



MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks and Recreation Board

FROM: Michael J. Heitz, AIA
Director

DATE: May 20, 1993

SUBJECT: Approval of location for memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan

The Department has been approached by the sculptor and by the family of Stevie Ray Vaughan regarding the location of the memorial sculpture of Stevie Ray Vaughan. They were concerned that the location of the sculpture adjacent to Palmer Auditorium would result in the statue being dwarfed by Palmer Auditorium. Also since the sculpture would be facing North, the face would always be in the shade. The site on the embankment would also require building of a substantial terrace. The Fire Marshal has also indicated that the placement of the sculpture on the North side of Palmer Auditorium would partially block a fire egress.

The sculptor and the family requested that the sculpture be located on Auditorium Shores, along the water so that the face would be South and the backdrop would be the city skyline. This location is indicated on the attached map.

The Land and facilities Committee reviewed the proposed new location and requested the Department research alternative locations. We have done so but are not able to recommend a better site.

Recommendation:

I recommend that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to Council that the location of the Stevie Ray Vaughan memorial sculpture be moved to Auditorium Shores along the shoreline as indicated on the attached map.

Please let me know if you need additional information.


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