



CITY OF GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA
REPORT TO THE:

Joint City Council Housing Authority Successor Agency Oversight Board

July 9, 2013

AGENDA ITEM

Proposed Installation of a Korean Sister City "Comfort Woman" Peace Monument

(1) Motion approving the installation of a Korean Sister City "Comfort Woman" Peace Monument within the newly dedicated Sister City area adjacent to the Adult Recreation Center ("ARC") at Central Park.

COUNCIL ACTION

Public Hearing Ordinance Consent Calendar Action Item Report Only
Approved for July 9, 2013 calendar

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

Signature

Submitted by:
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Prepared by:
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Approved by:
Scott Ochoa, City Manager..... 

Reviewed by:
Yasmin K. Beers, Assistant City Manager..... 

Michael J. Garcia, City Attorney..... 

RECOMMENDATION

This report is being submitted to City Council for the approval of the installation of a Korean Sister City "Comfort Woman" Peace Monument within the newly dedicated Sister City area adjacent to the Adult Recreation Center ("ARC") at Central Park.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

On September 6, 2011, Community Services and Parks (CSP) staff submitted a report to the City Council seeking direction on the City Council's interest in renaming Central Park as "Veterans Memorial Park". The Council opted to keep the name "Central Park". However, included in that report was a staff inquiry regarding dedication of a portion of an area adjacent to the ARC lower patio in Central Park as a potential site to showcase and honor Glendale's sister cities. The City of Glendale currently has a total of 6 sister cities in four countries (Armenia, Japan, Korea and Mexico). At that time, the City Council agreed that dedicating a portion of land near the ARC plaza for the acceptance and installation of memorials, monuments and/or artifacts representative of Glendale's sister city partners should be explored.

Until recently, there had been no follow-up action taken on designs, or formal approval to dedicate an area in the park for the purpose of sister city-related monuments and memorials. Earlier this year staff received a monument proposal from representatives of Glendale's Korean sister cities program. The request revolves around the donation and installation of a "Korean Comfort Women" Peace Monument.

As a result of this request staff revisited the earlier concept of allocating a portion of land in central park for a Sister City dedication which would also include a dedication to the Korean "Comfort Woman" peace monument. On March 26, 2013 the City Council approved a motion to dedicate a plot of land in Central Park adjacent to the Adult Recreation Center to be used for Sister City related memorials and monuments, which at the appropriate time, would include a Korean "Comfort Women" monument.

With this direction, Community Services & Parks, Public Works, Community Development, and Management Services staff moved forward on finalizing the development of a design plan for a dedicated sister city monument area in Central Park. The Korean Comfort Women memorial has been integrated into the Sister City design plan.

Since the designation of the sister city monument and memorial area at central park was approved, staff has seen a renewed interest in sister city relations with all six of Glendale's international partners. Each of our six sister cities has expressed an interest in developing a monument or memorial within the sister city park space in the near future.

A maintenance fund will be established to cover the cost of any general maintenance and any vandalism or graffiti removal. This fund will ensure that all maintenance costs related to sister cities monuments/ memorials are covered by our sister city partners.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the City Council approve the installation of the "Comfort Woman" peace monument, there would be no direct fiscal impact to the City. Unless otherwise directed by the City Council, any monument or memorial contemplated by any of the sister cities would have to be funded by private or non-City of Glendale sources and approved through the City of Glendale's normal review/approval process.

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ALTERNATIVES

The Council has several options:

1. Approve the installation of the "Comfort Woman" peace monument within the dedicated sister city area;
2. Do not approve the installation of the "Comfort Woman" peace monument within the dedicated sister city area;
3. Direct staff with an additional alternative(s);or
4. Take no action at this time.

CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE

Not Applicable

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1: Power Point slide displaying the proposed design and location of the Sister City Memorial location.

MOTION

Moved by Council Member _____, seconded by
Council Member _____, that the Council of the City of
Glendale hereby approves the installation of a Korean Sister City "Comfort Woman"
Peace Monument within the newly dedicated Sister City area adjacent to the Adult
Recreation Center at Central Park, as shown and described in the Report to Council
dated July 9, 2013.

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

APPROVED AS TO FORM.



City Attorney
DATE 7/31/13

LOUIS STREET

(E)GLENDALE ADULT RECREATION CENTER

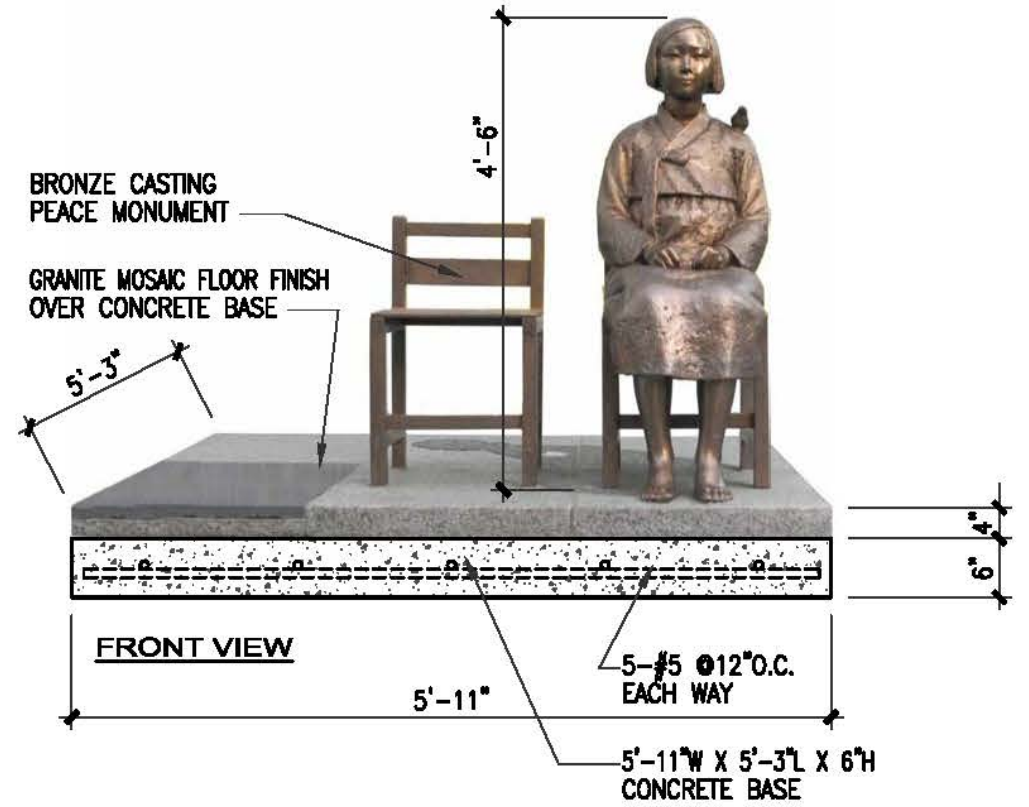
LOCATION OF PEACE MONUMENT
5'-11" X 5'-3"
(180cm X 160cm)



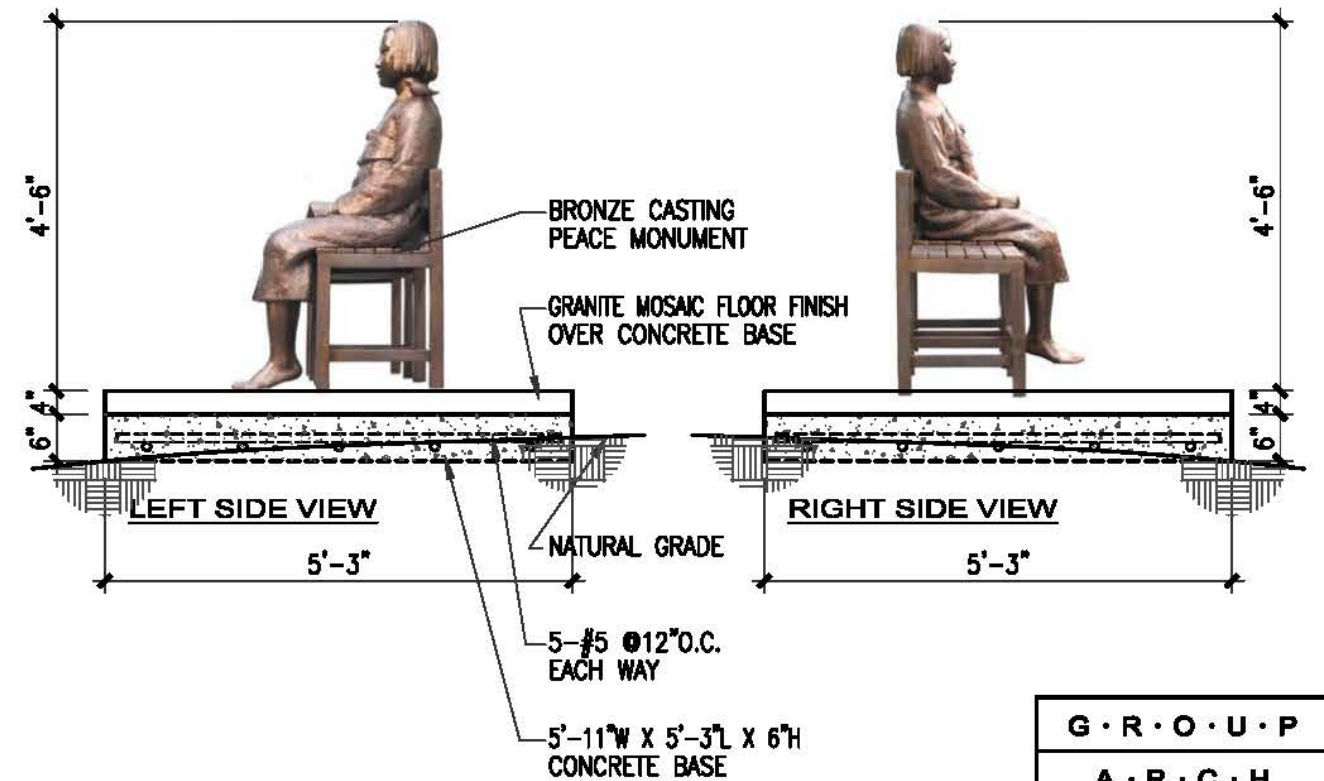
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BRONZE CASTING PEACE MONUMENT

GRANITE MOSAIC FLOOR FINISH OVER CONCRETE BASE



FRONT VIEW



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