



# ***Agenda Report***

## ***Fullerton City Council***

**MEETING DATE:** NOVEMBER 5, 2019

**TO:** CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

**SUBMITTED BY:** KENNETH DOMER, CITY MANAGER

**PREPARED BY:** HUGO CURIEL, DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE ORANGE COUNTY KOREAN WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE FOR A POTENTIAL MEMORIAL AT HILLCREST PARK

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### **SUMMARY**

Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Fullerton and the Orange County Korean War Memorial Committee (OCKWMC) regarding their request to place a Korean War Memorial at Hillcrest Park adjacent to the Duck Pond (near Brea Boulevard and Harbor Boulevard). The purpose of the MOU would be to facilitate development of a concept plan and terms for the proposed memorial that would be subject to City Council approval at a later date. The proposed memorial would be the first Korean War Memorial in the United States to commemorate all 34,027 United States Service members that died during the war. Of these losses, 2,611 were from California.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County Korean War Memorial Committee in a form approved by the City Attorney.

### **PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT**

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

All costs associated with the proposed war memorial, including any changes to the Duck Pond Renovation project as a result of the proposed war memorial, will be covered by the OCKWMC.

## DISCUSSION

In March of 2014, the OCKWMC entered into an MOU with the City to “facilitate mutually beneficial efforts to promote a historic remembrance for those who sacrificed their lives for the United States during the Korean War”. The MOU’s term ended in March, 2016. During this time, several locations throughout the City were considered for the memorial. However, OCKWMC’s efforts tapered off and ultimately were postponed.

Earlier this year, OCKWMC met with the Mayor to express interest in continuing with their prior efforts and to discuss the possibility of moving forward with the memorial at the current proposed location adjacent to the Duck Pond at Hillcrest Park. The proposed memorial would be amended into the current plans for renovations at the Duck Pond in order to ensure both distinct projects are not in conflict with either and the addition is harmonious with the City’s planned improvements. They have also met with and received support from Fullerton’s local Veterans groups associated with the City’s existing Veterans and War Memorials.

With City Council approval, Staff will work with OCKWMC to develop a concept plan and terms for the proposed memorial. Staff will return to City Council at a later date for approval of these items and possible award of construction for the memorial site.

## Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Korean War Memorial MOU
- Attachment 2 – Prior MOU
- Attachment 3 – Proposed War Memorial Site Plan