

BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(7)

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT MEETING DATE: June 7, 2005

TITLE: A Request to Approve a Policy to Establish Monuments on Town Property

DEPARTMENT: N/A	PUBLIC HEARING: No
ATTACHMENTS: A. Resolution - Policy B. Resolution – Catherine Peele C. Monument Policy D. Application E. Letter from Jay Bryan F. Park Naming Procedure	FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Brough, 929-3905 Richard White, 918-7314

PURPOSE

Periodically, the Town receives requests to construct or allow the construction of plaques or other types of monuments on town property to memorialize persons or events. The Board asked staff to prepare a policy to address these requests. In order to adopt a uniform methodology, the Board of Aldermen is requested to approve the policy to establish monuments on town property.

INFORMATION

Recently, the Mayor received a request to plan a memorial for Catherine Peele on Town Hall grounds. A tree planting and plaque have been suggested (Attachment E). A resolution to approve this request is provided (Attachment B).

For purposes of this policy, the term "monument" shall mean any plaque, statue, structure, tree, shrub, landscaping, or other object or thing constructed, erected, planted, or otherwise located on town-owned or leased property (and intended to remain on such property on a long-term basis) to commemorate or memorialize any person, place, or event. Historical markers erected by or with the authorization of the N.C. Department of Transportation within State maintained rights-of-way are exempted from this policy.

The Recreation and Parks Commission is the responsible agency for receiving and recommending all names for parks, recreation areas, and facilities within the Town of Carrboro Recreation and Parks system (Attachment F).

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with approving this policy. However, one of the guidelines for review includes consideration of the cost to the Town for constructing, erecting, locating, and maintaining a monument.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the monument policy.