



## ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

<p><b>County Board Agenda Item Meeting of April 28, 2009</b></p>
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**DATE:** April 8, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Dedicate a memorial plaque at the Fenwick Center in recognition of the Golden Fog mural donated by artist Laura Edwards.

**C. M. RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the dedication of a memorial plaque at the Fenwick Center to recognize Clay Huffman and Donna Tarkenton in recognition of artist Laura Edwards' donation of the Golden Fog mural and authorize the County Manager to approve the final language of the plaque.

**ISSUES:** In compliance with the County Plaque Policy, the County Board is requested to approve the placement of memorial plaques by the Park and Recreation Commission.

**SUMMARY:** The Park and Recreation Commission is recommending that a memorial plaque be dedicated at Fenwick Center to acknowledge the donation of the Golden Fog mural by artist Laura Edwards as allowed under the County Board's *Memorial or Recognition Plaques Policy*. Staff supports the dedication of a memorial plaque as recommended by the Park and Recreation Commission

**BACKGROUND:** On July 10, 1999 the County Board adopted a revised policy for the placement of memorial or recognition plaques in County parks and facilities. (Attachment 1) The policy charges the Park and Recreation Commission with making recommendations to the County Board concerning proposed memorial or recognition plaques. As part of the consultation and recommendation process, the Commission must seek comments from the Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) and the appropriate neighborhood civic association(s).

**DISCUSSION:** In exchange for the contribution of the Golden Fog mural, the artist Laura Edwards has requested that her donation be recognized with placement of memorial plaque at the Fenwick Center. The memorial plaque would be 12" by 12" as specified by the County Board's

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<p>County Attorney: _____</p>
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<p>Staff: David C. Miller, Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources</p>
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policy. The exact language of the plaque and recognition on the sign will be finalized through agreement between the County Manager and the artist. The proposed plaque language would read, "Dedicated to the Memory of Clay Huffman and Donna Tarkenton." (Attachment 2) and be attached to the building adjacent to the Fog Mural (Attachment 3).

As required by the Policy on Placement of Memorial or Recognition Plaques, the Park and Recreation Commission solicited input from the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC), the Historic Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB), and the Arlington Heights Civic Associations. NCAC voted to approve the request for the memorial plaque and voted unanimously to approve the recommendation. (Attachment 4) Arlington Heights Civic Association, the civic association in which the park resides, voted to approve the plaque request. (Attachment 5) HALRB voted to approve the plaque request (Attachment 6). The Park and Recreation Commission voted unanimously to recommend to the County Board to approve the placement of a memorial plaque to be dedicated at the Fenwick Center to acknowledge the donation of the Golden Fog mural by artist Laura Edwards as allowed under the County Board's *Memorial or Recognition Plaques Policy*

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no fiscal impact to the County. All costs associated with the fabrication of the memorial plaque are the responsibility of the individual/community organization requesting the memorial plaques, as stated in the County plaque policy.