



City of Broken Arrow

Request for Action

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**Broken Arrow City Council
Meeting of: 09/04/2018**

Title:

Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of displaying “The War at Home Memorial” at Veterans Park, and, to authorize staff to work with Mission 22 representatives for the development of a site plan, and, preparation of an agreement for acceptance and display of the memorial

Background:

Mission 22 contacted the City of Broken Arrow requesting to display “The War at Home Memorial” at Veterans Park. A meeting was held with representatives of Mission 22, Tom Mancino with The Military History Center, Councilor Wimpee, and staff. All were supportive of the initial request and potential opportunity for Veterans Park.

Mission 22 is a non-profit who combats the ever-rising veteran suicide rate. Every day, more than twenty veterans are lost to suicide. Mission 22 wants to bring that number to zero. It does this with three main programs: veteran treatment programs, memorials and national awareness. Mission 22 provides treatment programs to veterans for Post-Traumatic Stress, Traumatic Brain Injury and other issues they might be facing. It organizes events and builds memorials to create social impact and awareness for these issues. Mission 22 also has an Ambassador volunteer program for people to get involved as well. Ambassadors educate the public on veteran issues, help get veterans into Mission 22 treatment programs and create resources in their communities. Through these three programs, it enables a push for the betterment of our nation’s heroes and stands united in the war against veteran suicide.

The Memorial is comprised of (22) 4’x10’ steel plate and crafted in the likeness of a real American Veteran who lost the battle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Details about their lives and service are described in an inscription located at the base of each plate. It is proposed that each 1,000 lb. silhouette would be painted black and mounted on a concrete base.

Teresa Eash, Mission 22 Ambassador and Michel Coon, Steward of the Memorial are here to present more information about “The War at Home Memorial” and its possible display in Veterans Park.

Cost: Not determined at this time.

Funding Source: N/A

Requested By: Scott Esmond, Director of Parks and Recreation

Approved By: Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

Attachments: “The War at Home Memorial” proposal

Pictures of the “The War at Home Memorial”

Recommendation:

Approve the display of “The War at Home Memorial” at Veteran’s park and authorize staff to work with Mission 22 representatives for the development of a site plan, and, preparation of an agreement for acceptance of the display.