



**STAFF REPORT  
CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS**

**For the Architectural Commission  
Meeting of June 16, 2010**

**TO:** Architectural Commission

**FROM:** Donna Jerex, Senior Planner

**SUBJECT: Proposed 9/11 Memorial**

City Fire Department staff will present a proposed design for the Mayor's Garden located next to the Fire Department (northwest corner of Rexford and Santa Monica Boulevard South) and solicit comments from the Commission.

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

<b>Applicant</b>	City of Beverly Hills Fire Department
<b>Owner</b>	City of Beverly Hills
<b>Address</b>	NW Corner Rexford & Santa Monica Blvd. South
<b>Project Name</b>	9/11 Memorial – Mayor's Garden
<b>Project Type</b>	Park Design on City Property

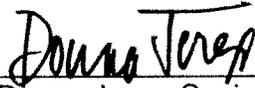
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The City's Fire Department is working with City of New York organizations involved with 9/11 Memorial tributes to develop a Memorial Garden on City Hall property next to the Fire Department.

An Agenda Report dated December 15, 2009 (Attachment A) outlining the proposal was presented to the City Council and received positive feedback. One of the Council's questions was whether any other City entities should provide input on the design. The Fire Department has worked closely with the Planning Division to request input from the Architectural Commission, and will present the project to the Commission at its June meeting.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff supports the design concept and believes the Fire Department team has done an excellent job in putting together this park design, which will be a dramatic improvement for this important corner location. The Fire Department has worked cooperatively with the various City departments (including Recreation and Parks and Police) to present a very attractive scheme. Staff looks forward to receiving comments from the Commission.

  
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Donna Jerex, Senior Planner

Attachments:

- A. City Council Agenda Report (December 15, 2009)
- B. Landscape Plan

**ATTACHMENT A**

**City Council Agenda Report – 12/15/09**





## AGENDA REPORT

**Meeting Date:** December 15, 2009  
**Item Number:**  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Timothy J. Scranton, Fire Chief  
Joe Matsch, Fire Engineer  
**Subject:** Proposed 9/11 Memorial  
**Attachments:**

1. Photograph of the World Trade Center (WTC) Steel
2. Photograph of the Flagpole
3. Photograph of the Mayor's Garden

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### INTRODUCTION

The Port Authority of New York, the Tribute WTC Visitor Center, and the September 11<sup>th</sup> Families have been looking for organizations interested in obtaining 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 monument 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 at 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 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.

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Numerous departments have been contacted regarding logistics:

- 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

**FISCAL IMPACT**

This project will have no significant fiscal impact to the City. A monetary donation has been pledged by the Rotary Club to cover r the shipping cost of the WTC steel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

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

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Timothy J. Scranton

Approved By

Meeting Date: December 1, 2009

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

THE GREAT SEVENTH OF NY & NJ WTC Archive Inventory		WTC ARCHIVE Inventory Storage Facility JFK International Airport	
<b>I-0137</b>			
Item: Steel Beam			
Dimensions: 196in. L x 52in. W x 21in. H			
Notes: Beam with a major dent/damage near the end of the beam. For identification purposes.		07/19/2004	

**Attachment # 2 (Flagpole with the WTC Steel replacing the firefighter statues):**



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**Attachment #3 (Street corner picture of the Monument between Burton Way & Rexford Dr.):**



**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Landscape Plan**