



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes - Final

Ad Hoc Cannon Committee

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Richard Christensen
Wade Holding
Devin Sutherland
Ken Carrier-Duncan
Jeff Coe
John M. Engel
Sharon Baldukas, Robert Hartman

Thursday, November 8, 2007

5:15 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 130

Call To Order

PRESENT: 6 - John M. Engel, Richard Christensen, Wade Holding, Devin Sutherland, Ken Carrier-Duncan and Sharon Baldukas
EXCUSED: 1 - Jeff Coe

Member Also Present: Robert Hartmann

- A. EXAMINATION OF CURRENT MONUMENT SQUARE DESIGN FEATURES.
- B. REPORTS BY DEVON SUTHERLAND REGARDING CONVERSATIONS WITH THE MONUMENT SQUARE DESIGNER AND WITH THE CITY DIRECTOR OF THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
- C. CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING RETURN OF THE CANNONS TO MONUMENT SQUARE

07-1237

Subject: Communication from Mayor Becker requesting the Ad Hoc Cannon Committee determine placement of two Civil War Cannons

Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Cannon Committee:

The Ad Hoc Cannons Committee recommends that the two Civil War era Cannons be returned to Monument Square; placed with due honor and respect for their historic significance as part of Racine's monument to those who served and those who died in the American Civil War.

Further recommends the Cannons be positioned in visual proximity appropriate to the relationship of the Cannons to the Monument. The exact location(s) on the Square, and the type of base support into which they will be placed should be determined through consultation with the City's Monument Square Design Consultant, Landscape Architect Ken Saiki Design, Inc.

Fiscal Note: To be determined.

The Cannons Ad Hoc Committee has reviewed pertinent available information on the origin, history, and published accounts concerning Monument Square and the two Civil War Cannons formerly part of the Racine Soldiers Monument. We have solicited opinions

from the public, from interested parties and organizations, through those who have attended our Committee meetings, personal contact, and with the assistance of the Editor of the Journal Times newspaper.

122 printed or written expressions of opinion were received. Of those, 113 favored return of the cannons to Monument Square as an integral part of the Racine Soldiers Monument. The other 9 favored alternative sites: The Kenosha Civil War Museum; The DeKoven Center; either of 2 Cemeteries; and the Racine Campus of Gateway Technical College at the Statue of President & Mrs. Lincoln.

The Ad Hoc Cannons Committee recommends that the two Civil War era Cannons be returned to Monument Square; placed with due honor and respect for their historic significance as part of Racine's monument to those who served and those who died in the American Civil War. The Committee recommends that the Cannons be positioned in visual proximity appropriate to the relationship of the Cannons to the Monument. The exact location(s) on the Square, and the type of base support into which they will be placed should be determined through consultation with the City's Monument Square Design Consultant, Landscape Architect Ken Saiki Design, Inc.

Approved by the following vote:

AYES: John M. Engel, Richard Christensen, Wade Holding, Devin Sutherland, Ken Carrier-Duncan, Sharon Baldukas and Robert Harman

EXCUSED: Jeff Coe

Recommended For Approval

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.