

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Dennis J. Cassidy, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Acceptance of Public Safety Memorial Monument
DATE: October 5, 2004

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider accepting the Public Safety Memorial Bronze Monument honoring those public safety personnel who dedicate their lives protecting and saving the lives and property of our citizens.

FACTS:

1. The City of Paso Robles through the support of the citizens passed bond measure D98, which funded the new state of the art Public Safety Center.
2. The Public Safety Center houses the City's Police Department and Department of Emergency Services.
3. A private group of citizens joined together in 1999 and developed a plan to raise private donations to fund the memorial project.
4. This Group raised the needed money to commission the eight foot bronze statue depicting a firefighter rescuing and handing a small child to a police officer. This art work was done by world renowned Atascadero artist Vel Miller. No Measure D or other public funds have been used to create this monument.
5. The project was presented to the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board and unanimously approved in design and concept and met with their vision for public art in Paso Robles.
6. The monument is now complete and ready to be placed in front of the new Public Safety Center.

ANALYSIS &

CONCLUSION: A group of private citizens formed a committee to raise donations to create and erect a public safety monument recognizing those public safety servants who daily dedicate their lives for our protection and honor those who have died doing just that. This committee raised the necessary private donations to complete this project and no Measure D or other public funds were used. The monument is completed and ready to be placed in front of the new Public Safety Center for all of the community to enjoy and pay their respect. This bronze monument has been reviewed and approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and in accordance with the City's Public Arts policy.

POLICY

REFERENCE: City Art in Public policy.

FISCAL

IMPACT: None

OPTIONS:

- a. Accept the public safety monument as City property.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
ACCEPTING THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEMORIAL MONUMENT DONATED BY
THE CITIZENS OF PASO ROBLES TO THE CITY

WHEREAS, a monument recognizing and honoring public safety personnel has been created and funded entirely by private citizen donations, and;

WHEREAS, the citizens wish to give the bronze monument to the City of Paso Robles to be erected at the new Public Safety Center, and

WHEREAS, a special area has been identified and prepared to accept and display the monument at the Public Safety Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does hereby accept the donation of the bronze monument to be erected and permanently placed at the Public Safety Memorial in front of the City's Public Safety Center.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 5th day of October 2004 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharilyn M. Ryan, Deputy City Clerk