

A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A MONUMENT
Resolution No. 86/2005-06

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen received a monument application from Danielle 'Aoife' Iredale for her deceased guide dog, named Inka:

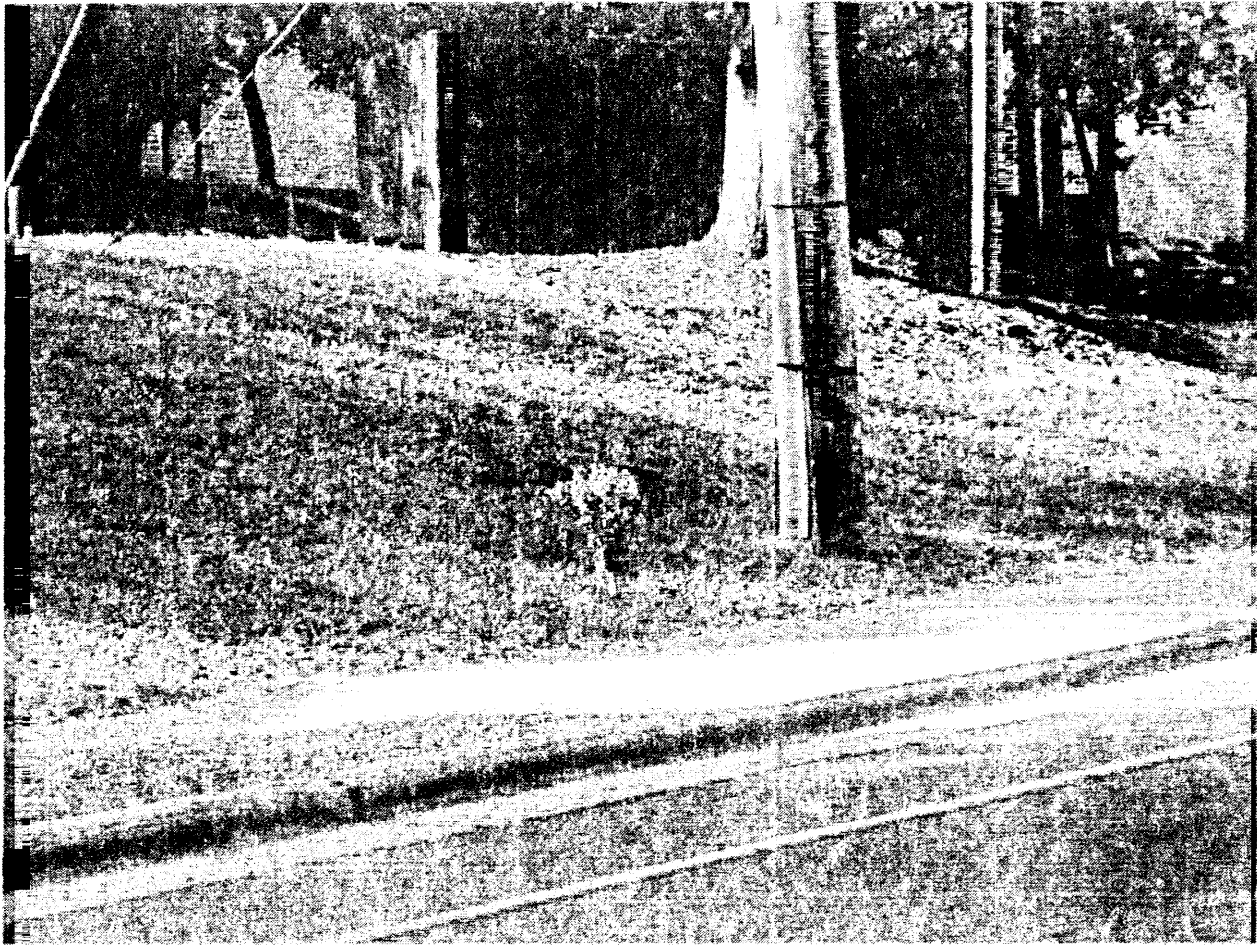
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CARRBORO BOARD OF ALDERMEN:

Section 1. The Board of Aldermen discussed whether an application for a monument to a guide dog is consistent with the guidelines of Section 4 in the Policy for Monuments Located on Town Property.

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen approves/denies the installation of this monument.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

Criteria Stated in Town Monument Policy	Applicant's request states:
1. Commemorates or memorializes a person, place, or event.	The event being considered is the death of a guide dog.
2. Proposal originates from a member of the Board, from an advisory board, or from a Carrboro citizen (or group of citizens).	Yes
<i>According to the Policy, "the Board shall consider the following (guidelines), in addition to any other matters that the Board deems relevant"</i>	<i>See below</i>
a) The general or local significance or prominence of the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized.	Applicant believes the death of the service dog to be a very significant event.
b) Whether the person, place, or event commemorated or memorialized is significant, important, or relevant to the public generally, as opposed to a small group of person.	Applicant believes the event /service dog were, are, and should be significant to the general public.
c) Whether the monument's proposed location will be compatible with its surroundings.	Applicant believes that locating the memorial on the right-of-way will make it much more meaningful to her and to the general public than locating it back on the property of The Villages Apartments. Town staff also raises the concern for the precedent that may be set with this type of request.
d) The enduring quality and character of the materials used to create the monument.	The marble memorial will be of high quality and very durable. With the stone installed flush with the ground there are minimal maintenance concerns in terms of mowing. There is potential for breakage from heavy mowers or service vehicles pulling off the roadway.
e) The cost to the town of constructing, erecting, locating, and maintaining the monument.	As proposed the Town should incur no cost for any of these things. However, Town staff have concerns about the long term maintenance should those proposing the monument move away or not be able to obtain funding.



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- (b) An advisory board may make such a recommendation.
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4. Guidelines for Review of Proposals for Monuments

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Ms. Iredale's Application for a Monument to Her Seeing Eye Dog, Inka

I. GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has the sole authority to approve the establishment, maintenance and production of those things which merit designation as monuments for the use, education, and view of the general public in order to remind the citizens of this community, its visitors and tourists of the rich historic, cultural and natural heritage of the Town.

In order to adopt a uniform methodology, the Board of Aldermen has adopted the attached "Policy for Establishing Monuments on Town Property." This application provides the format for submittal of the information required by the policy.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of Individual Making Application: Aoife (legally Danielle) Patrice Iredale

Address: 1000 Smith Level Road, Apt. L 9, Carrboro, NC, 27510

Telephone: 919-968-1146

Location:

I propose the installation of a marble footstone (approximately twelve inches by twelve inches, engraved with a dedication and the image of a German shepherd, and level with the surrounding earth) on the grass verge along BPW Club Road at the spot where Inka, my Seeing Eye dog, was hit and killed by a drunk driver. The footstone and the engraved message it will contain will not only commemorate Inka's death but also, and more importantly, her lifetime of loving service to me and the longstanding and positive impact that she and I, as a Seeing Eye team, had on the lives of Carrboro's citizens, both sighted and blind.

Is there a special significance to this location?

It is crucial that the footstone be located on the publicly owned verge along BPW Club Road, rather than on the privately owned land which begins ten feet or so behind the spot in question. Although The Villages, the apartment complex which owns the land adjacent to the spot in question, has offered me the use of their property for the erection of a memorial stone, the closest available patch of unpaved, privately owned ground is so far from the public right-of-way and from the bus stop at which Inka and I were standing when the car struck us that only residents of The Villages would see the memorial stone, thereby profoundly lessening the communal benefit of such a memorial. Inka lived her life amidst all of Carrboro's citizens, and she died amidst them as well. It is essential that the marker commemorating her death and her years of service inspire thoughtful reflection in as many citizens as possible, rather than being relegated to a far more isolated byway and to the eyes and knowledge of a scant few people. Additionally, if the footstone must be located somewhere on The Village's private land, I, being blind and consequently reliant upon tactile landmarks in my navigation, will never be able to use the stone to locate for myself the exact spot where Inka died, will never be able to pray or to meditate at that spot in remembrance of her and in my own search for healing and peace.

Proposed Name/Title: Inka's Memorial Stone

Describe dedicatory or commemorative purpose:

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(Inka was a loving companion who dedicated her life to assisting me. Yet Inka, like all other guide dogs, also played a more communally significant role by educating the people with whom we came into contact in our daily lives. Each time Inka climbed into her harness and I took hold of her leash, she and I became de facto ambassadors for Seeing Eye. Everywhere that we went in Carrboro and Chapel Hill, on the sidewalks, in the shops and restaurants, and on the buses, people stopped us and asked me to elaborate on Inka's training, on her ability to problem-solve in challenging situations, and on the positive impact which sharing my life with Inka had on me. Inevitably, these people then told me how amazed they were by Inka's diligence in harness and how proud they were that a guide team such as Inka and I felt so fulfilled and so welcomed in Carrboro, our adopted home. Additionally, many people explained to me how strongly Inka reminded them of their favorite, usually deceased, pets and how gratified they were to see such a devoted and sweet-natured dog bringing not only love but also increased independence into a deserving person's life. Inka will never again be able to lift the spirits and broaden the horizons of Carrboro's citizens. However, Inka's Memorial Stone will convey in perpetuity the beauty and power of Inka's legacy of love, of service, and of community education.)

III. MONUMENT to HONOR INDIVIDUAL OR AN ORGANIZATION

If an individual, is this person Living ____ or Deceased? (NA)

If living, do you have the person's permission to pursue the naming? (NA)

Current address: (NA)

If deceased, do you have the permission of the immediate family? (NA)

Describe individual's contribution to the community. (NA)

Ms. Iredale's Note: This monument will commemorate an event, the killing of a service dog whose work within this community enriched the lives of all those whom she and I encountered.

IV. COSTS

Provide estimated costs: The engraved marble footstone is being donated, free of any charge, by the artist who will create it.

Provide estimated cost of annual maintenance: Marble is a highly durable material; and I will gladly raise private funds to cover the cost of periodic cleanings and repairs, on an as-needed basis.

Who will finance: Pam Gentry, the monument's designer, will absorb all costs associated with the stone's creation; and I and my friends and supporters will fund the stone's upkeep.

Who will be designer or maker: Pamela Gentry, a local artist who works in stained glass and in marble

IV. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON WHY THIS MONUMENT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED:

Inka brought joy and freedom into my life; and, as long as I live here in Carrboro, I will continue to share with my fellow citizens the story of her loving legacy and of her senseless

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death. However, I may one day leave this community; and, if and when I do so, I do not want the memory of Inka and of the enduringly positive impact she had on Carrboro's human citizens to depart with me. Other service dogs, including at least two other Seeing Eye dogs, continue to live and work in Carrboro and Chapel Hill; and I myself will be bringing home a second Seeing Eye dog in late Jan. to live and work in the same local places in which Inka spent the three and a half years which comprized the entirety of her adult working life. For those of us who still live and work with our canine partners in Carrboro and for all those fellow citizens whom we educate and inspire through our presence, Inka's Memorial Stone will commemorate the untimely death and noble life of one who helped make Carrboro a more enlightened and loving home for us all.

Signature of Person Submitting Application Aoife Danielle Patrice Iredale (I hereby verify this signature as legally binding but will also submit a hand-signed copy of this form if such a copy is required.)

Date Fri., Dec. 23, 2005