



Sierra Vista

Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation

Mission: To help Sierra Vista improve the recognition and memorialization of our Veterans





Agenda

- Project Overview
- Foundation Overview
- Existing Agreements
- Design and Construction Plans
- Design Specifications
- Timeline & Cost





Project Overview



- The SVVMIF proposes to improve the current memorial at the Veterans Memorial Park by:
 - installing a v-shaped cement path to be named Veterans Trail, accompanied by 14 memorial monuments connecting the east and west parking lots.
 - constructing a patio at the apex of the path that will host a new flagpole, a seat wall and the original monument honoring the branches of military services.
 - surrounding the 14 monuments with pavers which will eventually be replaced by memorial pavers as they are paid and dedicated.
 - mounting memorial tiles upon the seat wall which will surround a raised flower bed.





Foundation Overview

- ❑ The Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation is incorporated in the state of Arizona and is an approved non-profit 501c3 organization. The foundation is assisting the city of Sierra Vista, Arizona to improve the recognition and memorialization of our veterans at Veterans Memorial Park.
- ❑ The foundation is composed of veteran representatives who have developed a proposal for memorial improvements and are raising funds for the memorial improvements which meet the approval of city officials and local veteran organizations.
- ❑ The foundation is an enduring organization with by-laws and formal organization documents.





Existing Decisions and Collaboration



- The city has agreed with this plan for the improvements and its subsequent maintenance.
- The city has allocated space around the current memorial to accommodate the proposed improvements.
- The city council of Sierra Vista passed a resolution in acknowledge of the aforementioned.
- The city wishes to establish an MOA with the SVVMIF upon city approval of the final design.
- The Veterans Memorial will be available to all greater Sierra Vista and Cochise County residents with no charge.
- Approximately 20 percent of Cochise county residents are veterans whom we feel will be greatly impacted by this project.





Design and Construction Plans

- Professional design firm, Wheat Design Group, Landscape Architects, was hired to produce design and construction plans
- Formal signed plans and renderings were produced





Final Design Overview

- Veterans Trail
 - Themed monuments along trail
 - Memorial pavers
- Heroes Plaza
 - Construct plaza at the apex of the v-shaped path; replace and relocate flagpole
 - Install raised flower bed with seating wall as platform for memorial tiles
 - Retain and reposition existing memorial benches
 - Incorporate current monument into Heroes Plaza





Monument and Path Dimensions

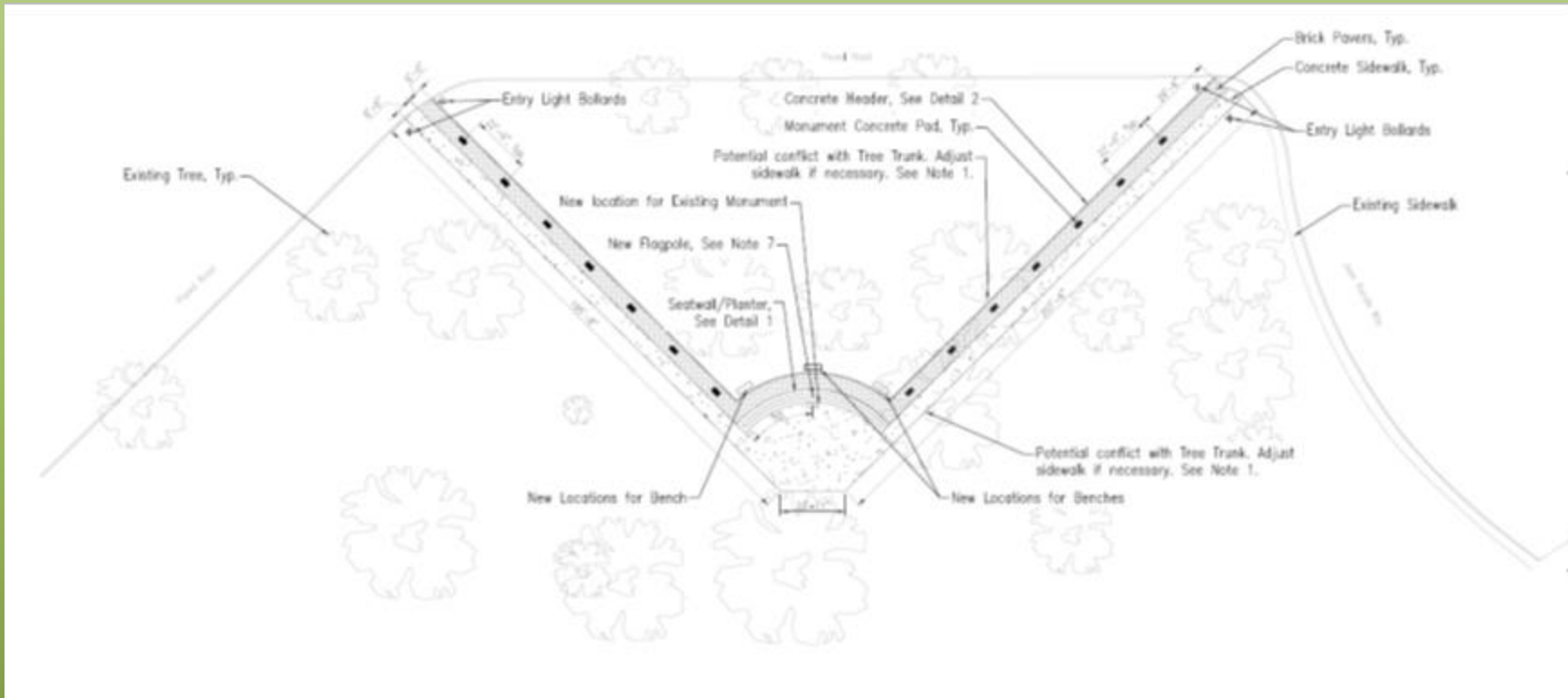


- Path Dimensions: 12 Feet Wide x 400+ Feet Long
 - Walkway: 6 feet wide
 - Monument scape: 6 feet wide on side of walkway
- Monument Dimensions (14 each)
 - Physical ground space: 48” width x 24” depth including base
 - Monument height 36” x width 42” x depth 18”
 - Image space: 24” high x 36” wide
 - Inscription space: 18” high x 36” wide
- Constraints (accommodations)
 - Watering for raised flower bed
 - Lighting for flagpole and entrance



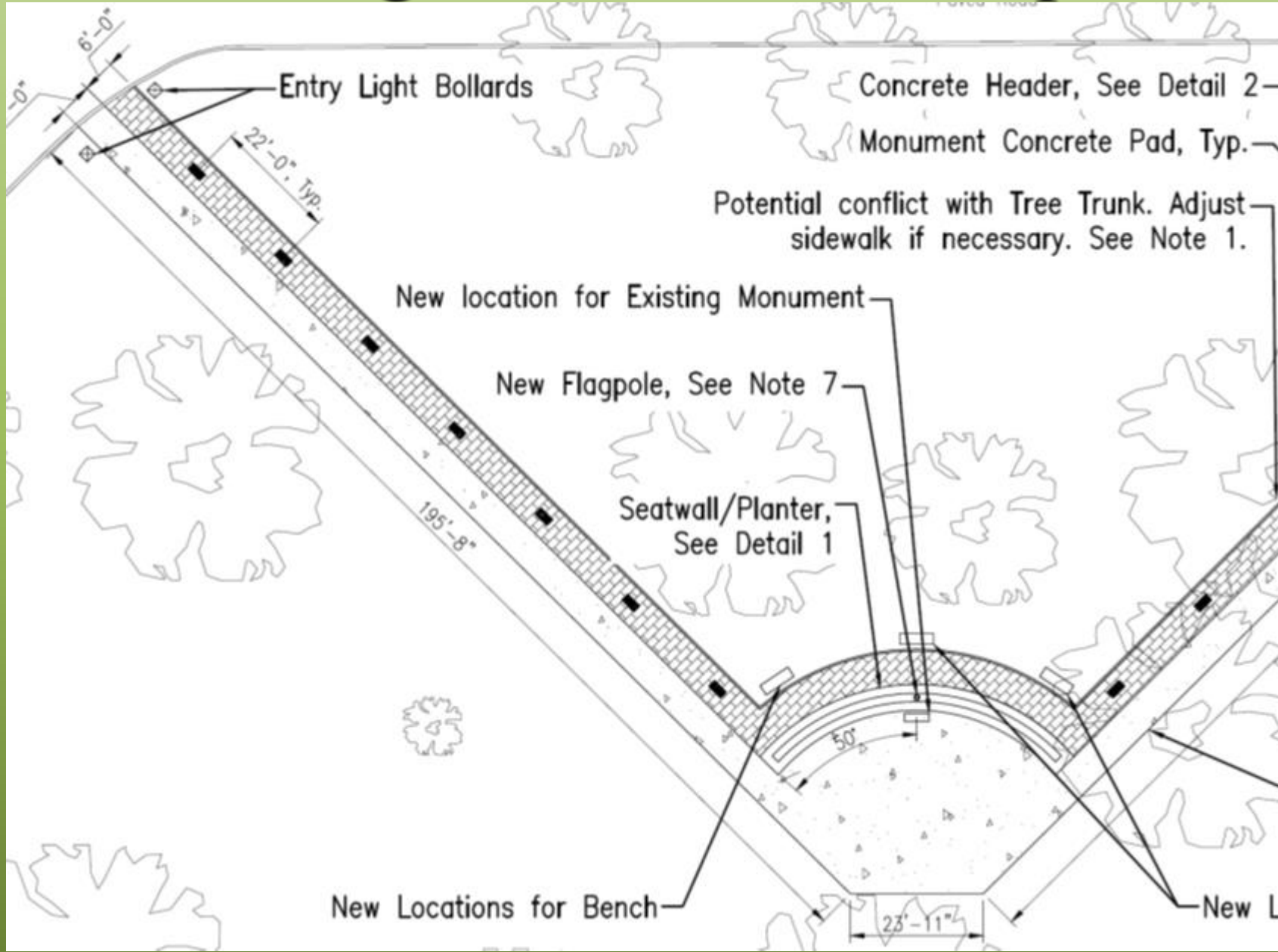


Final Design Details





Final Design Details Close-up





Monument Themes and Curation

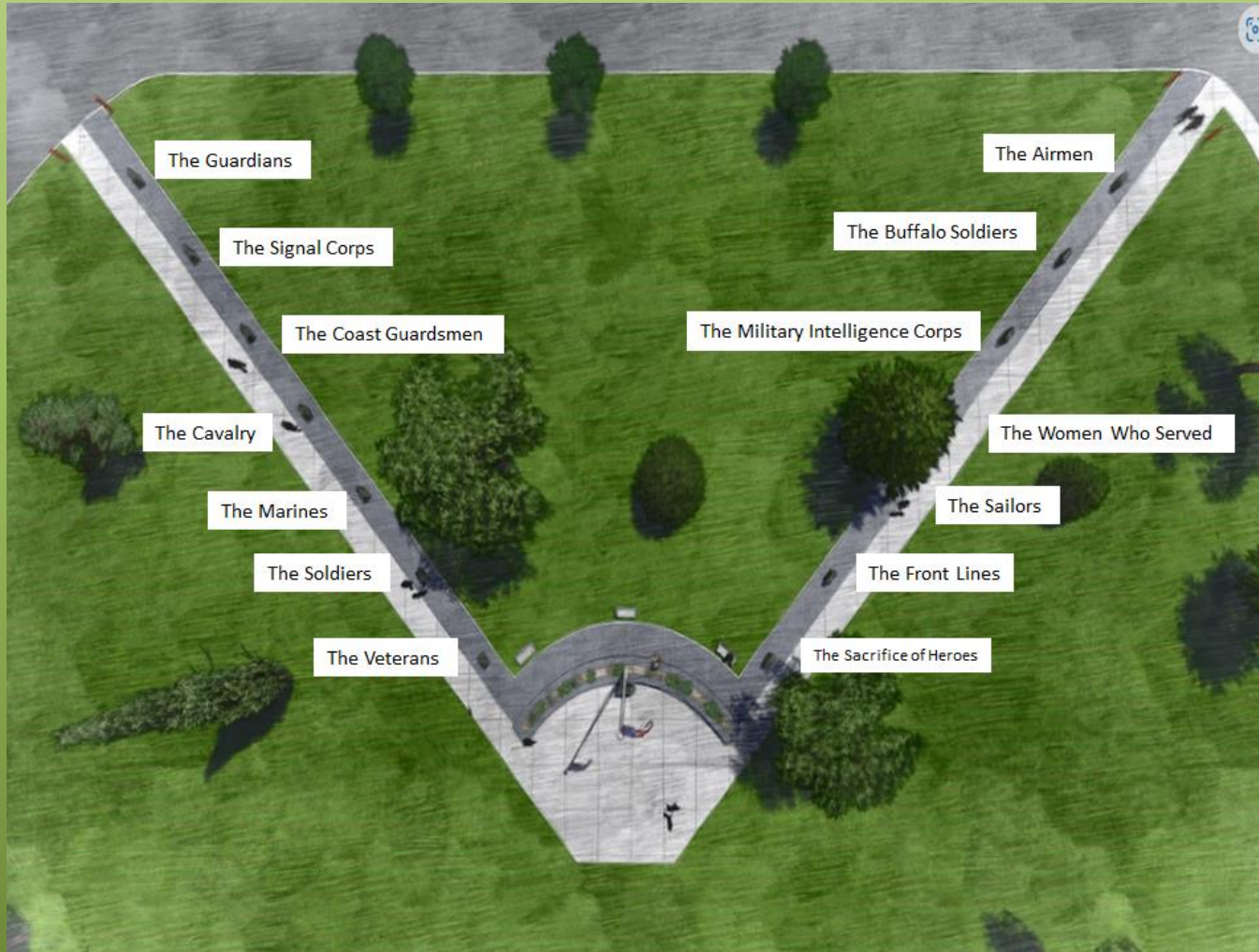


The Veterans	DAV
The Sacrifice of Heroes	TBD
The Soldiers	Fort Huachuca Sergeants Major Association
The Marines	Marine Corps League – Thunder Mountain Detachment
The Sailors	Elks
The Airmen	Air Force Association
The Coast Guard	Local Committee
The Buffalo Soldiers	Camp Naco Buffalo Soldiers Motorcycle Club
The Signal Corps	NETCOM
The MI Corps	U.S. Army MI Museum and MICA
The Cavalry	TBD
The Women Who Served	WACVA-AWU
The Front Lines	VFW
The Guardians	TBD





Monument Layout





Monuments' General Appearance & Design

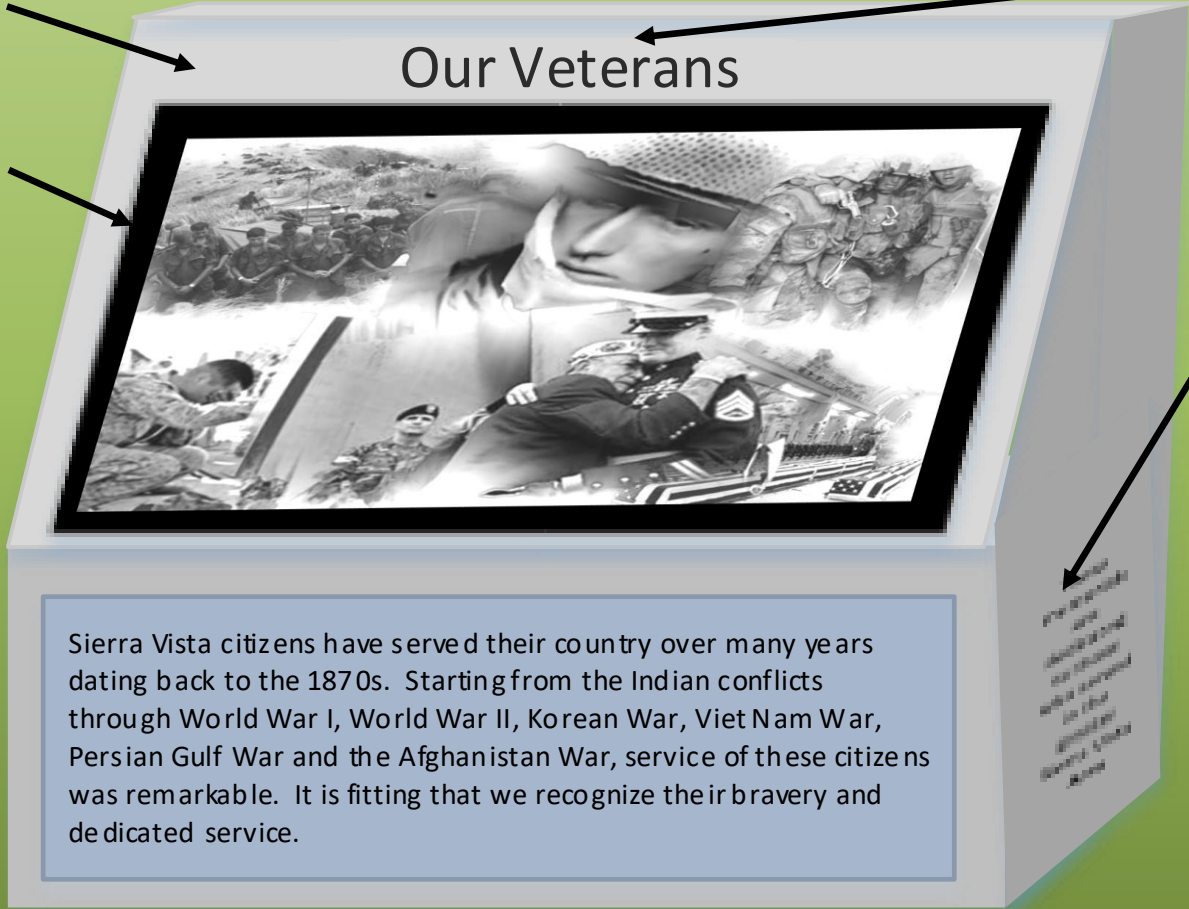


The Theme



Gray Granite Base

Black Granite Face Plate



Attribution



The Dedication Inscription

Sierra Vista citizens have served their country over many years dating back to the 1870s. Starting from the Indian conflicts through World War I, World War II, Korean War, Viet Nam War, Persian Gulf War and the Afghanistan War, service of these citizens was remarkable. It is fitting that we recognize their bravery and dedicated service.

IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WHO SERVED
IN THE
UNITED STATES
ARMY



Community Support



- Curation program for the collecting of the information and images for the monuments.
 - Service Military History Organizations
 - Veterans Service Organizations and Supporters
- Funding
 - Public Contributions
 - Business and Corporate Support
 - Memorial Pavers
 - Millions for Tucson Raffle
 - Grants

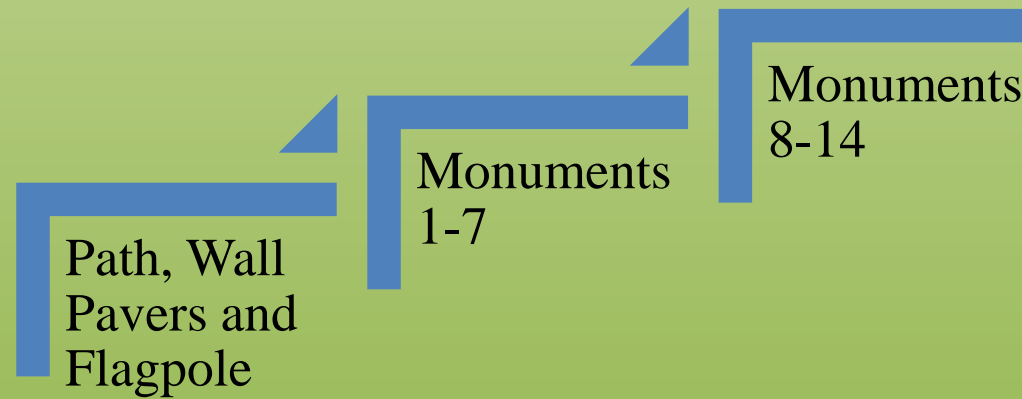




Project Sequence and Estimated Cost



- Three-phase approach based on construction sequence:



- 120 days for each phase, separated by period for recovery and preparation for next phase
- Estimated start – 2nd Quarter 2024; contingent on funding availability
- \$100K for path and landscape and patio; Flagpole will be replaced - shorter with modern lighting
- \$18K - \$24K per new monument; \$10K to update/move current monument





Fund Status



- Funds raised to date: ~\$33,000
- Funds On Hand
 - \$24,500
- Major expenses to date
 - Site Survey - \$1,750
 - Landscape Design Plan - \$4,800





Fundraising



□ Donations/Grants

- Legacy Foundation of Southeastern Arizona donated \$10,000
- SSVEC donated \$5,000
- FHSMA donated \$3,400
- MOAA donated \$2,000, others with smaller amounts
- AVDF, CDS, ACF, Mellon Foundation Grants being worked

□ Local Fundraising

- Individual and business contributions exceeded \$9,400 to date; Donations and Millions for Tucson Raffle ticket sales
- Memorial pavers/tiles to be sold and installed as part of memorial – approx. \$3,200 to date
- VSOs and businesses being solicited for fundraising support





Construction Efforts



- Contingent on funding thresholds
- Phase I - \$100,000
- Phase II & III - \$290K
 - Increments of \$20K (per monument)
- Phase I bids
 - Received from three local firms





Summary



- Project cost \$380-\$450K (TBD by bids)
- SVVMIF solicited contractor bids for phase I
- SVVMIF intends to fund entire cost for construction, maintenance and upgrades for 10 years; city agrees to assume at that point
- SVVMIF requested and received City approval with signed resolution and draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) pending final review of monument content





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