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Subject: FW: MacArthur sculpture move - History and Perspective

This is being forwarded as info. sent by Mulcahy on the MacArthur sculpture. Pat

From: Chasmulcahy <chasmulcahy@wi.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 3:21 PM
To: Broderick, Gerry
Cc: Weishan, John; Greg West; Mike Balistriere; Chris Abele; Ted Hutton; Harry Anderson; Claude J. Krawczyk; Michael M. Berzowski
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Supervisor Gerry Broderick

Hi Gerry:

Thank you for your email of this morning which included the email from Diane Buck. David and Diane Buck have been great citizens in our community for many years and I know Diane wants to be helpful.

Harry Anderson (now retired Executive Director MCHS) and I were involved when we commissioned, unveiled and dedicated the statue of General MacArthur on June 8, 1979 in MacArthur Square. No relatives of the General were involved. MacArthur Square was dedicated on April 27, 1951 during MacArthur's visit to Milwaukee to receive an honorary doctor of laws degree from Marquette University at Marquette football stadium earlier that day. Funding came primarily from Marie Uihlein and community contributions. The statue was placed there based on the recommendation of Henry Woyach who served as Chair of the dedication ceremony. Henry was Chair of the National Catholic War Veterans at that time. Henry complained at the time that nothing had been done with MacArthur Square.

I am familiar with the restoration of the statue of General Kosciuszko in the park bearing his name. I supported Claude Krawczyk who led this initiative and made a financial contribution. I have also discussed the MacArthur statue move with Claude and he agreed to be an advisor to us on the project. His insights on the move have been valuable.

As you know, both Kosciuszko and MacArthur were prominent and highly successful generals in the history of our nation; but, the statues are dramatically different. The Kosciuszko statue involves the General and his horse. The stature has beautiful and delicate design. The MacArthur statue, sculpted by Robert Dean, is a solid, 9 1/2 foot bronze statue in relatively good condition.

As you also know, MacArthur Square is scheduled for replacement by the City at a future date. The statue would be moved at that time at taxpayer expense.

The Boldt Company and Doral Construction are collaborating with us as volunteers on the MacArthur statue move. Both are highly respected and professionally capable firms. Doral will provide the rigging and move. Boldt, working closely with Doral, will prepare the site including a new poured concrete pedestal and mount the statue with the Doral team. Boldt has also agreed to restore the former site. Mark Rounds of Boldt is the project leader. Mark's cell: 414-303-6064.

Veterans Community Relation Team (VCRT) several months ago set up a committee to review and consider the MacArthur statue move. VCRT formed a committee consisting of Greg West, Chair, Mike Balistriere and me. The statue move was originally recommended to us by prominent Milwaukeean Ted Hutton who was upset with the current site and felt the move should be made in time for rededication during MacArthur Memorial Week (MMW), June 3-7, 2014.

MMW has an elaborate military and community outdoor ceremony planned on June 7, 2014 north of the War Memorial Center under the direction of U.S. Army Major Paul Lima (retired) which will include the rededication of the MacArthur statue, military review ceremony and the "Our Community Salutes" ceremony which includes the swearing in of Wisconsin high school graduates for all of the armed services. This will be the first time all of the branches are sworn in together. We anticipate nearly a thousand people will attend this ceremony which will conclude MMW at the War Memorial Center.

MMW will bring prominent speakers from throughout the U.S. Including Washington, D.C., Chicago, Norfolk, VA; Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Amherst, MA; West Point, NY; Gainesville, VA; as well as international speakers from Australia, The Philippines, Japan and South Korea.

In recognition of his leadership in planning and directing the 1979 MMW, Harry H. Anderson is the Honorary Chair of the 2014 event. I previously met with Harry to discuss the MacArthur statue move. Recognizing the statue will be moved when the parking facility is replaced, we agreed that when the statue was moved, a large, suitable plaque would be erected at the new parking site setting forth the complete history of MacArthur Square including the General's speech to 40,000 people on April 27, 1951 and explain the history of the statue as well as the history of the MacArthur's of Milwaukee. We plan to preserve the history of the site in that manner.

We genuinely appreciate the support provided by the county board in guiding the settlement last

Fall. MMW is the first major international event sponsored by the WMC following the settlement. This event was planned to demonstrate what the newly independent WMC is capable of providing as another way "To Honor Our Dead By Serving The Living".

VCRT has formed "VCRT MacArthur Forum, Inc." as a nonprofit, Wisconsin corporation to provide educational programs such as MMW. The corporation has filed for approval as a 501(c3) tax exempt corporation. We anticipate the corporation will continue to sponsor programs providing education concerning the military history of our country and promoting patriotism. We consider this another part of our commitment to Milwaukee County.

Thank you and all the members of the county board again for providing veterans with the opportunity to make this contribution.

Best regards,

Chas

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Chas,

Ms. Buck's (below) advice must be taken as that of an expert on such matters. If a move jeopardizes the statue the resulting problems could be costly.

Gerry

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Subject: MacArthur sculpture move

Dear Board Member,
Tomorrow a resolution will come before you to move the MacArthur sculpture from its site in MacArthur Square. I urge you to reject this resolution for the following reasons:

1. Once in place a sculpture should not be moved unless it is **absolutely** necessary. In our community several sculptures have been moved with terrible results. The most important piece of public art in the state, the Civil War monument was moved because of the expansion of the freeway in the 1960's. The work of art had to be restored at a cost of \$150,000 and the work will never be the same because of concrete poured inside the bronze. The equestrian sculpture of General Kosciuszko was moved and damaged. Recently restored with the efforts of a committee of Polish community, the cost was almost \$175,000. **These works must be restored by professional conservators.** (I am currently working to find funds to restore *George Washington and the Spanish American War Hero*. The restorations will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000-\$50,000)
2. The MacArthur sculpture was erected in the 1960's by efforts of relatives of the General and other committed citizens. They chose the spot where it is because it was near where the General's family lived for a short time. The whole area was renamed, **MacArthur Square**. By moving this sculpture the Board negates the efforts of these folks.
3. If it is decided that the sculpture must be moved keep in mind that once it is in place a professional restoration will be necessary, not just moving the sculpture. From examinations of the work of art, the bronze figure has been damaged by bird guano and the seal between the bronze and its granite pedestal compromised.

Please consider these factors in your deliberations.

For those of you I do not know, my history on this issue started with a Smithsonian project called Save Outdoor Sculpture! Since my professional engagement with them I have been working as a volunteer to restore sculpture in Milwaukee for over twenty years. I understand sculpture importance to the community and its history.

Sincerely,
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