CAPITOL BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION POLICY ON MONUMENTS

I. PURPOSE OF POLICY

To set standards and procedures for the approval of monuments to be placed in the Capitol complex. In so doing, the Commission is guided by all earlier formal action limiting the acceptance of artwork, plaques, and other accouterments in the Capitol building and on the Capitol campus. In particular, the Commission reaffirms its policy that, with the exception of the portraits of the governors and supreme court justices, all art in the Capitol should be original to the building or contribute significantly to the aesthetic and symbolic integrity of the building.

When considering monuments, plaques, and similar markers for the Capitol grounds, the Commission will be guided by the following principles:

1. The purpose of the monument must be compatible with the long-term historical perspective on South Dakota and representative of the interests of the people of South Dakota.

2. The monument must contribute to the overall aesthetic decorum of the Capitol complex.

3. The monument must meet the standards of long-term maintenance and public safety set by the Bureau of Administration.

II. PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION OF MONUMENT PROPOSALS:

Those wishing to propose the establishment of a monument, plaque, or other marker for the Capitol complex must:

1. Submit a written request for a preliminary meeting to the Capitol Beautification and Restoration Commission stating the purpose and nature of the proposed monument, including information on possible sites and sources of funding for the project.

2. If the Commission believes the proposal fits the above guidelines, the sponsors will be invited to make a formal presentation to the Commission. In preparing the presentation, the sponsors are expected to consult with the Bureau of Administration on physical aspects of the proposal such as site, materials, and safety.

The presentation should include the following:

a. A rendering of the proposed monument.
b. A schematic indicating possible sites.
c. A budget showing basic costs and sources of funding.
d, The proposed text for any inscriptions associated with the monument.

3. The Commission will accept the information submitted in the above presentation for study for a period of no less than one month, prior to voting on the proposed monument.

The policies adopted by the Capitol Beautification and Restoration Commission control monument placements unless otherwise modified by the governor or by formal legislative action.

This policy was adopted at the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission meeting which was held May 25, 1995.

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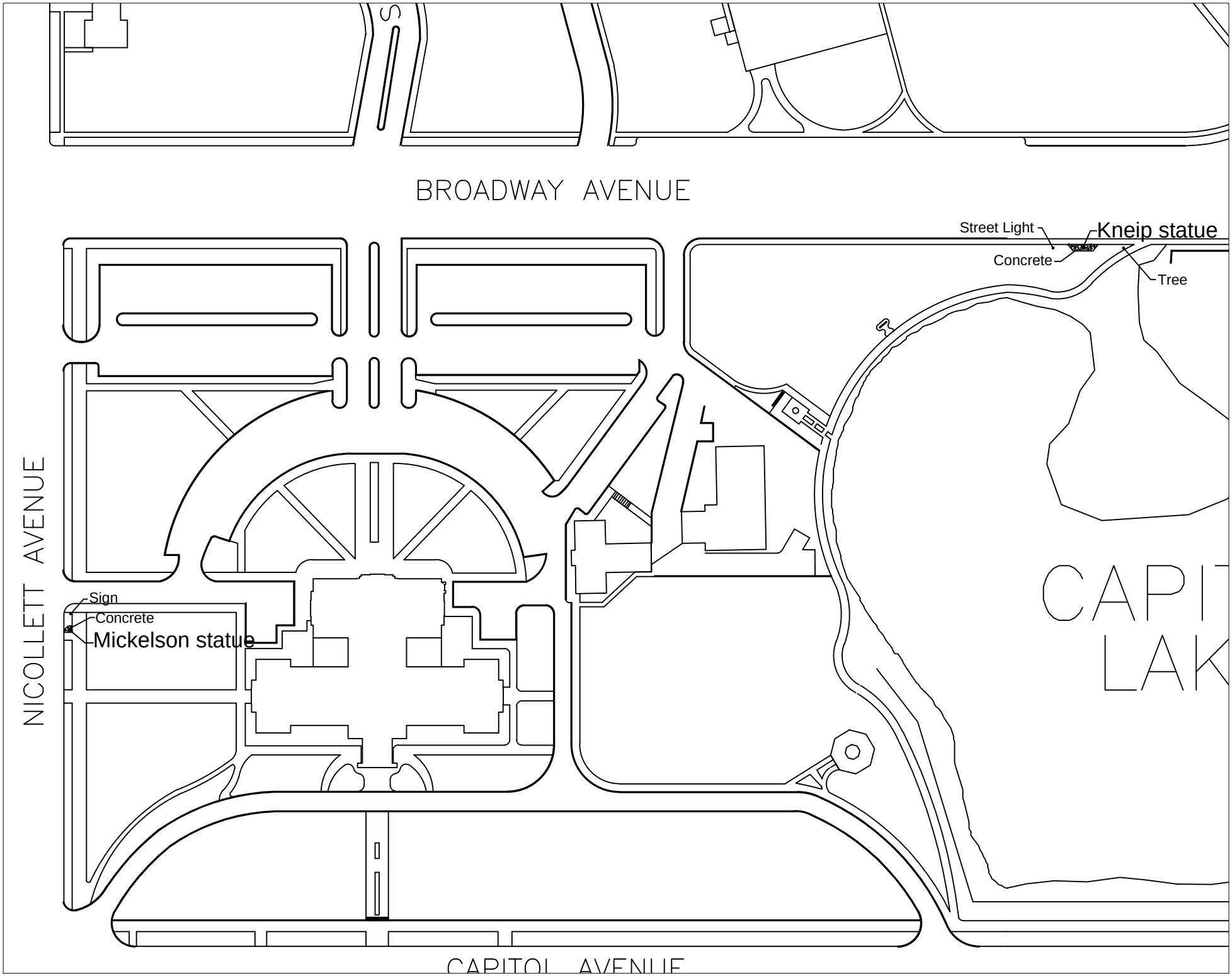
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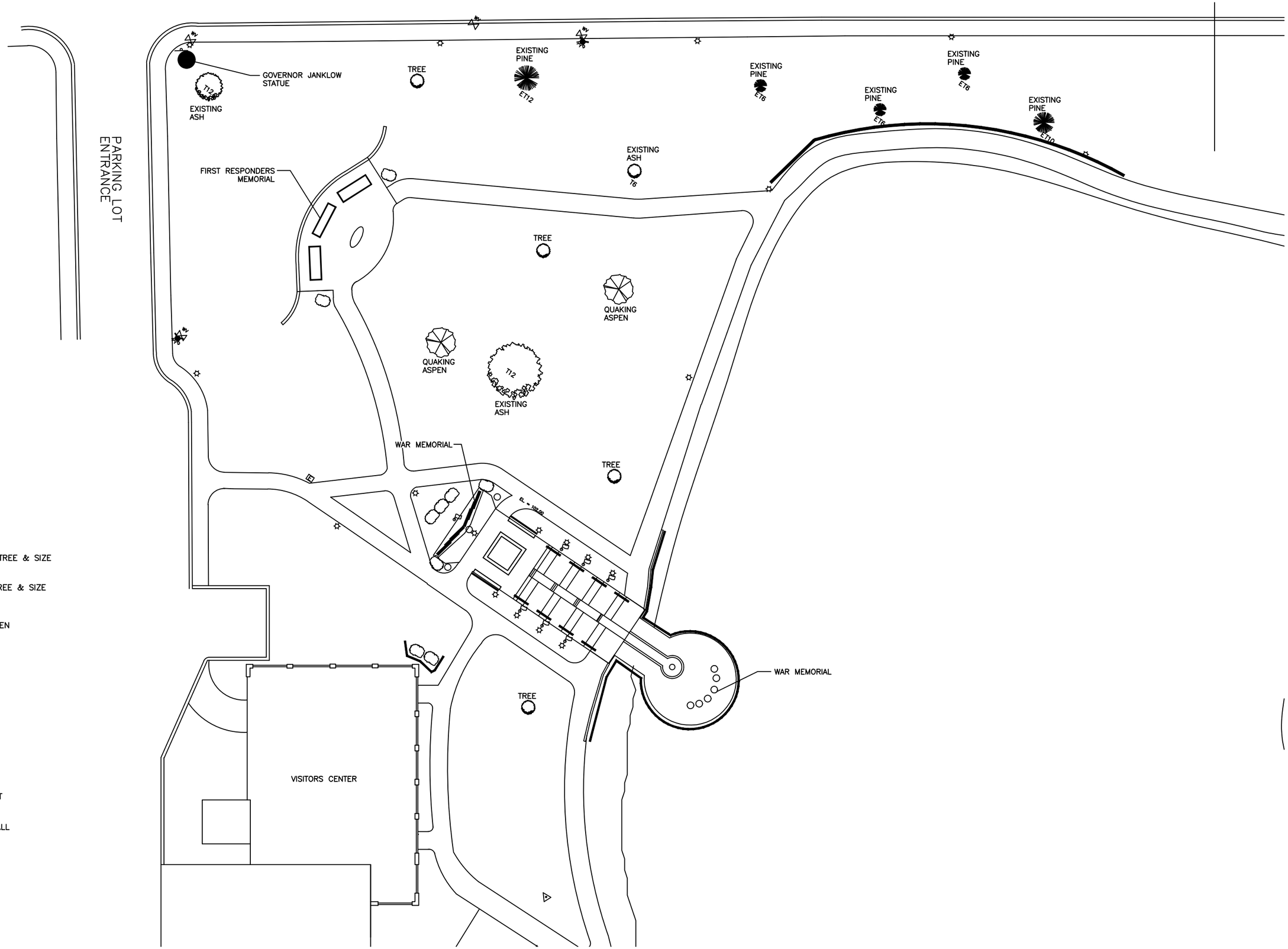

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- CONIFEROUS TREE & SIZE (ET12)
- DECIDUOUS TREE & SIZE (T12)
- QUAKING ASPEN
- SHRUBBERY
- LILAC
- LIGHT
- SPOT LIGHT
- FIRE HYDRANT
- RETAINING WALL
- FLAG POLE
- SIGN

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DATE: April 8, 2015

TO: Capitol Complex Restoration & Beautification Commission
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Don Zeller, Pierre
Sandra Zinter, Ft. Pierre
Mayor Laurie Gill, Pierre

FROM: Larry Zimmerman, SDDVA Secretary

SUBJECT: Proposal to Create Code Talkers Memorial

I would like to request a moment on your upcoming meeting agenda (April 21, 2015) to brief you on a project that has been reviewed.

South Dakota's nine tribes, the South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations and the South Dakota Department of Veterans Affairs have been collaborating on the concept of a South Dakota Code Talkers Memorial.

I plan to share with you an overview of the concept. We will not have drawings and recommendations at this time.

cc: Paul Kinsman, BOA Commissioner
Mike Mueller

DATE: March 26, 2015

TO: Capitol Complex Restoration & Beautification Commission
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FROM: Ken Teunissen, MOPH Adjutant

SUBJECT: Proposal to Relocate the Purple Heart Memorial

The South Dakota Military Order of the Purple Heart for the Department of the Dakotas (MOPH) has requested to be added to your April 21 Commission Agenda. It is our understanding that the Capitol Complex Restoration and Beautification Commission is tasked with the responsibility to approve design and placement of memorials on the Capitol campus.

The order of the Purple Heart for Military Merit commonly called "The Purple Heart," is an American decoration. It is the "oldest" military decoration in the world in present use and the "first" award made available to the common soldier.

MOPH was not included in the decision making process in 2004 when the memorial was placed on the lawn of the Soldiers and Sailors World War Memorial Building. It is our belief that the best location for this memorial would be the Veterans Memorial Park by Capitol Lake.

This site provides both patriotic and educational awareness. This site provides a statement of Duty, Honor and Country. Truly the area by the memorials is a location that defines the blood, sweat and tears --- the true cost of freedom. It provides veterans, their families, and our community a place to reflect and remember the service and sacrifices that have been made, and continue to be made to protect our freedom.

During our visit on April 21 we plan to share with you:

- MOPH goals and mission
- History of the Purple Heart Memorial
- Our Vision
- Funding

cc: Paul Kinsman, BOA Commissioner
Mike Mueller

March 24, 2015

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Honorable Paul Kinsman
Commissioner
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Honorable Commissioner:

This is a request from the Military Order of the Purple Heart to be on the Agenda for the Capitol Complex Restoration & Beautification Commission meeting on April 21, 2015 at 9:30 AM.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart would like to request that the Purple Heart Memorial be relocated from the Soldier and Sailors building to Capitol Lake and the flaming fountain, so it would be among the other memorials for our veterans from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and someday a memorial for Veterans from the more recent wars and conflicts.

The Purple Heart Memorial is an existing memorial so the only cost would be for the relocation of it.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is a non-profit organization and in past correspondence then Senator Daschle and then Governor Michael Rounds agreed to have it relocated.

Attached is an aerial picture of the new location by the other memorials, it is indicated with an X inside a circle to the left of the Vietnam Memorial.

If one would read the history of this medal it dates back to the Revolutionary War.

What better location for this memorial than to be by the other War Memorial's.

Sincerely

Mark Williamson
Commander
Department of the Dakotas

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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, GOVERNOR

November 15, 2004

Wayne Ingalls
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Dear Wayne:

Thank you for contacting me to share your thoughts and concerns regarding the Purple Heart Memorial Dedication Ceremony and location of the memorial. You are totally right. Once in a while, government needs to take a step back, review the situation, re-evaluate our decisions, and then, come back to the table with a sound conclusion based on "another look".

We completely recognize the dedication of the Purple Heart Memorial was not well publicized and attendance was extremely poor because of the lack of publicity.

The South Dakota Purple Heart Memorial was one of 50 which were to be installed in each state. On August 1, 2004, we did not know if we would receive our stone in time for the dedication ceremony on Purple Heart Day, August 7. We received our memorial stone on August 3 and, thanks to Watertown Monuments, we were lucky to have it installed by August 5. Staff at Military and Veterans Affairs tried their best to promote the dedication, but with only 4 days notice, it was difficult to get the word out to the Purple Heart Veterans and South Dakota press.

Based on your letter and letters from other veterans, I have asked Military and Veterans Affairs to hold another, more publicized dedication on Purple Heart Day, 2005. Our efforts will be solely concentrated on using the news media for this event because there is no official government listing of those soldiers who have received a Purple Heart.

Although you have valid points about the location of the Purple Heart Memorial, I have not yet made up my mind about changing that location.

On one hand, I agree the Purple Heart Memorial is directly related to paying tribute to veterans wounded in combat and could, therefore, be located at the Flaming Fountain on Capitol Lake.

On the other hand, the Soldiers and Sailors War Memorial Building (where the Purple Heart Memorial is now located) was built, specifically, as a memorial tribute to the soldiers of WWI. It houses the state's Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, an exact replica of the Liberty Bell, a complete military history display, and contains the South Dakota Hall of Honor, a tribute to South Dakota recipients of the Medal of Honor. I have included a Soldiers and Sailors Building history for your information.

For the time being, we will focus on rededicating the Purple Heart Memorial on Purple Heart Day, 2005, and continue to evaluate the possibility of relocating the Purple Heart Memorial to the Flaming Fountain.

Thank you for your comments and input on the Purple Heart Memorial.

Sincerely,

M. Michael Rounds

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Enclosure

cc: MG Michael Gorman
Andy Gerlach
Dennis Foell

Dear Governor Rounds,

It was my pleasure to meet you in Pierre, at the dedication of the Korean War memorial. The memorial is a wonderful tribute to the Veterans that served.

I was also on hand to attend the dedication of the WW11 memorial. My father was a WW11 Veteran, and I was happy to contribute to that memorial.

I spoke briefly with you about the new Purple Heart memorial. While on vacation, I read in the Rapid City newspaper that the Purple Heart memorial had been dedicated. On my way home I stopped to see the memorial. I went down to Capitol Lake and could not find it with the other war memorials. I asked a grounds guard if he knew where it was. He said to look south of the capitol, near the bell. I asked if there were any Purple Heart Veterans at the dedication. I was told that there were only a handful of people at the dedication. After some searching I found the beautiful memorial, but certainly not anyplace you'd expect to find it.

Recently I spoke with Dan Pasch who lost a brother in Vietnam. He said he hadn't heard of the Purple Heart memorial, nor had his mother, a "Gold Star" mother. These people should have received an invitation!

I received a personal invitation to attend the Korean Was memorial dedication, which was great. However, I was not invited to attend the dedication of the Purple Heart Memorial. I am a Purple Heart recipient. I lost my leg in Viet Nam in 1968. I believe that the Purple Heart recipients, their families, and the families of the fallen, should have been invited to that dedication.

The memorial to the Purple Heart veterans, who gave their lives and limbs, should be placed down by Capitol Lake with the other war memorials. .

. . On my arrival home, I called your office and spoke with Dennis Faell. He told me that the Purple Heart memorial was pretty much a "done deal". When I persisted, he asked me what I proposed to do. I proposed that the memorial be re-located and re-dedicated, properly. When I asked him who decided "where" the Purple Heart memorial was placed, he told me that the "beautification committee" decided where they were putting it.. While at the Korean War memorial dedication, I spoke with the mayor of Pierre. He said that he was on the beautification committee, and knew nothing about where the memorial was placed.

I've spoken with Ron Boyd, State adj. of the American Legion, and have the support of Roger Andal of the DAV. and Gene Murphy, and Rick Barg, from the VFW.. These men agree with me that the Purple Heart Memorial needs to be moved down by the other war memorials and re-dedicated!

I spoke with Senator Daschle again last week. He signed my petition to get this memorial moved by the other war memorials, and to be re-dedicated. Would you please sign my petition, and return it to me? I believe the Governor of SD can get this relocated without a petition.

Thank you,