

★ Roll Call Number

Agenda Item Number

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Date June 13, 2011

Request from Council Member Skip Moore, to discuss the Woodland Restoration Fund.

Moved by _____ to receive, file and refer to the City Manager for review and recommendation.

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
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TOTAL				
MOTION CARRIED		APPROVED		
_____ Mayor				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

_____ City Clerk

WOODLAND - ST. AMBROSE - EMANUEL - ODD FELLOWS CEMETERY

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RICK CLARK, CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES CITY HALL
400 BOB RAY DRIVE
DES MOINES, IOWA 50309

THE COLORED PHOTOS ENCLOSED WILL BE
YOUR PROJECT THIS SUMMER: ACROSS FROM
THE GLENDALE OFFICE AND BLOCK #16.

RICK, a few days **AFTER** the June 13th meeting, I will be calling if any Council member has made the motion to return these **private** donated funds of \$15,000 to our Woodland Restoration Fund. Since **Neumann brothers** will complete the work on the Vault, these funds no longer have a purpose.

I do not have the friends on the Council like I had two decades ago or even a decade. They are gone: Mayor John Pat Dorrian, Mike McPherson, Tom Vlasis and George Flagg. Also gone is Mayor Pete Crivaro who was such a grand person. I first got to know Pete when he visited Warren Harding Jr. High. He made a point to visit schools each year. A few weeks before his death I asked the Council to name the area across from City Hall to be Pete Crivaro Park. At his last meeting he cried a lot. He had to be carried into the chamber by 3 men. **BUT, today** I have good friends with Christine Hebsley, Skip Moore and Bob Mahaffey.

WANTED A COUNCIL MEMBER TO MAKE THE MOTION TO TRANSFER OUR PRIVATE DONATED FUNDS OF \$15,000 TO OUR WOODLAND RESTORATION FUND. AS YOU SAW IN THE NEWS ARTICLE I OBTAINED ALL OF THESE \$15,000 FROM FRIENDS OF OF WOODLAND.

Rick, I'll be calling if a Council member has lent a hand so that we can send for baby markers

SKIP MOORE SAID HE WILL OR MAYBE ALREADY HAS SENT AN e-mail concerning those funds.

SKIP also said there is no problem at all using our Fund for cemetery symbols, **but not on oak trees** Oak trees when dead, he said, must be cut to ground level because of oak wilt/

While the City had these funds the Vault has gone down hill: the hinges on the doors are broken so that the doors scrape on the floor. **Only one of doors work.** The other one is **nailed shut.** you will be very please about the doors that Marshall Linn will install. Neumann Brothers will also replace the fallen bricks, restore the **iron** gate as well as all the jams and better. I do hope you appreciate the work he will be doing **with out any pay.** He is interested in a tax deductible receipt.

The Woodland restoration Fund has helped both Woodland and Glendale. I have collected at least \$125,000. As you saw in the news article, \$50,000

Now hang onto your hats for a project that Lee Wheelock will direct next month. The City had your change, but again no action.

On the next page are listed **some** of things the Woodland Fund has done. I am certain you do appreciate all the work involved. **BE CERTAIN TO READ PARAGRAPH #3.**

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Both Deanna and Steve Kiefner have used money from the Fund to replace several hundred foundations. And, steam cleaned **several thousand**. Besides the World War I markers and Civil War markers in Woodland, we steamed cleaned **3,400** Federal World War I markers in Glendale's Little Flanders in the far northwest corner.

Woodland mostly has the elderly coming. We placed **several thousand dollars** in granite benches: two in the World War I area, one in Catholic St. Ambrose, one in the Civil War cemetery.

IN THE BEGINNING: When I started in 1992 Gayle Collins said there were two thousand vandalize monuments on the ground. It took two years, but the mess was all corrected by the second year. How much money did the City spend 0.

Bruce Kelley wanted to do something special for Woodland. He donated \$17,000 to restore the Denman fountain. Would that have happened if there were no restoration going on in Woodland?

The Catholic Diocese had a joint project with the Woodland Fund and erected a very large Remembrance Monument near the old gate.

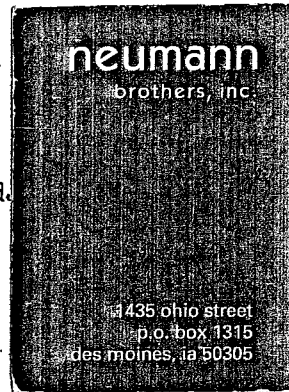
Seventeen Public Schools donated \$5,000 in 1999 to erect a large World War monument in the World War I cemetery. I had contact most of the public schools, but the principals from 17 schools came forward. Today on the back side of the monument are engraved their school's name. **ALLOf** the high schools names are there.

COLORED PHOTOS enclosed will be our Woodland Restoration project for 2011. The Spanish-American War lasted only 6 weeks. Why are there so many veterans resting there? This is the All Iowa Spanish-American War cemetery located in Block #16 Glendale.

GRANITE STATUES. These statues are **custom** made. Deanna sends in a photo and in about 5 months they arrive. So far, the Fund has put up: **The Angel of Mercy, Angel with Flowers, The Virgin Mary* and ordered in March a 6' high statue of Jesus*** * The Virgin Mary and Jesus statues location was selected by Father James Kiernan and Father Hurley. They are at the entrance of St. Ambrose Cemetery

So, you can see how the private dollars of the Fund is spent. **I will be** calling in a few days concerning our Woodland Restoration Fund of \$15,000 to purchase 300 baby markers. A few days **AFTER** the next council meeting.

LEE WHELLOCK is looking forward to erecting the Memorial Arch which honor Woodland's Civil War, Spanish-American War and veterans of World War I. He has looked over the plans well and modified them so that the arch will be high wind resistant. The Arch will be 21' high and placed so that drivers from both north and south of Des Moines most traveled street will see it. Des Moines has nothing to equal the Memorial Arch. Don McLaughlin will be a consultant as will Jeffery Mills. Lee is looking forward to this. The Arch is in excellent hands with Lee.



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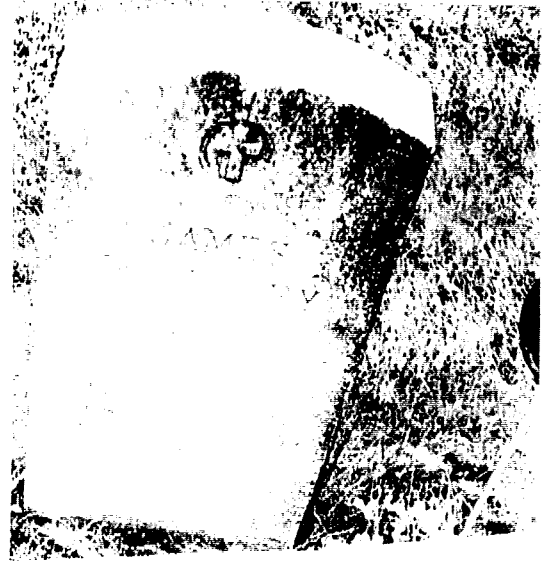
WOODLAND RESTORATION PROJECT...SUMMER 2011

THESE MARKERS ARE ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE GLENDALE OFFICE.

WHY DO MARBLE MARKERS BECOME "FACELESS" IT IS CAUSED BY "ACID RAIN" WHEN DIRT IS ON MARBLE AND IT RAINS, THAT CAUSES AN ACID REACTION.



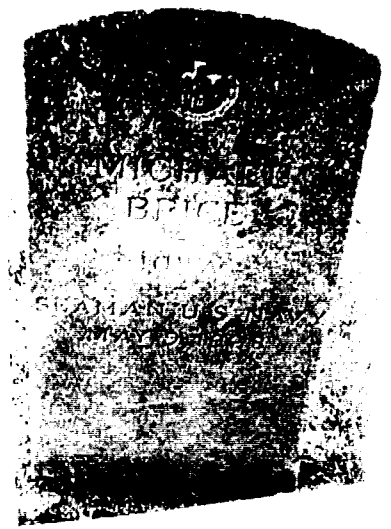
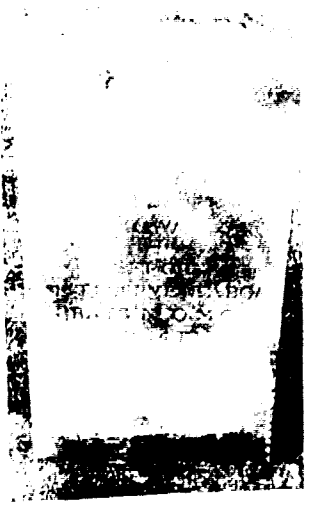
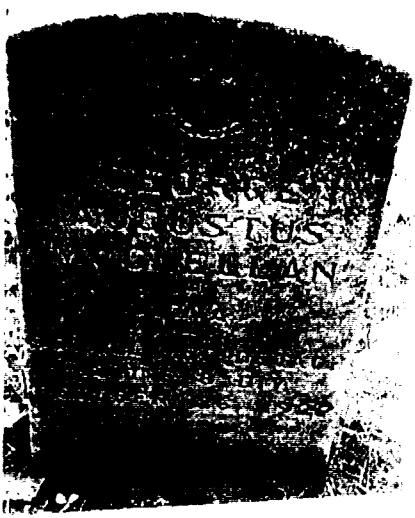
ALL OF THESE MARKERS CAN BE SAVED IF STEAM CLEANED NOW.



I PUT THIS PLAQUE UP IN 1995 ALONG WITH THE FLAG POLE NEXT TO IT FROM WOODLAND FUND.



ALL OF THESE VETERAN MARKERS WILL BECOME "FACELESS" IN 2 MORE YEARS



PROJECT FOR 2011. PHOTOS TAKEN MAY, 2011



PLAQUE IN THE ALL IOWA SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR CEMETERY 1898 GLENDALE



THIS MARKER CAN STILL BE SAVED LIKE MANY OTHERS



COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED IF RESTORED 4 YEARS AGO.



GONE FOREVER. CANNOT BE RESTORED