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From: Kathy McLeod [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 1:09 PM
To: Eleanor Manzano <Eleanor.Manzano@redondo.org>
Subject: Fwd: Replacement Plaques- Veterans Memorial - BLUE FOLDER

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Sorry. This page here to be a Blue Folder item for all pertinent departments .

Thank you!

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From: Kathy McLeod [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 8:02 AM
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- City Council
- Mayor
- Budget & Finance
- Public Works
- Parks and Recreation
- Community Department (?)
- Police
- Safety & Crime Dept.

Thank you.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kathy McLeod [REDACTED]

Date: January 15, 2025 at 7:26:21 AM PST

To: Tom Lasser [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] Peter Dabbieri [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Replacement Plaques- Veterans Memorial

Thank you for your quick response Tom.

I did indeed mis-type my number - sorry about that. It's [REDACTED]

This is good news (at least it's some news) and it sounds as if the Task Force is on top of this issue. I've been in touch with Public Works the past few months and hear the same — it's a "a budgetary issue".

The residents feel (as I'm sure you do) that the City can — and absolutely should — allocate dollars to fixing and maintaining our Veterans Memorial, along with the historic and landmarked Library Plaque. I will continue to hold off on purchasing a replacement plaque for my family's memorial bench until after the election.

As Im sure you're aware, hundreds of cities across the Country have replaced their stolen plaques (including Manhattan Beach Bruce Beach Plaque) within days/weeks/months of being stolen. I hope our City will put this issue on high priority in 2025.

Thanks again Tom for your response and for all you do for our Veterans and the Memorial. And thank you for your past service to our Country.

Best,

Kathy
[REDACTED]

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On Jan 14, 2025, at 7:19 PM, Tom Lasser [REDACTED] wrote:

Ms McLeod. Was forwarded your message regarding replacing the stolen plaques at Veterans Park.

My name is Tom Lasser and I am the chair of the Redondo Beach Veterans Task Force.

Had been waiting for the City budget to include funding for replacements. I visited Redondo public works on the first anniversary of the thefts last week. Found out that public work is ready, but they still don't have the budgeted money to proceed.

We provided photos of the plaques. They do have estimates and a local vendor with lower cost replacements.

Need to get City Council to budget for them to start and the budget cycle starts after the municipal elections in March. Probably April 2025. Am meeting to lobby for the funding.

I counted six missing at the Memorial. One was the original one from 1984 on a pedestal in the rotunda and two were relocated from other veteran's memorials in Redondo. One of the other three sponsored plaques must have been yours and believe the city is obligated to replace them since the RBVM is city property. I also had the opportunity to examine the police report from January 2024.

I have attached John Gran and Peter Dabbieri, both members of the Task Force, who have also been working on this.

I tried to call you at the [REDACTED] number you provided below but it could not go through?
My number is [REDACTED]

LTC Tom Lasser, USA, retired
Redondo Beach Veterans Task Force



From: Kathy McLeod [REDACTED]
Date: Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 9:40 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Todd Loewenstein <todd.loewenstein@redondo.org>, Nils <Nils.Nehrenheim@redondo.org>
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