

Jomsky, Mark

Subject: FW: Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial

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From: Victor Cass [<mailto:denavictor5@aol.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2013 1:09 PM
To: Bogaard, Bill
Subject: RE: Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial

Dear Mr. Mayor,

How are you, sir? Well, I hope...I know that the city council will be taking up the issue of the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial this Monday eve. I just wanted to make a last minute pitch for you and the rest of the council to consider an alternative location for this worthy project, instead of Memorial Park, which I feel strongly should remain the sole remembrance site for the US military...

I have scouted several other locations that I feel would be great for this memorial. I've always felt that a more appropriate site would be closer to East Washington Village and East Pasadena, where our Armenian neighbors have traditionally made their home.

Potential alternative sites: the intersection of Washington Blvd./Sierra Madre Blvd, just east of PHS. This location could be developed with a parking lot, Genocide Memorial Visitor's Center, adequate lighting for night viewing, flagpoles, etc. Another location could be the wide center grass median on Sierra Madre Blvd., closer to Sierra Madre Villa...Also, E. Orange Grove Blvd. could be looked at, near the parks where the old Stuart Pharmaceutical gazebo is.

I would also like to offer my services to be part of any exploratory committee or advisory board to help identify and locate an alternate site. Being an Art Center grad myself, and an artist, you could depend on me to do justice to keeping the integrity of Catherine Meynard's design, wherever it is eventually located.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for your serious consideration of my suggestions and offer.

Best to you,

Victor Cass

Sent from my iPhone

Jomsky, Mark

From: Michael Cornwell <cornwellm@sbcglobal.net>
Int: Sunday, September 08, 2013 11:54 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Fw: More dialogue needed.....Armenian Genocide Memorial

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Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2013 11:44 PM
Subject: More dialogue needed.....Armenian Genocide Memorial

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Council: Re the following, there must be much more dialogue between the Armenian Community & Organizations, Pasadena officials and the LARGER COMMUNITY.

The City Manager must recognize that the matter has become controversial and approval would be premature without a complete review.... many unanswered questions remain.

Thank you for your consideration,

Michael Cornwell
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Cc: "Mermell, Steve" <smermell@cityofpasadena.net>; "Foster, Siobhan" <sfoster@cityofpasadena.net>; Mark Jomsky-City Clerk <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2013 10:03 PM
Subject: Re: Suggested Alternative Armenian Memorial Site-adjacent to City Hall Plaza

Michael...I suggest you give this a re-think...who are the "we" BTW?

I am aware of the original library site..and the memorial....irrelevant and missing the point. The green limestone make up of the Founders Monument in Defenders Park, as you may know comes from the library.

Please provide ALL the documentation available regarding the change from Library Park to Memorial Park in 1927...ASAP....and brace for a nasty legal battle should your recommendation be adopted by the City Council...

Memorial Park is NOT THE MOST APPROPRIATE AREA.....

Best, Michael.

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Sent: Sunday, September 8, 2013 9:34 PM
Subject: RE: Suggested Alternative Armenian Memorial Site-adjacent to City Hall Plaza

Michael,

Thank you for giving this issue so much thought. We did consider the area around City Hall as well as other parks, surplus properties, and street medians like Sierra Madre in front of Pasadena High School and where Foothill and Walnut split. In the end, we felt Memorial was the most appropriate area. It is important to note that the Park was renamed from Library Park to Memorial Park in 1927. It was not named for or was it the intent that it be a war memorial park.

...Michael



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From: Michael Cornwell [mailto:cornwellm@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, September 08, 2013 4:42 PM
To: Beck, Michael; Gutierrez, Julie
Cc: Mermell, Steve; Foster, Siobhan
Subject: Suggested Alternative Armenian Memorial Site-adjacent to City Hall Plaza

To: Michael Beck & Julie Gutierrez

Saturday I spent a considerable amount of time walking around Memorial Park...and continued up around the former YMCA, YWCA and City Hall Plaza

Having studied the mock up in Memorial Park...I believe either of the following would work:

- 1. The green area south of the ROBINSON HEADS**
- 2. The landscaped area south of and across the street from the HALE BUILDING**

Both areas could easily accommodate the design of the memorial....and being adjacent to City Hall Plaza, will allow for the large crowds that gather on April 24, while not disrupting neighboring activities as could be a problem in Memorial Park.

This of course is only if you feel this Memorial MUST BE IN PASADENA, which is questionable . I have been discussing this with colleagues over the last week or so..and they ask WHY PASADENA...having never heard about the proposal previously. They questioned placement on public property....feeling a church or other private setting identified with Armenians seems logical and appropriate.

As the PASADENA WEEKLY reported, "Neighboring Glendale has the highest percentage of residents of Armenian decent in the United States. That city commemorates the genocide every year on April 24 in front of City Hall with a resolution.....etc"

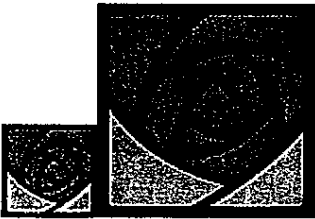
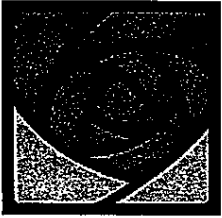
In addition, as you know, members of the Armenian Community Coalition ACC an alternative group, headed by former 4th Dist City Council candidate Chris Chananian, remains at odds with PASAGMC-Pasadena Genocide Memorial Committee headed by Pasadena Mayor Bill Paparian. They have parate plans for a Memorial.

Finally, as you may know, Montebello has a significant Genocide Memorial...but at this location two Armenian groups are at odds over something and celebrate the April occasion on different dates...as I am told????

So...there you have it. Your comments will be appreciated.

Until Monday @ Council, Mike Cornwell

ps: A couple of my Boston Irish Catholic pals suggest a monument in Defenders Park, adjacent to my condo...honoring the victims of the Irish Potato Famine.



Pasadena, 9/6/2013

Honorable Mayor Bill Bogart
Honorable members of the Pasadena City Council
100 N. Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Friends,

My name is Daniel E. Gueuzubeuyukian; former 2 term Humans Relations Commissioner for the City of Pasadena. I am also the President and Head Instructor of Heartstart Enterprises, a professional CPR and First Aid Instruction business located in Pasadena for the past 22 years.

I am writing this letter in full support for the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee's plan to build a Genocide Memorial site in Memorial Park. I have known most members of this Committee for over 30 years, and I trust this plan is in very good hands, and I urge the City Council to once and for all approve this Historical project.

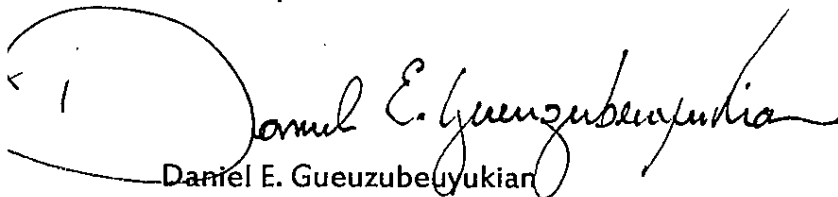
I was present at the Park and Recreations hearing, and I spoke as a citizen on behalf of this project, saying that one day, when I am longer on this earth, my 5 and 7 year old daughters will drive by Memorial Park, and remember their History, respect their culture, and learn about the consequences of Genocide, not only against the Armenian people, but against ANY race or nation.

This Memorial will bring pride and a sense of accomplishment to the already world famous City of Pasadena, and millions of People that come to visit our City will be able to see the Memorial and learn about this sad chapter of our history.

I am well aware of some divisions within the Armenian Community, and I am well aware of the Dividers and individuals who are seeking personal fame and credit for their personal or political benefit, but I can wholeheartedly say that the members of the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee are selflessly united in heart and mind with one purpose: To remember 1.5 Million Armenians slaughtered by the Turkish Government, to keep their memory alive, and to educate our children about this sad, but real part of our history.

I urge you to approve this project, and I give my full support to it.

Sincerely,


Daniel E. Gueuzubeuyukian

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My Name is Vahan Hovigimyan

I am scriptor

CITY CLERK

13 SEP 05 10:40AM

I want to ask the city

Manager to consider the

Armenian Community Coalition

Monument project to be

The Monument :

I am opposing the September
9, Monument project city council

Discussion :

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September 8, 2013

William Bogaard, Mayor
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue, Room S228
Pasadena, California 91109

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

We write as long-time residents of Pasadena and also as the authors of a book on the Armenian Genocide that has been reprinted many times and is used as a textbook in comparative genocide courses at universities such as UCLA and elsewhere (*Survivors: An Oral History of the Armenian Genocide*, University of California Press, 1993).

Most of the 100 interviews for this book were done with survivors of the genocide that lived in Pasadena, including Lorna's parents. Her father lost seven of his nine family members in the genocide and half of her mother's family was killed. The family emigrated to Pasadena from Lebanon in 1956.

Pasadena has a very vibrant Armenian community, including a number of Armenian churches and cultural organizations. Therefore, it is very fitting that plans have been made to construct a memorial that was designed by Catherine Menard, a gifted student at the Pasadena Art Center Environmental Design School.

The memorial is both elegant and symbolic, with a single drop of water falling from a triangular structure every 21 seconds, symbolizing over the span of a year the lives of each of the 1.5 million Armenians who died during the genocide.

Armenians all over the world are making plans to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the Armenian genocide in 2015. It is very fitting that Pasadena joins these international efforts since our city is home to many survivors and their progeny, now in the fourth generation of great grandchildren.

We are very pleased that the Armenian community in Pasadena is united behind the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee in its support of this memorial, and that it joins many non-Armenians who believe that it is important to recognize and commemorate the first genocide of the 20th century.

Sincerely,



Lorna Touryan Miller
Retired Director
Office for Creative Connections
All Saints Church



Donald E. Miller
Professor of Religion
University of Southern California

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ARMENIAN BROTHERHOOD BIBLE CHURCH
PASADENA - CALIFORNIA

September 6, 2013

Dear Pasadena Mayor and City Council.

The Armenian Brotherhood Bible Church has been in Pasadena for over 40 years. We have more than 300 members and regular attendees in our congregation. The purpose of this letter is to show our full support to the Pasadena Armenian Genocide Memorial Committee (PASAGMC) in their efforts to erect the memorial Monument designed by the art student Kathrine Menard, in Pasadena Memorial Park. She created a beautiful design which symbolizes the horrors of the 1915 genocide against the Armenian people, in not only a subtle, but powerful way. The Armenian community of Pasadena is united and appreciates Katherine's efforts and her creative talents.

Truly yours



Hovan Sarkissian

On behalf of the
Armenian Brotherhood Bible Church Board

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Monday, September 09, 2013

RE: APPROVAL TO INSTALL A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE AT MEMORIAL PARK

TO: Pasadena City Council

Dear Neighbors,

Due to a schedule conflict, I regret that I am unable to join you this evening as you consider this important matter.

I was honored to attend, as one of Sierra Madre's representatives, this year's April 24th Genocide Commemoration at Pasadena City Hall.

It was there that I saw the proposed project pictures for the first time. I was deeply moved by Catherine Menard's thoughtful and emotional design.

I respectfully request that the Pasadena City Council approve the project, as proposed, for the Memorial Park location.

And, after your approval, I look forward to joining with you to celebrate the groundbreaking of this important Armenian Genocide Memorial.

Respectfully,



Chris Koerber, CFP

Member, Sierra Madre City Council