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April 1, 2008

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AND PUBLIC SERVICES**

The Committee on Veterans and Public Services convened on April 1, 2008, with Chairman Walter Pero presiding and Committee Member Alderman Dennis Sullivan also present and voting. Also present were Veteran's Services Director Frank Senesi and Chief of Staff Michael Lambert.

Mr. Senesi informed the members that all memorials in the city have been examined and repaired, where necessary and he further informed the members that the Veterans' Day ceremony is run by the Allied Veterans Council, as it is a requirement of their by-laws.

The committee discussed the renaming of the High School concourse in honor of former Headmaster Anthony Fedele. Mr. Senesi informed the members that the Allied Veterans Council was not notified of the name change and that the Mayor has had conversations with John O'Leary, members of Post 19 and with Bob Hardy from the Allied Veterans Council and has stated that he isn't going to change the name of the concourse to Fedele Way. Chairman Pero stated that the change was passed as an ordinance and he is requesting clarification from the Administration. Mr. Senesi told the members that according to the previous ordinance, the name change cannot be effectuated.

Alderman Sullivan requested that a communication be sent to the City Solicitor to check on the status of the ordinance and to inform the Committee on Veterans Services what the Administration's intent is with respect to its enactment.

Chairman Pero requested that a copy of the ordinance, along with a response from the Mayor explaining what he intends to do with the ordinance, be sent to the Committee on Veterans Services.

Mr. Senesi also spoke about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for May 25<sup>th</sup>, and told the members that the expenses for this year's parade total \$42,699. The fundraising effort is behind schedule

and Mr. Senesi asked for assistance from the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee. Chairman Pero requested to know where the balance of the funds are coming from.

Alderman Sullivan's motion *that the Administration provide the Committee on Veterans Services and the Committee on Finance with an update on the budget for the Memorial Day Parade*, was approved.

The committee discussed matters before it and took action on the following item:

**182477:** Ordinance - By Ald. Heuston, That this Board amends the ordinance regarding memorials by adding a provision to rededicate and restore lost and damaged memorials.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should be placed on file

**VOTE:** Unanimous, 2 - 0 in favor

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Alderman Walter Pero, Chairman  
Committee on Veterans and Public Services

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

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