

**MOORPARK CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: Mary K. Lindley, Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Director 

DATE: November 21, 2007 (Meeting of December 5, 2007)

SUBJECT: Consider Approval of the Veteran's Memorial Conceptual Design

BACKGROUND

With the adoption of the FY 2007/08 budget, the City Council allocated \$400,000 for the design and construction of the Veteran's Memorial. On September 19, 2007, the Council approved an agreement with Community Works Design Group (CWDG) to design the Veteran's Memorial to be constructed on the southeast corner of Spring Road and Flinn Avenue.

On October 16 and November 20, the Art Commission reviewed the conceptual design present by CWDG, providing design comments and recommendations. The October 16 meeting including a walkthrough of the Veteran's Memorial site. The American Legion Post 502 located in Moorpark was notified about each Art Commission meeting and several veterans were present to provide their input. The Commission and CWDG have been very receptive to the comments of the veterans.

DISCUSSION

At the November 20 Art Commission meeting, the Commission unanimously agreed to recommend the Veteran's Memorial conceptual plan being presented to the Council by way of this Agenda Report. In summary, the design includes:

- At the Spring Road and Flinn Avenue entrance is a Victory Column, approximately 13' feet tall, with an American eagle perched at the top. The Column is surrounded by decorative paving (unfriendly to skateboards) and six benches. The Victory Column will be lighted and the benches will contain the emblems of the five branches of the armed services and the Merchant Marines. The backdrop for this entrance is a 6' tall shrub hedge.
- Leaving the entrance and walking through the hedge is a decomposed granite walkway leading to an area that can be interpreted as a "battle field", interspersed with flagstone and tall Juniper trees that serve as "soldiers". This walkway is ADA accessible. Off to either side of the walkway is shot cobble (4" to

8" diameter jagged rocks; remnants from blasting activity), boulders, and more Juniper trees, again giving the feel of a battle field.

- Beyond the battle field the site transitions to gentler landscaping consisting of trees and shrubs, and opening onto a meadow area referred to as the "Peace Meadow". The meadow or grass area is where participants and spectators will sit during ceremonies and celebrations. It is anticipated that the area will accommodate up to 100 chairs.
- The existing large stone veteran's plaques currently in place on Moorpark Avenue will be installed south of the grass meadow and along the walkway, along with benches. Additional names can be included on the plaques as the situation arises. There is also an entrance to this area from the adjacent cul-de-sac.
- At the far east end of the site and the last focal point of the memorial is a round plaza area, referred to as "Remembrance Plaza". The elevation of the plaza is approximately 18" above the meadow allowing activities taking place on the plaza to be seen by spectators. The plaza can be accessed from the walkway (ADA access) or from by steps from the meadow. The east side of the plaza is encircled by a 18" to 30" short stone veneer wall. Three flag poles will be mounted on the wall to fly the United States, State of California, and Prisoner of War/Missing in Action flags. The United States flag will be flown in the middle on the tallest pole. The flag poles will be lighted. Behind the short plaza wall is a taller perimeter stone wall ranging from 1 1/2' to 6'. The emblems of the five branches of the armed services and the Merchant Marines will be prominently mounted on the wall. Between the short plaza wall and the taller perimeter wall is a stone cascading water feature that cannot be seen without looking over the wall, but can be heard. The water in the water feature is continuously flowing and contains no standing water. The landscaping around the plaza area includes six trees that represent "soldiers", Little Gem Magnolia trees, shrubs, and groundcover.

The conceptual design includes up-lighting throughout the project to enhance the importance of the memorial site, security lighting along the walkway and site perimeter, and electrical outlets at the plaza to facilitate ceremonies and celebrations. Some of the specific landscape materials may change and additional landscaping added as the construction plans proceed. The City Council will have an opportunity to review project construction plans and specifications prior to soliciting bid proposals and can make additional changes at that time.

The estimated cost for the proposed conceptual plan, including design, construction, construction management, and a very small contingency is approximately \$500,000 (see Attachment C). The Council allocated \$400,000 towards this project. Working with the architect, staff identified features that could be itemized separately in a bid proposal, such as the water feature, security lighting, entryway benches, up-lights throughout the project (excluding the lights for the flags and Victory Column). If the construction costs

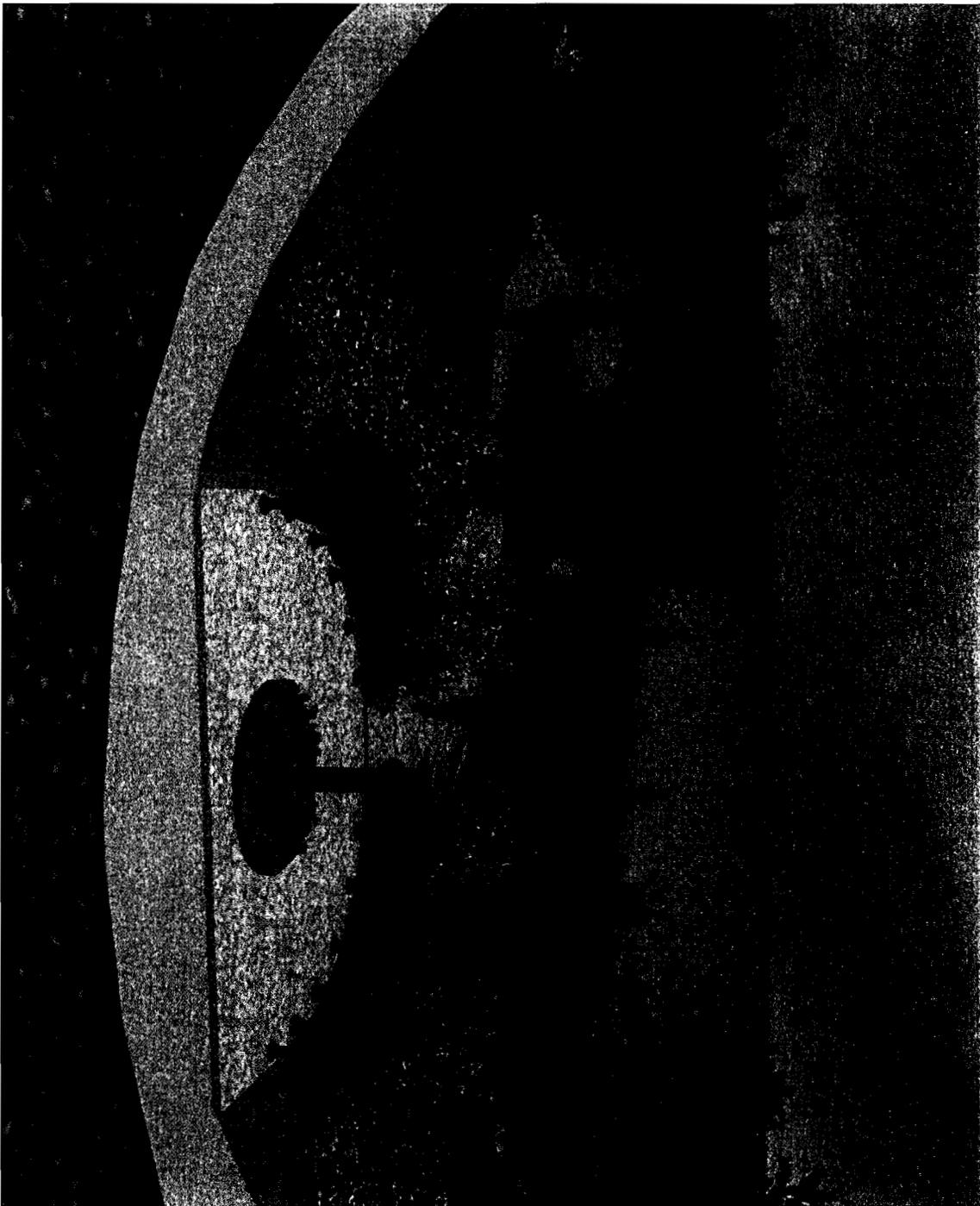
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come in as estimated, the Council can remove these items from the initial project construction, saving approximately \$70,000 and install those features at a later date, or it can elect to allocate additional funds. As the Council will recall, this project is currently funded by the Art in Public Places Fund. The Fund's current balance is approximately \$1.4 million inclusive of the \$400,000 budgeted for this project. The Council will not have to consider this matter until after the bid proposals have been received.

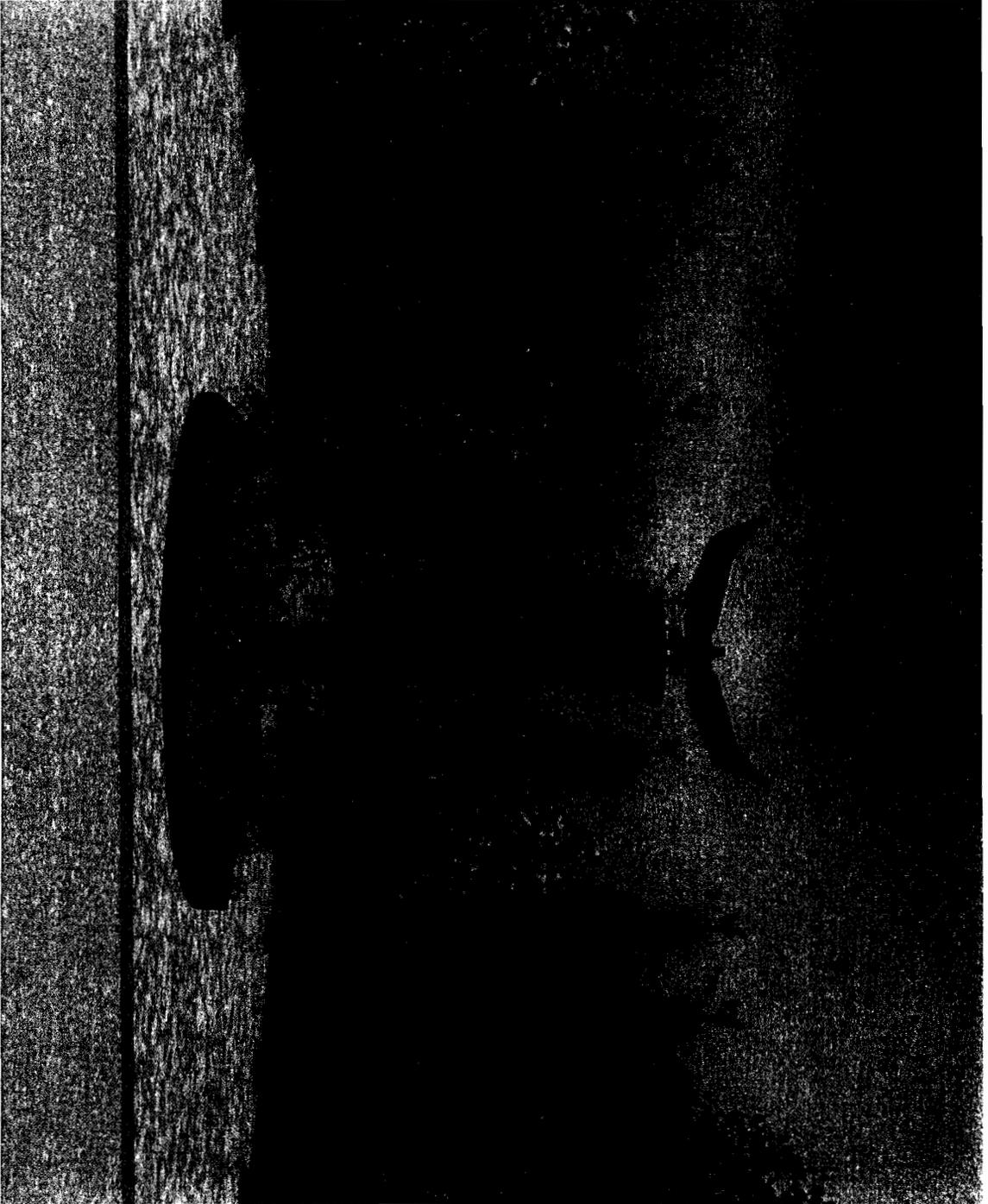
STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approve the conceptual plan for the Veteran's Memorial as presented in the Agenda Report.

Attachment A – Draft Conceptual Plan
Attachment B – Dimensional Drawing
Attachment B – Cost Estimate



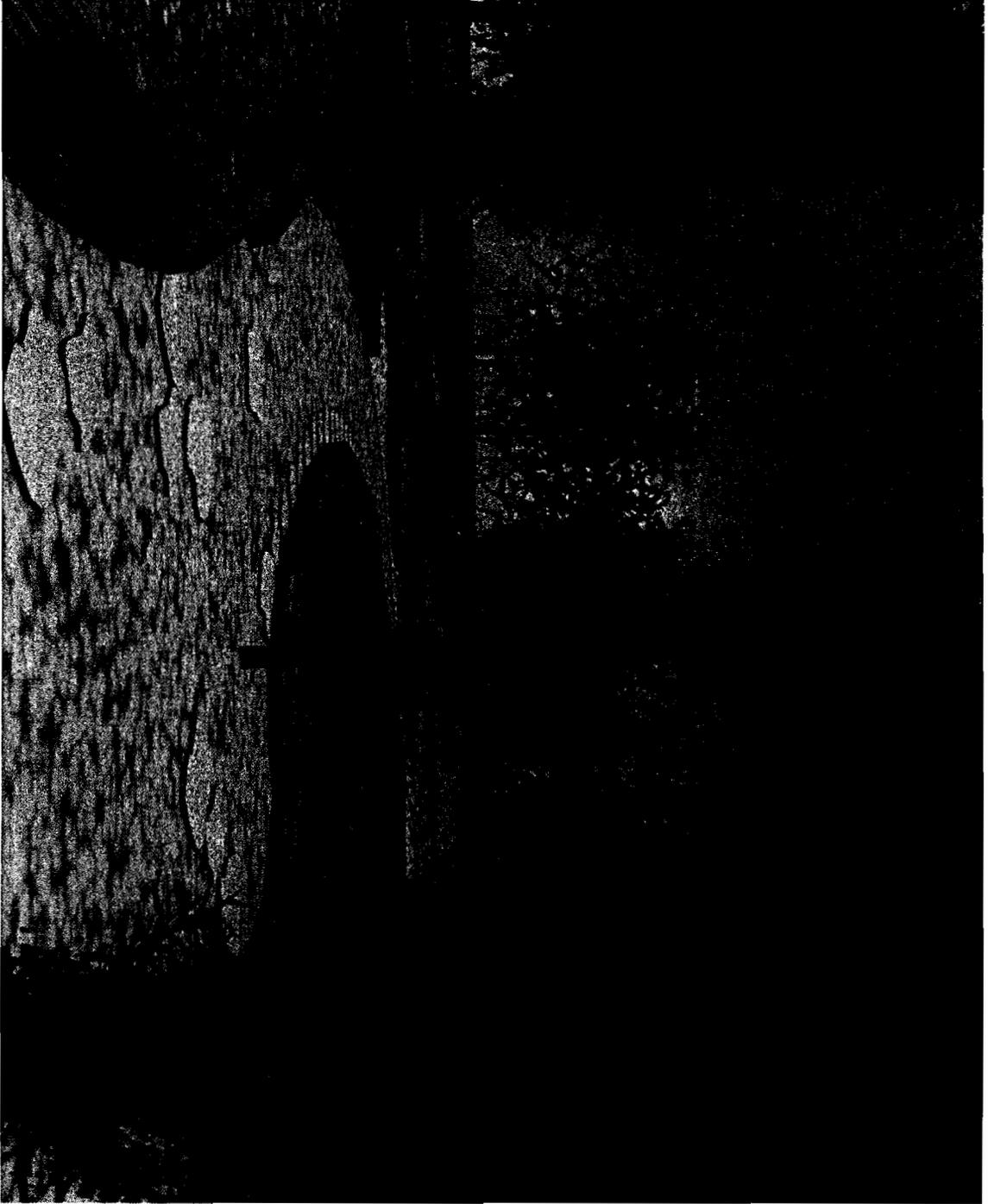
MOORPARK VETERAN'S MEMORIAL - CORNER ENTRY



VICTORY ENTRY PLAZA

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BATTLEFIELD ZONE



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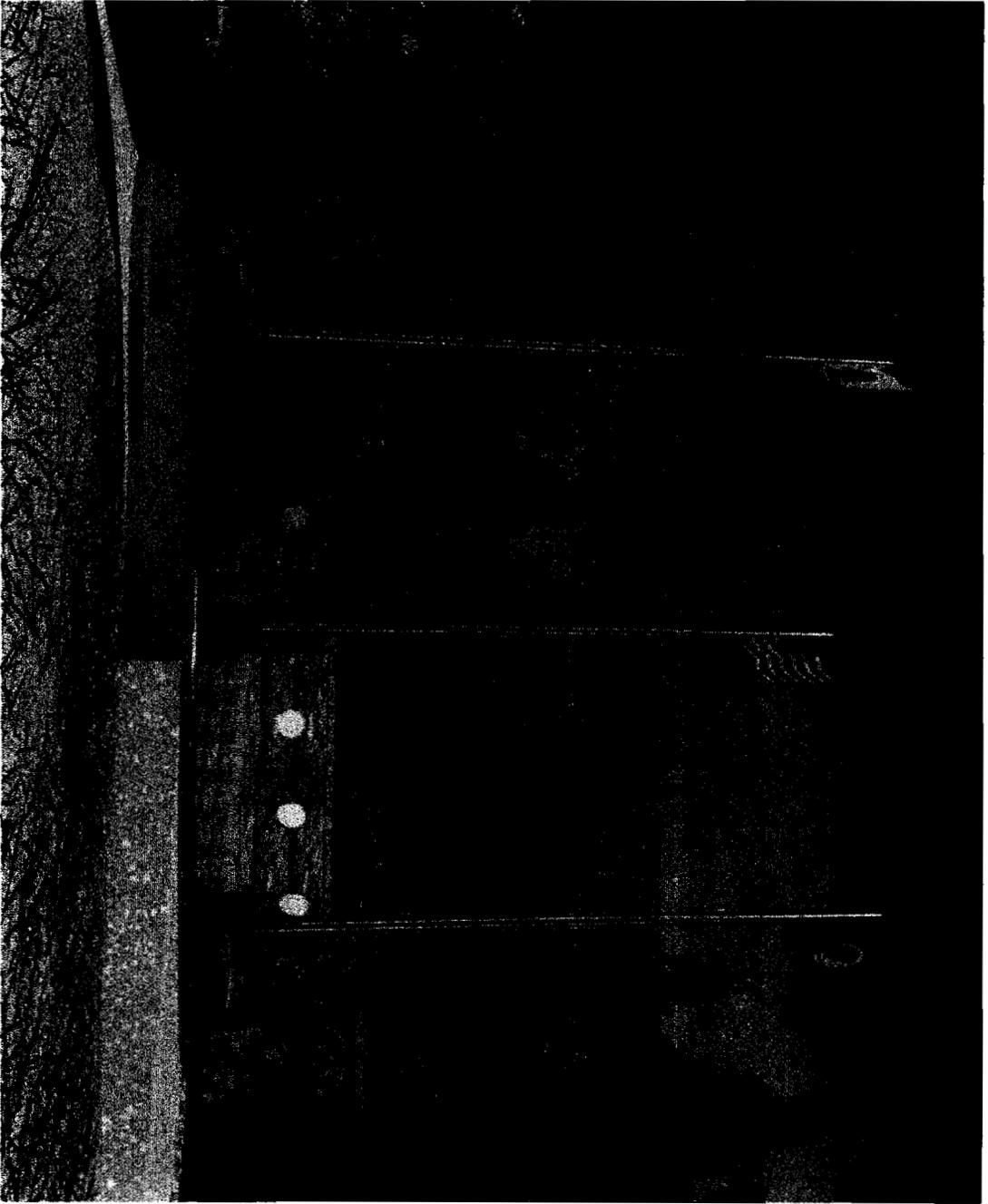
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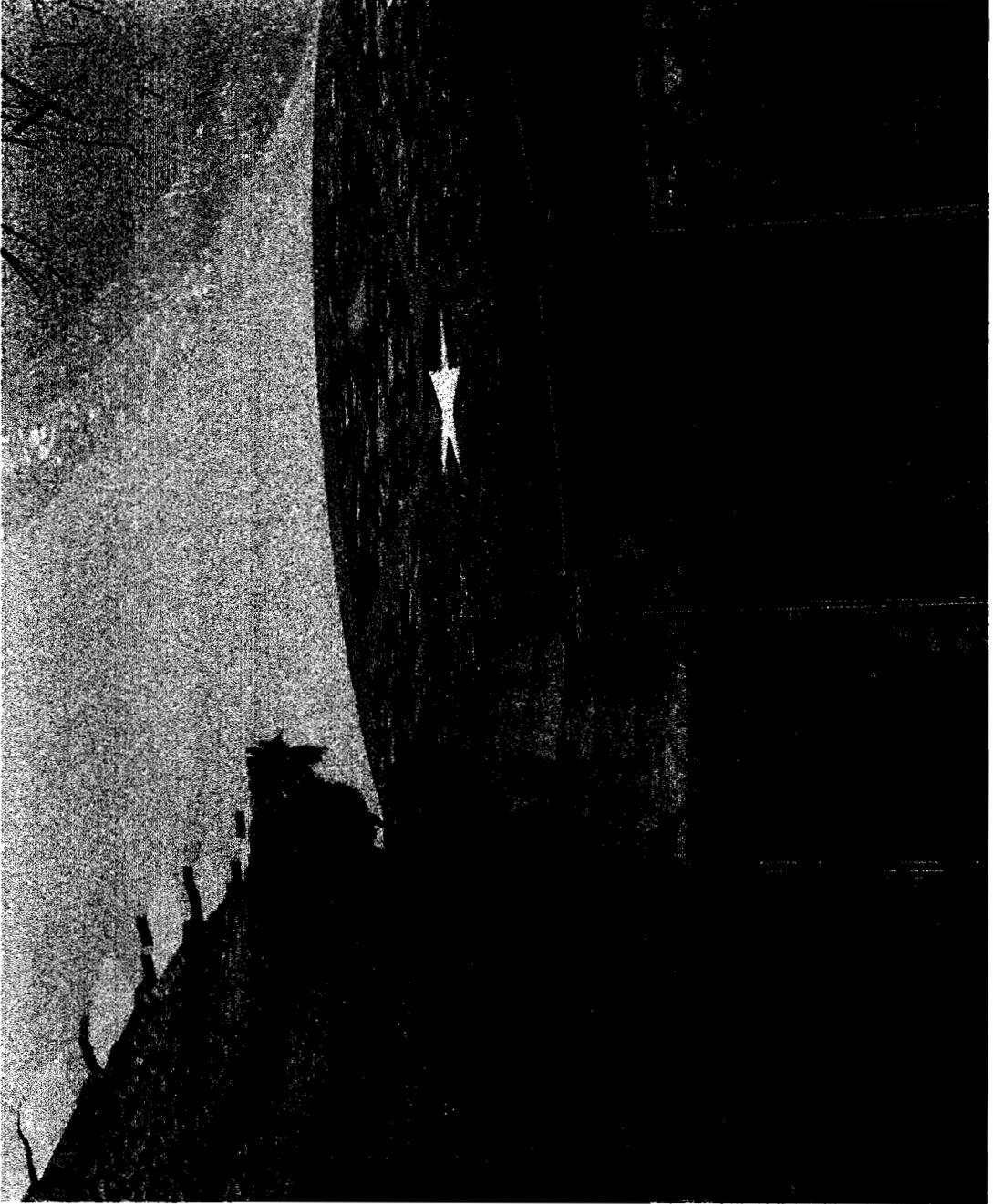
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REMEMBRANCE PLAZA



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PROJECT: Moorpark Veteran's Memorial

PROJECT # 071047

DESCRIPTION	QTY.	UNIT	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST
IRRIGATION				
AUTOMATIC IRRIGATION SYSTEM				
ROTOR AREAS	14530	S.F.	\$0.75	\$10,898
SPRAY AREAS	5670	S.F.	\$1.25	\$7,088
DRIP AREAS	385	S.F.	\$1.20	\$462
BACKFLOW PREVENTER - 1"	1	EACH	\$2,000.00	\$2,000
CONTROLLER	1	EACH	\$1,800.00	\$1,800
LIGHTING / ELECTRICAL				
VICTORY COLUMN LIGHTS	2	EACH	\$2,500.00	\$5,000
FLAGPOLE LIGHTS	3	EACH	\$2,500.00	\$7,500
CONDUIT, CONDUCTOR & MISC. ITEMS	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
SERVICE / MAIN SWITCHBOARD	1	L.S.	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
*** SUBTOTAL				\$321,309
*** 15.00% CONTINGENCY				\$48,196
DESIGN FEES - LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT	1	EACH	\$53,450.00	\$53,450
*** GRAND TOTAL				\$422,956

ADD. ALTERNATE

CONSTRUCTION

SITE FEATURES

ENTRY BENCHES	6	EACH	\$900.00	\$5,400
WATER FEATURE	1	EACH	\$15,000.00	\$15,000
DRINKING FOUNTAIN	1	EACH	\$2,500.00	\$2,500

LIGHTING / ELECTRICAL

UPLIGHTS	10	EACH	\$1,500.00	\$15,000
SECURITY WALKWAY / LIGHTS	7	EACH	\$4,500.00	\$31,500

*** SUBTOTAL \$69,400

*** 15.00% CONTINGENCY \$10,410

*** GRAND TOTAL \$79,810

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