

## **MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** August 19, 2014

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**FROM:** Kenneth Fields, City Manager

**RE:** Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales Request for Addition to Veterans Memorial Honoring Purple Heart Recipients

**SYNOPSIS:** The Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales submitted a request to allow the construction of a Purple Heart Memorial and Park in front of City Hall adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The City Commission may consider this item after it is reviewed by the Parks and Community Appearance Advisory Board and after further analysis as to its potential costs by City staff.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales through American Legion Memorial Post 71 and VFW Post 2420 requested permission to construct a Purple Heart Monument and Park in front of City Hall in the area adjacent to the existing Veterans Memorial. The costs of construction will be raised entirely through private donations. The proposed park will include three benches, pavers (which would include the names of donors), and a Monument to those who have received a Purple Heart medal. If approved, the organizations will seek to have the Park completed and dedicated on Purple Heart Day | August 2015.

The Purple Heart Chapter further requests that the City dedicates this land in perpetuity for the proposed park and assume all responsibility for maintenance of the Memorial into the future

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The proposed Park and Monument could be placed at an allowable non-city location with maintenance not the responsibility of the City.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If approved, there will be no significant cost to the City for the installation of the Park and Monument. However, future maintenance costs, including installation and maintenance of the proposed pavers in the future have not been calculated at this time.

### **ATTACHEMENT**

Letter and exhibits from American Legion Post 71.



# The American Legion

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Date: June 30, 2014

Subject: Purple Heart Proposal

To: City of Lake Wales

The Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales respectfully requests the City's due consideration in the construction of a Purple Heart Monument and Park. The location will be in front of City Hall in the area marked on the attached sheet.

The monies will be raised by donation in order to fund the construction of the Park. The estimated cost of said Park will be \$10,000.00. The Park will include the Monument, three benches and pavers (which will have names of the donors) that will lead to the area indicated on the attached sheet.

As the City of Lake Wales is a Veteran friendly city the Purple Heart Park will be a reminder to all that, "all gave some and some gave all", for the freedom we enjoy today. It will proclaim that the City of Lake Wales remembers the Men and Women who gave and served in our Armed Forces.

The Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales ask that the property in question be dedicated in perpetuity for the expressed purpose of housing the Purple Heart Park and furthermore the city include the grounds maintenance in its normal maintenance of the property the Park will be located on.

The tentative dedication ceremony will be the Purple Heart Day in August of 2015.

Any additional information needed will be submitted at the request of the City of Lake Wales.

Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

American Legion Post 71, Purple Heart Chapter of Lake Wales, VFW Post 2420



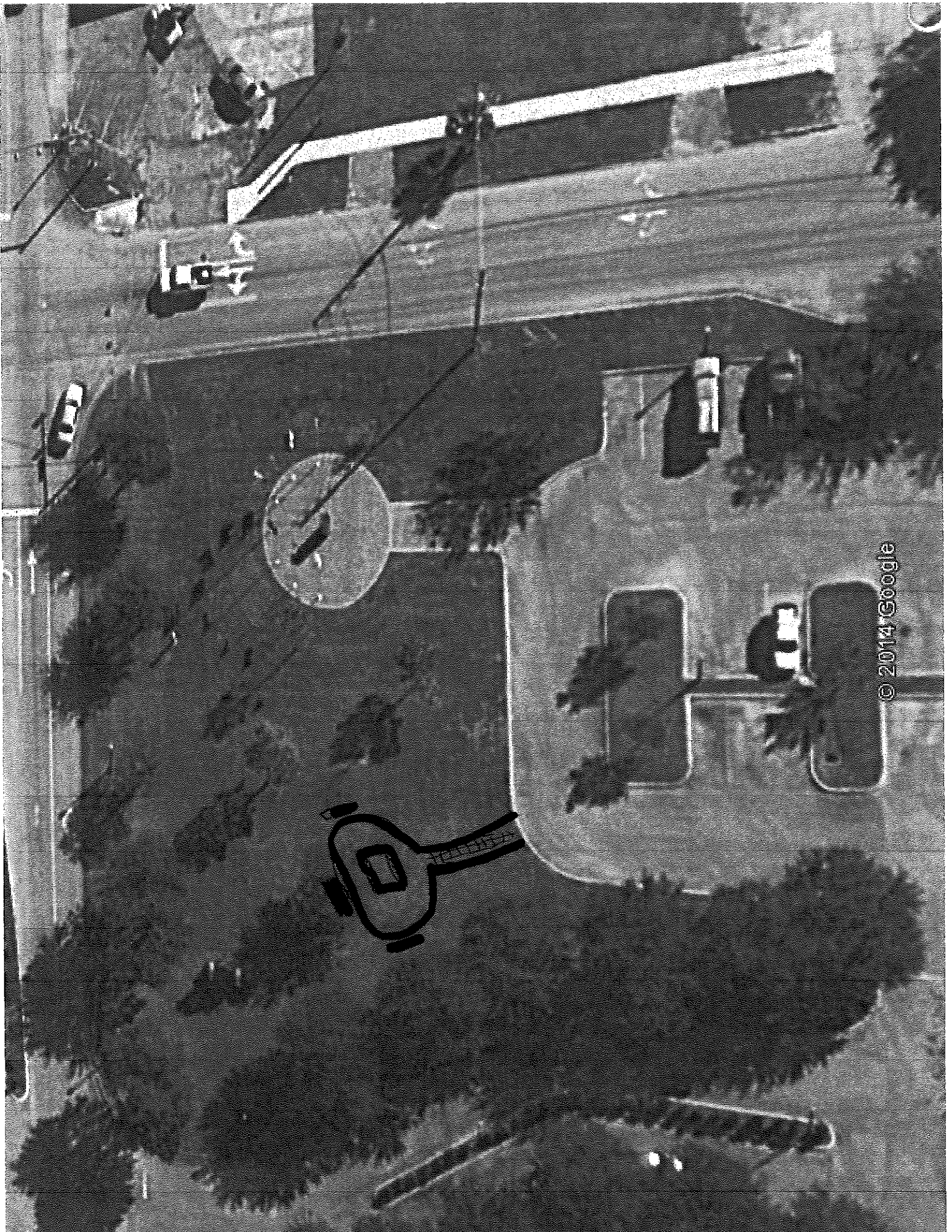
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