

**Report of the
St. Louis Confederate Monument
Reappraisal Committee**

December 10, 2015

Background. The Confederate Monument, situated in Forest Park, is a “32-foot-high granite shaft with a low relief figure of ‘The Angel of the Spirit of the Confederacy.’” Below is a bronze group, sculpted by George Julian Zolnay, depicting a Southern family sending a youth off to war.

The monument was sponsored by the Confederate Monument Association of St. Louis, with financial support of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was dedicated in December 1914, having been erected in Forest Park pursuant to city ordinance (26754, approved December 16, 1912),* after what have been reported to be years of political controversy.

The monument's principal inscription is a memorial "to the memory of the soldiers and sailors of the Southern Confederacy, who fought to uphold the right declared by the pen of Jefferson and achieved by the sword of Washington."

"With sublime self-sacrifice," the inscription continues, "they battled to preserve the independence of the States which was won from Great Britain and to perpetuate the constitutional government which was established by the fathers."

The inscription adds:

"Actuated by the purest patriotism, they performed deeds of prowess such as thrill the heart of mankind with admiration. ‘Full in the front of war they stood’ and displayed a courage so superb that they gave a new and brighter luster to the annals of valor. History contains no chronicle more illustrious than the story of their achievements; and although worn out by ceaseless conflict and overwhelmed by numbers, they were finally forced to yield their glory."

On December 4, 1964, amid Civil Rights demonstrations throughout the nation (and one year following the Jefferson Bank Protests in St. Louis), the monument was rededicated. The Missouri Historical Review noted that “on the fiftieth anniversary of the dedication it seems well to remind our citizens again of the significance of the shaft, which remains as a permanent evidence of the many charitable works of the Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy.

Over the next 50 years, the memorial remained where it had been erected, along a paved roadway in Forest Park known as Confederate Drive.

* The ordinance was passed by the City of St. Louis Municipal Assembly, a predecessor to today’s Board of Alderman.

There is no record of any interpretative material ever having been installed, or even proposed to be installed, at or around the monument. Notwithstanding the monument's proximity to the Missouri History Museum, it appears that no publicly accessible interpretative program has been developed or deployed explaining the monument's inscription glorifying the Confederate Cause, or the monument's place in a national post-Reconstruction political mythology organized and perpetuated by survivors of Confederate combatants (the "Lost Cause of the Confederacy") which sought to ennoble Confederate war efforts and suppress their legacy of human slavery, and which served to politically disenfranchise former slaves and their descendants and as a political foundation to Jim Crow segregation.

In April 2015, during the monument's centennial year, St. Louis Mayor Francis G. Slay publicly challenged the community to consider whether "the monument is appropriately situated in Forest Park – the place where the World was asked to meet and experience St. Louis at its best and most sublime – or whether it should be relocated to a more appropriate setting."

The Mayor called the public question whether "the monument represents a peculiar memorial to what euphemistically was referred to in the American South as a 'peculiar institution' – slavery – and wherever ultimately situated, whether the monument should be accompanied by a description of the reality and brutality of slavery, over which the war was waged, including in this city, and the bitter badges of slavery, Jim Crow and de facto discrimination and segregation, that are its continuing legacy."

Creation of the Committee and its work. St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay asked the Incarnate Word Foundation (IWF) to organize a committee that would "formulate and circulate a request for proposals from persons and organizations who would be willing and able to provide an appropriate public place for the Confederate Monument should the decision be made for it to be moved."

The IWF formed a committee with five voting members: Bridget Flood, Executive Director of the Incarnate Word Foundation, is chairperson. The other members are David Felling, Ron Jackson, Stuart Symington, Jr. and Tony Thompson (see member biographies attached as Exhibit "A"). Greg Hayes, St. Louis Director of Parks, Recreation and Forestry, is an ex officio non-voting member of the Committee. Eddie Roth, St. Louis Director of Human Services, is non-voting secretary to the Committee.

The Committee was asked: "To provide the Mayor and the public with information on practical options for moving the monument from Forest Park to a more suitable public setting in a timely manner."

"Such information should include the estimated costs of (a) excavating the monument, (b) transporting the monument, and (c) reinstalling the monument and/or (d) storing the monument pending identification of a suitable public relocation place."

The committee would accomplish this by soliciting "proposals from universities, museums, public parks, and other suitable public agencies or institutions in the City of St. Louis or St.

Louis County to which the monument may be re-situated, and from storage facilities at which the monument could be maintained pending its being resituated.”

Request for Proposals (RFP). In September 2015, the committee circulated an RFP to the following institutions and locales: The Missouri Civil War Museum at Jefferson Barracks (potentially in collaboration with Jefferson Barracks (County) Park, Jefferson Barracks Cemetery and/or the Missouri National Guard; St. Louis University Campus, UMSL Campus, Webster University Campus, Bellefontaine Cemetery, Calvary Cemetery, the City Museum and Laumeier Sculpture Park. (A copy of the RFP is attached as Exhibit “B”)

The RFP sought proposals from “universities, museums, public parks, and other suitable public or private agencies or institutions in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County that (provide) venues that are readily accessible and open to the public and to which the Confederate Monument in Forest Park (the “Monument”) might be moved.”

It asked respondents to provide specific information about the history, mission, and goals of the organization, as well as a description of its experience in developing a “public display of historic, artistic, or other items or artifacts of public and civic interest and importance.”

The RFP also requested that the organization explain of why it believed it would be “an appropriate custodian for the Monument,” where and how it proposed to display the monument, why “this locale and method and display would be appropriate,” and what “explanatory and educational programming” would be provided, with an explanation of the “goals of that programming.”

Costs of dismantling, moving and reinstalling the monument. The committee solicited a bid from a qualified contractor, which separately estimated costs as follows (a) dismantling and loading the monument at its current site (\$98,180), (b) moving the monument to a new location within 5 miles of its current location, and off-loading it (\$32,250), (c) constructing a concrete footing at a new site (\$35,000), and (d) erecting the monument at the new site (\$96,650).

Thus, dismantling and moving the monument to a new site, preparing the new site and re-erecting the monument would cost an estimated \$262,080, plus crane rental costs of \$6,500 for a total estimated cost of \$268,580.

If the monument were dismantled and moved to storage, the estimated costs would be \$122,780, (plus \$6,500 crane rental, for a total of \$129,280) as estimated moving costs would be reduced from \$35,000 to \$24,600.

If the monument were dismantled and stored, the granite portion of the monument could be fully preserved through secure outdoor storage. The bronze elements should be secured in the equivalent of a bonded warehouse.

A copy of the cost estimates is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

Responses to the RFP. All but one institution to which the Committee had sent the RFP respectfully declined to submit a proposal. (A copy of these communications is attached hereto as Exhibit "D.")

The Missouri Civil War Museum submitted the only proposal. It was incomplete and non-responsive to the RFP. The museum currently has no place at which it could display the monument. It informed the committee that it "is not interested in submitting any detailed plans of interpretation or exhibition of the monument."

The museum instead proposed that the City of St. Louis pay to remove and transport the monument to the museum and then "relinquish full ownership and control of the Confederate Monument to the Missouri Civil War Museum and walk away from the issue forever."

The Missouri Civil War Museum's letter to the committee is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

Options for moving the monument. As noted above, the Committee was asked: "To provide the Mayor and the public with information on practical options for moving the monument from Forest Park to a more suitable public setting in a timely manner."

While the monument was permitted by ordinance in 1912 to be erected in Forest Park, the committee did not investigate and has no opinion on whether action by the Board of Aldermen would be required to move the monument. The committee does note, however, that such a legislative process could provide an appropriate and robust public and political forum in which to debate and decide the monument's future.

The committee has identified two options for moving the monument from its current location:

- Incurring an estimated cost of \$129,280 to dismantle and transport the monument and "relinquishing full ownership and control" of it to the Missouri Civil War Museum, which would store the monument for some indeterminate period with no promise or plan for when or how or where it might be displayed or interpreted.

or

- Incurring an estimated cost of \$129,280 to dismantle and transport the monument and store it at a secure location owned by the City of St. Louis, preserving for the people the right to decide at some future date when or how or where the monument most appropriately would be displayed and interpreted.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE

Respectfully submitted,



Bridget Flood, Chairperson

Committee Member Biographies

Bridget Flood is executive director of the Incarnate Word Foundation, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word. The Foundation uses its time and resources to “work as a community partner that collaborates with organizations and other community stakeholders” to improve “the quality of life of the poor and marginalized,” to bring “others together to discuss, educate, prompt action, and/or foster collaboration,” to work “with others to pool resources and to achieve a common goal,” to bring “the voice of the poor and marginalized to the civic arena,” and to assist “others to gain knowledge about issues or target populations.”

Dave Felling is principal of Felling Contracting, a firm that specializes in the salvage and preservation of historic architectural artifacts.

Ron Jackson is a member of the board of the Incarnate Word Foundation. He is a former assistant dean at the College of Arts and Sciences at Washington University and staff member to U.S. Senator John C. Danforth. He went on to lead InterAct St. Louis, which paired religious congregations from area communities to foster ecumenical understanding and to work together in mentoring and tutoring children. Mr. Jackson also is a former member of the St. Louis Board of Education and executive director of St. Louis for kids.

Stuart Symington, Jr., a member of the Missouri Bar, has served on Missouri Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, and as trustee of the Supreme Court of Missouri Historical Society, secretary of the Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation, Inc. and former chair of the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association Military Affairs Committee. He is a former civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, chairman of the Missouri Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, and a former trustee of the Association of the United States Army. He co-edited the critically-acclaimed book *Malindy's Freedom: The Story of a Slave Family* by Mildred Johnson and Theresa Delsoin published by The University of Missouri Press in 2005.

Tony Thompson is CEO and Chairman of the Board of Kwame Building Group, Inc. (KWAME), which he founded in 1991. Headquartered in St. Louis, MO, KWAME is a construction management/program management firm that serves as an independent agent to the owner. KWAME provides, along with other services, project management, scheduling, estimating, contract/claims administration, and document controls. Mr. Thompson is active in community leadership, including board service for Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Teach for America, the Regional Business Council K-12 Committee Chair, Boy Scouts of America, St. Louis Community College Foundation, the Advisory Board for the School of Business and Technology at Webster University, the St. Louis Regional Crime Commission and the St. Louis Black Leadership Roundtable Education Committee.

St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee

Request for Proposals

September 4, 2015

The St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee is seeking proposals from universities, museums, public parks, and other suitable public agencies or institutions in the City of St. Louis or St. Louis County with venues that are readily accessible and open to the public and to which the Confederate Monument in Forest Park (the "Monument") might be moved to another location.

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St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay has asked the Incarnate Word Foundation to organize a committee "to formulate and circulate a request for proposals from persons and organizations who would be willing and able to provide an appropriate public place for the Confederate Monument should the decision be made for it to be moved."

The committee will evaluate the best options for moving the Monument, quantifying costs and making recommendations on what it considers to be the best options — the Committee's purpose being to provide the Mayor and the public with information on practical options for moving the Monument from Forest Park to a more suitable public setting in a timely manner.

To respond to this request for proposal please answer the following questions and supply such other information as may be requested below by sending it on or before October 5, 2015 to:


By regular mail: Bridge Flood, Executive Director
 Incarnate Word Foundation
 5257 Shaw Ave., Ste. 309
 St. Louis, MO 63110

Or by email: bridget.flood@iwfdn.org

About the Committee. The Committee has five voting members: Bridget Flood, Executive Director of the Incarnate Word Foundation, is chairperson. The other members are David Felling, Ron Jackson, Stuart Symington, Jr. and Tony Thompson (see member biographies below).

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- Exhibit B -



Information Sought in Proposals for Confederate Monument

1. Please state the name, mailing address, and contact information for your organization, as well as for the person serving as primary point of contact for your organization. Please identify the current members of your Board of Directors or Trustees.
2. Please briefly describe the (a) history of your organization, (b) its mission and goals and (c) its primary activities.
3. Insofar as your organization is involved in the public display of historic, artistic, or other items or artifacts of public and civic interest and importance, please describe your primary audience or audiences? Approximately how many people do you estimate visit your public displays each year?
4. Please explain why you believe your organization would be an appropriate custodian for the Monument.
5. Please describe where and how you would display the Monument. Please explain why you believe this locale and method of display would be appropriate for the Monument.
6. Please describe any explanatory and educational programming you would provide related to the Monument, including the goals of that programming and any partners with which your organization would collaborate in the development and presentation of that programming.
7. Please provide a budget for the funding your organization believes would be needed to appropriately display and establish explanatory and educational programming for the Monument (Note: The budget in response to this RFP should not include costs associated with moving or reinstalling the Monument. These costs will be separately assessed by the Committee).

Questions about this RFP or clarifications concerning the information sought may be submitted by email to: bridget.flood@iwfdn.org

October 16, 2015

Proposal No. 15-284

Mr. Dave Felling
1031 North Clay
Kirkwood, MO 63122

RE: Incarnate Word Foundation Confederate Monument at Forest Park

Dear Dave:

Pending further design, engineering, structural, or other relevant information, we are offering the following preliminary pricing to dismantle, haul, and re-assemble the granite "Confederate Monument" from its present location at Forest Park to a new location within approximately 5 miles for the following cost:

Item #1 – Dismantle and load at current site
Preliminary Bid: \$98,180.00

Scope of work includes:

- All rigging, hoisting, and access equipment
- Carefully disassemble multiple granite pieces and single bronze piece
- Load and secure components on flat bed trailers and prepare for dry age
- Clean up site upon completion of any items related to scope of work above

Item #2 – Move to new location within approximately 5 miles and off load
Preliminary Price: \$32,250.00

Scope of work includes:

- All related hauling and shipping transportation
- Safely off load and place on wood cribbing

Note: Price assumes a stable base of earth, concrete, gravel, or asphalt to support the weight of statue components. No provisions for ground stabilization or settlement prevention

Item #3 – New concrete footing
Preliminary Price: \$35,000.00

NOTICE TO OWNER: FAILURE OF THIS CONTRACTOR TO PAY THOSE PERSONS SUPPLYING MATERIALS OR SERVICES TO COMPLETE THE MECHANICS LIEN ON THE PROPERTY WHICH IS THE RESULT YOU MAY ASK FOR UNDER CHAPTER 429, RSMo. TO AVOID THIS LIABILITY, PERSONS SUPPLYING MATERIAL OR SERVICES FOR THE WORK SHOULD OBTAIN MECHANICS LIEN WAIVERS MAY RESULT IN YOUR PAYING FOR LABOR AND MATERIAL TWICE.

Exhibit C

Scope of work includes:

- Excavation of 10'-0" deep x 12'-0" wide x 14'-0" across footing foundation on pit
- Furnish and install appropriate re-bar reinforcement cages
- Furnish and install redi-mix concrete pour for monolithic concrete footing, (approx. 65 cubic yards) to be +/- 2" below finish grade
- Remove excavation spoils offsite

Item #4 – Erection of monument components and bronze statue element
Preliminary Price: \$96,650.00

Scope of work includes:

- Furnish all rigging , hoisting, and access equipment
- Carefully re-assemble granite and bronze components
- Furnish and install fully grouted and reinforced concrete block construction for all internal voids of monument interior cavity's
- Clean up and haul off debris

Alternate Price #1 –

In the event that monument needs to be stored and not re-assembled, immediately, the cost to haul and off load the monument at suitable storage site within 5 miles of Forest Park would be \$24,600.00.

Qualifications:

- This price is good for 30 days
- Payment due 30 days after invoice date
- Price is based on one mobilization, cost for additional mobilizations are \$1,500.00
- No caulking or sealing
- No winter weather protection
- No provisions for hidden conditions
- No provisions for permits of any kind
- No provisions for drawings, engineering, etc.
- No provisions for ground stabilization at either storage location or new erection site

Note: The Harlan Company is experienced and well versed in this type of project, and extreme care will be exercised in all aspects. However, due to the amount of "unknowns", and the age of the components, we accept no liability for breakage or replacement components!

Sincerely,
THE HARLAN COMPANY

James C. Theusch

Accepted

By: _____

Date: _____



Budrovich Crane Rental

Customer: Felling Contracting LLC
Job Name: Confederate Statue Removal
Date: 10/8/2015

Item:	Hourly Rate	Daily Rate:	Qty.:	Amount:
120 ton Grove Crane		\$ 5,200.00	1	\$ 5,200.00
Hauling of Parts		\$ 1,300.00	1	\$ 1,300.00

Minimum charge: \$ 6,500.00

Crane Hourly Overtime Rate: \$ 950.00

Job Description/Site Requirements:

Crane will lift 80,000 lbs heaviest piece of statue at 25-30 feet radius.

Crane will set up directly between roadway and statue. Trailer will have to pull next to crane and statue in lawn. Assume clear access for crane set up and assembly.

Crane capacity at 25 ft = 112,000 lbs and capacity at 30 ft = 97,000 lbs.

Special Note:

Budrovich Contracting Co. is not responsible for damage done to concrete, asphalt or landscaping during any phase of the project.

All dollar figures above are for STRAIGHT TIME weekday work.

It is the contractors responsibility to provide clear access for entry, set up, and operation of crane.

Crane crew operates under "me too" clause with respect to payscale and other trades on job.

Minimum charge column is not a guarantee of final charges. Overtime work is extra.

Pricing valid for 60 days from above date.

Crane time is portal to portal and includes wages, fuel, insurance and taxes.

Daily rates are for 8 hours portal to portal with 1/2 hour for lunch.

Crane time beyond 8 hours will be charged at standard hourly overtime rates.

Weekly rates consist of 40 consecutive straight-time hours M-F. Overtime is extra.

Monthly rates consist of 176 straight-time hours - 22 days M-F. Overtime is extra.

Joe Vickey, Estimator
jvickey@budrovich.com
Budrovich Contracting
618-334-8241

Budrovich Crane Rental



Terms and Qualifications

1. Free and clear access to work area including sufficient area for set-up and operation of supplied equipment.
2. Site conditions are assumed adequate for equipment proposed. Additional matting or soil improvement is not included. **Budrovich Contracting Co. Inc and its support contractors are not responsible for damage to driveways, parking lots, curbs, grass or any underground utilities.**
3. This offer is based on one mobilization of equipment and personnel each way. Any moves on site that require additional trucking of crane parts will be the financial responsibility of the customer.
4. Budrovich will not be liable for any contractor crew wages in the event of a mechanical breakdown of our equipment or weather conditions that stop work.
5. Hourly labor rates are as follows: \$100.00 straight time hour per man / \$150.00 time and half hour per man / \$200.00 double time hour per man.
6. Crew will be paid lunch half hour if worked through at \$75.00 / 1/2 hour per person.
7. Crew will be paid applicable over time rates for dinner hour after 10 hours (and every 4 hours after 10).
8. On a multiple day project, crew will be paid back to yard on first day and from yard to project site on last day.
9. Daily rates consist of 8 consecutive hours with 1/2 hour lunch.
10. Weekly rates consist of 40 consecutive straight-time hours M-F. Overtime is extra.
11. Monthly rates consist of 176 consecutive straight-time hours M-F. Overtime is extra.
12. No liquidated damages or consequential liability shall be transferable to Budrovich Contracting Co.
13. Property insurance for the buyer's equipment shall be provided under buyer's policy.
14. Prices are firm for 90 days and subject to availability at the time of order.
15. Payment terms are net thirty days from the invoice date.
16. Per diem charge (if required) is \$165.00 per man and travel time will be assessed per man-hour at the applicable straight time or overtime rate.
17. **Minimum charge column is not a guarantee of final charges. Overtime work is extra.**
18. Crane crew operates under "me too" clause with respect to pay scale and other trades on job.
19. Price excludes costs of any local labor mandates.
20. Budrovich Contracting Co. Inc. is signatory the International Union of Operating Engineers. All work to be performed in compliance with the local labor agreements.
21. Crane subject to availability at time of project.

The above prices are portal to portal and include fuel, taxes, insurance, and wages for our employees. If you have any further questions, please call me at (618) 334-8241.

Respectfully,
Joe Vickey
Crane Estimator
Budrovich Contracting Co. Inc.

 Washington University in St. Louis

Office of the Chancellor

September 10, 2015

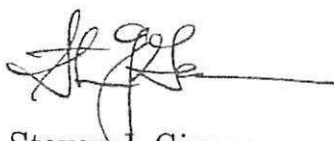
Ms. Bridget McDermott Flood
Incarnate Word Foundation
5257 Shaw Avenue, Suite 309
St. Louis, Mo. 63110-3029

Dear Bridget:

Thank you for your letter in reference to finding a more appropriate place for the St. Louis Confederate Monument in Forest Park. I have discussed your request with Chancellor Wrighton, but this is not something that we wish to pursue.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely yours,



Steven J. Givens
Associate Vice Chancellor and
Chief of Staff

SJG:js

- Exhibit D -



Roth, Eddie <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>

Webster University's Response Regarding the Confederate War Memorial

Marty Glosemeyer <marty.glosemeyer@iwfdn.org>

Mon, Oct 5, 2015 at 2:10 PM

To: "ronald9275@sbcglobal.net" <ronald9275@sbcglobal.net>, "sjrsymington@gmail.com" <sjrsymington@gmail.com>, "dfelling@sbcglobal.net" <dfelling@sbcglobal.net>, "tony@kwamebuildinggroup.com" <tony@kwamebuildinggroup.com>, "HayesGA@stlouis-mo.gov" <HayesGA@stlouis-mo.gov>, "rothe@stlouis-mo.gov" <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>, Bridget Flood <bridget.flood@iwfdn.org>

Dear Committee Members,

Please see the response below from Beth Stroble, President of Webster University, in regards to the Confederate War Memorial.

Best Regards,

Marty

Marty Glosemeyer

Executive Administrative Assistant to Bridget Flood, Executive Director

Incarnate Word Foundation

5257 Shaw Ave., Suite 309 | St. Louis, MO 63110

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-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Stroble [mailto:stroble@webster.edu]

Sent: Sunday, October 4, 2015 8:45 PM

To: Bridget Flood <bridget.flood@iwfdn.org>

Subject: responding to your request

Dear Ms. Flood,

Thank you for corresponding with me as the St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee members explore the possibility of moving the monument to a more appropriate site.

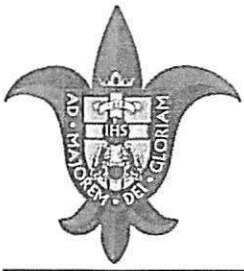
My colleagues and I discussed the dimensions of this request and have reached the conclusion that we are not in a position to meet this need. As a result, we will not respond to the request for proposals.

I wish for you a satisfactory conclusion to the work you are undertaking on behalf of Mayor Slay.

With my regards,

Beth Stroble

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September 14, 2015

Bridget McDermott Flood
Chair
St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee
C/O Incarnate Word Foundation
5257 Shaw Avenue
Suite 309
St. Louis, MO 63110-3029

Dear Ms. Flood,

Thank you for your letter regarding the possible relocation of the monument.

While I appreciate your interest in SLU, we will not be responding to the RFP.

I wish you well in your efforts.

Sincerely,

Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D.
President

Steven V. Stenger
County Executive



Gary D. Bess
Director of Parks & Recreation

September 10, 2015

Bridget McDermott Flood, Chair
St. Louis Confederate Monument Committee
Incarnate Word Foundation
5257 Shaw Ave., Suite 309
St. Louis, Missouri 63110

Dear Ms. Flood:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting St. Louis County to submit an RFP to relocate the "St. Louis Confederate Monument" to Jefferson Barracks Park. Please be advised the County will not be submitting an RFP. Once again, thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary D. Bess".

Gary D. Bess
Director, St. Louis County Parks

cc: Steven V. Stenger
Mike Chapman
Greg Hayes
Bob Mainieri



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
2900 Sheridan Road
St. Louis, MO 63125

September 8, 2015

In Reply Refer To:

• Ms. Bridget McDermott Flood
5257 Shaw Avenue, Suite 309
St. Louis, MO 63110-3029

Dear Ms. Flood,

Thank you for your letter received on September 8, 2015, concerning the possible site for the relocation of the St. Louis Confederate Monument to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. We respectfully decline the offer to consider Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery as a possible site for the monument.

I can be reached at (314) 845-8320, extension 4101 if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff S. Barnes".

JEFF S. BARNES
Cemetery Director



Catholic Cemeteries of the
Archdiocese of St. Louis

6901 Mackenzie Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63123

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f) 314.351.1782
www.archstl.org

8 September 2015

Bridget McDermott Flood
St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee
Incarnate Word Foundation
5257 Shaw Avenue
Suite 309
St. Louis, Missouri 63110-3029

Dear Ms. Flood,

Thank you for your letter of 4 September 2015 on behalf of the St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee. I appreciate your inquiry on behalf of the Committee.

Such a relocation to Calvary Cemetery, or one of the other Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, would not be consistent with our norms and practice followed since the 1854 opening of Calvary Cemetery. All of our cemetery-erected monuments in each are religious-themed and reflect various aspects of the Catholic faith. They include sculptures depicting Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Saints, the Cross, or other Christian Symbols, in various compositions as executed by the artists commissioned to render them over the years.

Hopefully a suitable site for the Monument can be identified and the good purposes the Committee envisions with respect to it at that site can be realized.

As you proceed with this initiative I wish you all the best.

Grace and peace,

Monsignor Dennis Delaney
Executive Director



Roth, Eddie <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>

Response from The City Museum

? messages

Marty Glosemeyer <marty.glosemeyer@iwfdn.org>

Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 5:47 PM

To: "ronald9275@sbcglobal.net" <ronald9275@sbcglobal.net>, "sjrsymington@gmail.com" <sjrsymington@gmail.com>, "dfelling@sbcglobal.net" <dfelling@sbcglobal.net>, "tony@kwamebuildinggroup.com" <tony@kwamebuildinggroup.com>, "HayesGA@stlouis-mo.gov" <HayesGA@stlouis-mo.gov>, "rothe@stlouis-mo.gov" <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>, Bridget Flood <bridget.flood@iwfdn.org>
Cc: Bridget Flood <bridget.flood@iwfdn.org>

Dear Colleagues,

Please read the e-mail thread below to see the response from Steve Erwin at The City Museum. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Marty

Marty Glosemeyer for Bridget Flood

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From: Bridget Flood

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2015 2:22 PM

To: 'Rick Erwin' <rerwin@citymuseum.org>

Subject: RE: City Museum: St. Louis Confederate Monument Reappraisal Committee

This is to let you know City Museum will not be submitting a proposal.

We wish you the best of luck in your search,

Rick

Rick Erwin III

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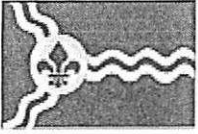
Thu, Sep 10, 2015 at 5:59 AM

To: Marty Glosemeyer <marty.glosemeyer@iwfdn.org>

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Marty, thanks for this update.

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Roth, Eddie <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>

Laumeier's Response

1 message

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Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 1:59 PM

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FYI

Dear Marilu:

Thank you for your prompt, thoughtful response and your best wishes. I will share your email with the Committee members.

Peace,

Bridget

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 8, 2015, at 4:52 PM, Knode, Marilu <mknode@laumeier.org> wrote:

Dear Bridget,

Thank you for your recent proposal regarding a statue (I assume late 19th/early 20th century) art work being deinstalled from Forest Park.

Laumeier's specific focus is on bringing to the residents of our region contemporary art, primarily but not exclusively made on site, by living artists. Many of our legacy collection works are site specific for us, but any additional works we would bring would have to fill in the narrative on the history of modern and contemporary artistic practice. Our oldest work in the Collection is 1969, and with our limited resources we are not able to wander much further back than that.

The statue you are looking to decommission does not match our mission-driven work, and therefore we will not be bidding to borrow it for the Collection.

Best of luck is re-siting the piece.

Best,

Marilu Knode

Best Regards,

Marty

Marty Glosemeyer

Executive Administrative Assistant to Bridget Flood, Executive Director

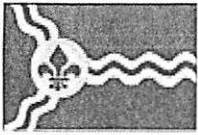
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Confederate Monument

Gossen, Ronald <ron@umsl.edu>

Mon, Sep 21, 2015 at 1:02 PM

To: "rothe@stlouis-mo.gov" <rothe@stlouis-mo.gov>

Eddie,

I've visited with Chancellor George, as well as others in the administration and faculty regarding relocating the Confederate Memorial to the UMSL Campus. We reviewed the appropriateness of the art and the potential effects surrounding a larger discussion. I agree with you that a very appropriate siting might well be the Missouri Civil War Museum. That would be a venue where both context and content will foster valuable dialogue for the people of Missouri.

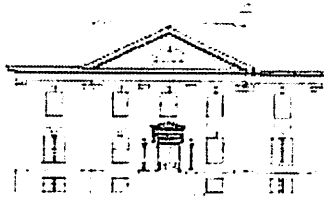
Our concern regarding siting the memorial on the UMSL Campus is viewed as problematic for us from the process side. That's prior to any discussion surrounding function, purpose, interpretations, etc., related to the piece itself. Our policies require that acceptance and then siting of monuments/public art be vetted by a faculty/staff committee. Like all activities of the university, these discussion would be subject to open records requests. I don't believe that the sentiment of the faculty/staff would be favorable and that the deliberations, in-and-of-themselves, may be divisive for the campus and our key stakeholders.

I'm sure that you can understand that in these times, we need to work diligently to create unity and avoid any possible activities that would cause division. I appreciate your concern and attention to history. I'm very hopeful that you'll receive a positive and welcoming response from the Civil War Museum.

With regards,

Ron

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October 2, 2015

Ms. Bridget McDermott Flood
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Re: Confederate Monument at Forest Park, St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Ms. Flood,

I have received your recent correspondence regarding your committee's assignment from St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay to explore the possibility of moving the Confederate Monument from Forest Park to a "more appropriate" site. I have also shared this information with our museum's Board of Directors and our legal advisor for their comments, and the following information is our official response to your request.

First of all, please note that I am very familiar with the history of this monument and I am very concerned for its overall safety, its preservation, and its ultimate fate in the future. For your information, there is little I do not know about this monument regarding its original creation, design, symbolism, and placement in Forest Park. Knowing this, I do not care to debate or discuss the issues surrounding the current "political viewpoints" of this monument and would therefore rather focus on its future preservation as a historic artifact of the past.

Although your committee is making an attempt to find a "more appropriate" site for the monument, the current "hostile and negative political atmosphere" will no doubt prevent virtually everyone you have contacted from wanting this monument. As you know, historical monuments relating to the Confederacy are now being vandalized and defaced by radical activists nationwide, and many political leaders, such as Mayor Slay, are calling for their removal.

I will be quite surprised if any university, institution, public park, or museum you have contacted would want this monument and take on the liability and controversy of the topic. What institution in their right mind would want to accept the "political and social" issues and problems that have been unfairly and unjustly attached to Confederate monuments such as this one? The same reasons that have prompted Mayor Slay to seek the removal of this monument in the first place, will be the same reasons that will prevent anyone else from accepting it as well.

Therefore, the only institution that can justifiably get involved with your committee and even consider taking on the enormous responsibility and political issues associated with the monument in the eyes of the public, is of course a Civil War museum such as ours. However, even the Missouri Civil War Museum has been ordered not to relocate or erect this monument at our current location that is within a St. Louis County Park. I have spoken with Mr. Gary Bess, St. Louis County Parks Director, on several occasions regarding the Confederate Monument.

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Mr. Bess informed me that he will not authorize this monument to be relocated and erected within any St. Louis County Park, because of the recent acts of vandalism and the negative political and social issues that have been raised regarding Confederate monuments.

However, due to our museum's mission of preserving artifacts and items relating to the Civil War, I feel that it is our duty and responsibility to offer assistance to save this historic Civil War monument. The museum currently has thousands of historical artifacts in its collection that we have been entrusted by others to perpetually care and preserve for generations to come. This monument is no different and must be protected and preserved.

Although not publicly known, I will share with your committee members the fact that the Missouri Civil War Museum does have a planned strategic goal of expanding and establishing a new larger additional facility on a large tract of land in the future. This new facility will be constructed on property that will be owned by the museum and will be large enough to erect numerous historic monuments the size of the aforementioned Confederate Monument. This new facility will be the perfect place to permanently erect the Confederate Monument in the future and ensure its overall protection and preservation in an appropriate historic and educational setting.

Therefore, the Missouri Civil War Museum proposes to your committee that the City of St. Louis, Missouri can relinquish its current responsibility and liability of preserving the Confederate Monument at Forest Park by transferring the full ownership of the monument to our institution. The city of St. Louis, and/or funding obtained by your committee, will pay for the disassembly and relocation of the monument from Forest Park to a protective storage site that will be provided by the museum. The monument will stay in protective storage until it is reassembled at a future date at the museum's new facility. This proposal is the perfect solution to Mayor Slay's goal of removing the Confederate Monument from property owned by the city and transferring all of its future "social and political issues and problems" to an institution that is widely accepted by the general public as the most appropriate place for items such as this to be.

The Missouri Civil War Museum is not interested in submitting any detailed plans of interpretation or exhibition of the monument as your correspondence has requested due to the fact that the monument will be placed in storage for a period of time. Its future exhibition, interpretation, and costs will be determined and provided entirely by our museum officials at that time.

The Missouri Civil War Museum is offering a reasonable and permanent solution to Mayor Slay's dilemma with the Confederate Monument. Our proposal is quite simple and clear, the city is to relinquish full ownership and control of the Confederate Monument to the Missouri Civil War Museum and walk away from the issue forever. As you know, there will be those that will protest the movement of this monument no matter where it goes. However, if the monument is to be removed by the City of St. Louis, I do believe that the Missouri Civil War Museum is the best avenue for the city to pursue that will draw the least criticism.

Thank you for contacting the Missouri Civil War Museum in regards to the Confederate Monument and I will be your official contact on all matters regarding this issue. I can be reached at 636-237-3398, by email at mtrout@mcwm.org, or at our address of Missouri Civil War Museum, 222 Worth Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63125. Additional information on the Missouri Civil War Museum can be found at our website at www.mcwm.org.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark L. Trout, Founder & President
Missouri Civil War Museum