

City of Garden Grove

INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To: Matthew Fertal
Dept.: City Manager
Subject: RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE
LOAN OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT

From: Kimberly Huy
Dept.: Community Services
Date: September 25, 2012

OBJECTIVE

To request that the City Council adopt a Resolution requesting the loan of military equipment, specifically a Huey helicopter from the U.S. Army. The request is being made on behalf of the Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation (VWMAF).

BACKGROUND

The VWMAF would like to request a loan of a Huey helicopter from the U.S. Army to be placed at a future museum site. Although the Vietnam War Museum does not have a permanent home for the display of such an item, the Foundation has been informed that the approval process for a loan of military equipment can take several years and the Foundation is hoping to immediately begin the process.

DISCUSSION

The establishment of a Vietnam War Museum applauds the diversity of the community by promoting the history of the Vietnam War, which was a significant event for many of the City's residents. The display of military equipment from the Vietnam War would assist in the educational component of the museum.

There are numerous requirements that must be met to receive a loan of government equipment. One of the first hurdles is that the equipment must be located on municipal property and must have the approval of the land-owner (U.S. Army loaned equipment cannot be placed on privately owned property). At present, the VWMAF does not have a permanent location for their museum; however, they are hopeful that they will be able to negotiate a long-term lease for a City-owned property. The Foundation acknowledges that should a lease on publicly owned land not transpire, the application would become void and the Foundation would terminate the loan process.

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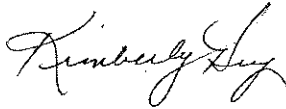
FISCAL IMPACT

There is a cost associated with the loan of government equipment. The VWMAF would be responsible to reimburse the U.S. Army for the cost of expenses incurred in connection with the loan of the equipment, including transportation of the item. Additionally, the Foundation would be responsible for posting a surety bond for the total value of the property borrowed.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Adopt the attached Resolution requesting the loan of military equipment, specifically a Huey helicopter, from the U.S. Army on behalf of the Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation (VWMAF).



KIMBERLY HUY
Community Services Director

Attachment: Resolution

Recommended for Approval



Matthew Fertal
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE APPROVING
THE REQUEST OF A LOAN OF A HUEY HELICOPTER FROM U.S. ARMY ON BEHALF OF THE
VIETNAM WAR MUSEUM OF AMERICA FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Vietnam War Museum of America Foundation (VWMAF) is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to the creation of a first-of-its kind Vietnam War Museum in Southern California;

WHEREAS, through the City of Garden Grove, the VWMAF has secured a publicly-owned site, located at 13650 Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove, CA, to serve as the future Vietnam War Museum;

WHEREAS, the Garden Grove City Council is the legislative body for the City of Garden Grove;

WHEREAS, the VWMAF is requesting a loan of a Huey Helicopter from the U.S. Army to be placed at the future site of the Vietnam War Museum, which is municipal property;

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will be responsible for the care and maintenance of borrowed material during the term of the loan;

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will guarantee sufficient personnel and facilities to adequately operate, maintain, protect, and secure the borrowed material;

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will maintain the material in a serviceable condition and ascertain that it is returned to the Army in as good a condition as when it was loaned;

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will store, safeguard, and secure the material in a manner consistent with common practice, public law, and local ordinances;

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will prevent any misuse of borrowed material; along with its use by unauthorized persons and will neither make nor permit any modification or alteration of any borrowed material;

WHEREAS, the City will ensure that the VWMAF will not mortgage, pledge, assign, transfer, sublet or part with possession of any borrowed material in any manner to any third party either directly or indirectly except with the prior written approval of the lender; and

WHEREAS, the City, through the VWMAF, will reimburse the lender for expenses incurred in connection with the loan of any government material.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove, on behalf of the VWMAF, does respectfully request loan of a Huey Helicopter from the U.S. Army for the benefit of all visitors to the future Vietnam War Museum in Garden Grove, and commits to honoring the conditions for loan set forth.