be a replacement explanation of the park plaque on the face of main column along with a Purple Heart Plaque. Other none veteran donation plaques will be placed behind the columns.
- Add 5 additional monuments: (Refer to site plan) Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, the Vietnam Monument (brought from the Vietnam River Park, a Civil War Monument, and a Persian Gulf-Iraq-Afghanistan-War on Terror Monument.
- Flatten and fix the various grades of the park, making the park more ADA friendly. The park drops over 3' from the back near the Durant to the point.
- Replace and upgrade all of the electrical, water, and irrigation system.
- Replace, repair and upgrade the park lighting. Lights will be added to the columns. New lighting will be LED.
- Place a granite monument facing south at the point giving the name of the park.
- Budget and site plans prepared by Wade-Trim.
- Phases of construction have not been determined.
- We are an actual entity, a State of Michigan Not for Profit Company and have a 501 (c) (3) application pending. There is an agreement with city giving us control over the park, but not ownership.
- Fundraising components are in place.
- We will make the announcement on Memorial Day to begin Fundraising.

Joseph M. Mishler

Chairperson of the Friends of McFarlan Park

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5/11/2014

**PROPOSED MONUMENT LANGUAGE FOR
McFARLAN VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK**

EXPLANATION PLAQUE

This plaque will be placed on center column. There will also be a Purple Heart plaque on the same column.

**McFarlan Veterans Memorial Park
Inscribed on these columns are the names
of those Genesee County veterans who
served and sacrificed for the
United States of America.
You are not forgotten
2014**

(31 words)

Submitted by, Joseph M. Mishler, 5/12/2014