

Tarrant County Vietnam War Memorial in Veterans Memorial Park



City Council Work Session
April 1, 2025

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Agenda

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Veterans Memorial Park



- Council District 7
- 4120 Camp Bowie Blvd
- Dedicated in 1923, 0.51 Acres
- October 1950 military association with site established

Tarrant County Vietnam Memorial Foundation

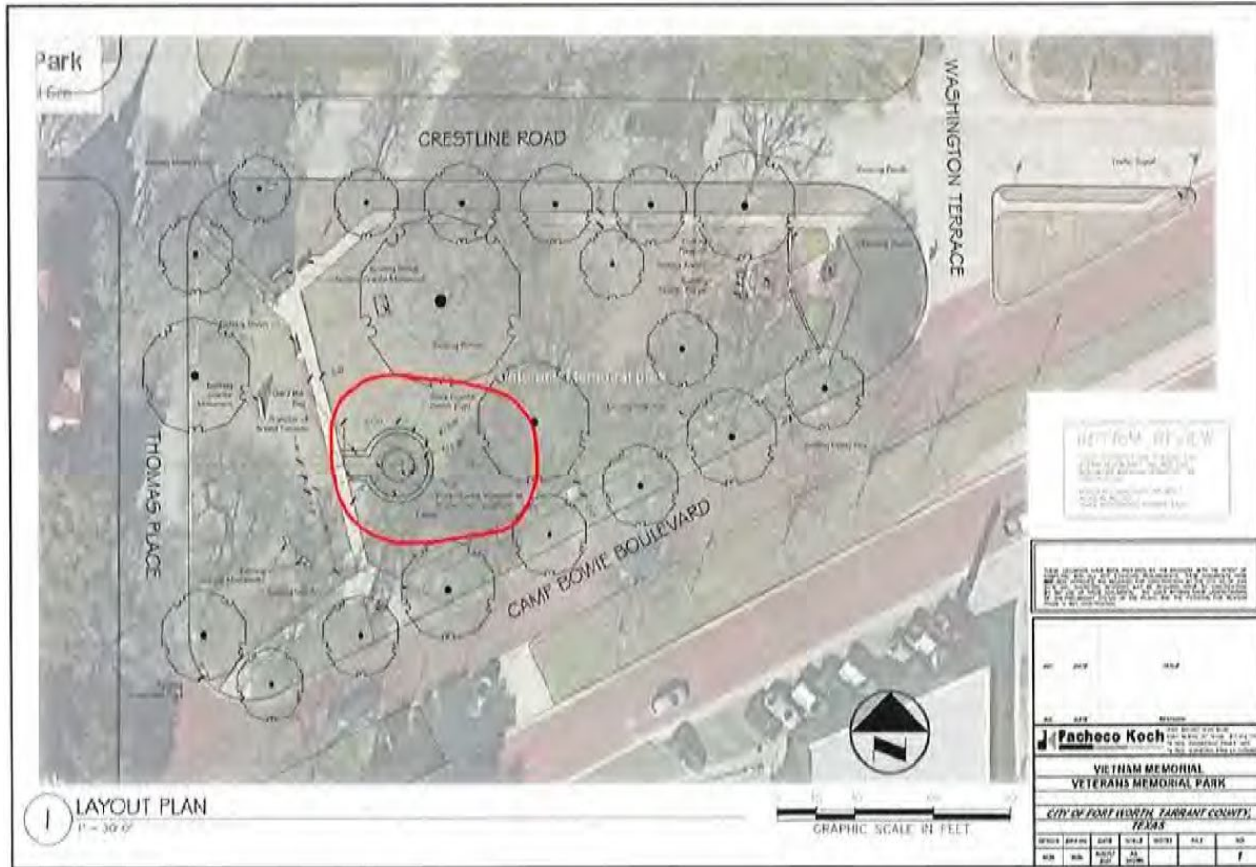
- 501(c)3
- All Volunteer Organization
- *Never to be Forgotten – More than a catch phrase*
- Mission: Lead a coalition in designing, building, and installing a permanent Vietnam War memorial to local veterans who sacrificed in Southeast Asia
- Goal: Salute the impact of those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice



Project Background & Goals

- In 2020 the Foundation proposed construction of a Vietnam War memorial in Veterans Memorial Park
- Honor 223 Tarrant County Veterans who died in the war or who died later due to serving in the war
- Provide a place to remember and educate current and future generations about the Vietnam War
- Memorial will include artwork by local artist Michael Pavlovsky

Proposed Location



Memorial Concept

- Granite memorial listing names of fallen by year
- Bronze symbolic tree shape & sword
- Brick pavers surrounding memorial
- Granite benches representing U.S. Armed Forces



Project Development

Ceremonial Groundbreaking

November 19, 2020

Park & Recreation Advisory Board

October 27, 2021 Information Item

February 26, 2025 Endorsement

Art Commission

November 15, 2021 Preliminarily endorsed sculpture

February 17, 2025 Endorsed revised design and recommended accession of artwork into the Fort Worth Public Art (FWPA) Community Legacy Collection



Proposed Project Funding

- Current estimated cost: \$355,000
- Foundation has received \$55,000 in donations
- Intend to launch formal fundraising campaign in April 2025
- Staff recommends use of Community Partnerships Fund to match 50% of the project up to \$200,000

Next Steps

April 1, 2025	City Council Work Session
April 8, 2025	M&C to authorize license agreement and use of Community Partnerships Fund
April – March 2026	Foundation fundraising campaign; final design and engineering
March 2026 – Sept. 2026	Construction/installation of memorial
November 11, 2026	Dedication of memorial

Questions?