



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: December 15, 2009
To: Honorable Mayor & City Council
From: Joe Matsch, Fire Engineer
Subject: Proposed 9/11 Memorial
Attachments: 1. Photograph of the World Trade Center (WTC) Steel
2. Photograph of the Mayor's Garden

INTRODUCTION

The Port Authority of New York, the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, and the September 11th Families are offering, to interested organizations, steel artifacts that were recovered from the World Trade Center site following the terrorist attack of September 11, 2001.

The Beverly Hills Fire Department has been entrusted to receive one of the steel artifacts from the World Trade Center. Our intentions are to build a pedestal-based memorial in front of the Fire Station 1 for public viewing and to pay tribute to the thousands of innocent people who lost their lives on that tragic morning of September 11. The 9/11 Monument also serves as an enduring reminder to our community, uniformed personnel, and the myriad of visitors, that our nation's fallen will never be forgotten.

DISCUSSION

The steel artifact measures 196"L x 66"W x 51"H and weighs approximately 2,000 pounds. The 9/11 Monument will be built at the Mayor's Garden, on the northwest corner of Burton Way and Rexford Drive. The artifact would be secured on a pedestal of reinforced concrete with a bronze plaque commemorating the site. Adjacent to the landmark, a flagpole will fly our nation's colors and a pathway will be constructed to allow our visitors to contemplate the magnitude and meaning of this monument.

Numerous departments have been contacted regarding logistics and are willing to participate with this project:

- Terry Wagner, Facilities Maintenance Manager
- Fred Simonson, Maintenance Operations Manager
- David Garrard, General Park Maintenance Supervisor
- Ken Pfalzgraf, Parks and Urban Forest Manager
- Brad Meyerowitz, Recreations Service Manager/Arts Commission
- Eric Keshishian, Building & Safety
- Steve Zoet, Community Services

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FISCAL IMPACT

A generous monetary donation has been pledged by the Rotary Club to cover the shipping cost of the WTC steel to the City of Beverly Hills. The design and use of concrete in building the actual foundation, by our in-house staff, and all the other hard cost associated with it should be of very minimal impact. Additional donations are welcomed to cover construction expenses.

RECOMMENDATION

This report is provided for the City Council's information. The Fire Department respectfully requests that the proposed 9/11 Monument be considered.

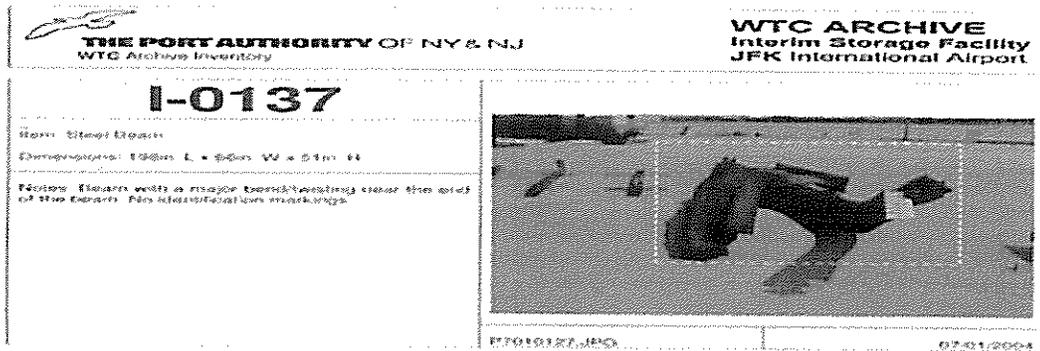
A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the initials 'TJS' enclosed within a hand-drawn circle.

Timothy J Scranton, Fire Chief

Approved By

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Attachment #1 (Picture of the actual WTC Steel):



Attachment # 2 (Street corner picture of the Mayor's Garden between Burton Way & Rexford Dr.):

