

ST. PETERSBURG CITY COUNCIL

Meeting of November 4, 2010

TO: The Honorable Leslie Curran, Chair and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: Accepting the Vista Point Sun Dial as a Gift of Art from the Waterfront Centennial Committee pursuant to City Code Chapter 5, Sections 136-140.

EXPLANATION:

St. Petersburg's Waterfront Parks are celebrating their 100th anniversary this year. To commemorate the occasion, a citizen group formed the Waterfront Parks Centennial Committee. The Committee has hosted a number of events during 2010, and the celebration will culminate with the Party in the Parks on November 6, 2010.

In addition to the events, the committee in collaboration with the Old Northeast Neighborhood Association has also sponsored the construction of a sun dial at Vista Point, the northernmost point of North Shore Park. From the 1930s to the 1970s, two different sundials were located on this site. Most currently it simply had a irregularly shaped concrete pad.

During much of the 20th century, the ladies of the North Shore Circle of the St. Petersburg Garden Club took great interest in planning the landscape for North Shore Park, often doing much of the planting themselves. They commissioned the first plan for Vista Point, and both sundials were donated through the Circle. Today, the Parks Department has the original design plans for both the first sundial planting area and the subsequent design.

In honor of the centennial celebration, nationally known sculptor Eric Higgs who lives near the site, has created a design for a new sundial. It is a 'human' sundial. A semi-circle of markers, each with an hour denoted on it, is placed at ground level. When a person stands facing North in front of the half circle, his or her shadow is cast upon the correct hour marker. The design includes educational components and symbols of St. Petersburg's history, including an element reflecting the city's sister city in Japan. A design of this type is educational, interactive, does not obstruct views of the water, and is appealing to children as well as adults.

Due to the nature of the work, it is considered a Gift of Public Art to the city. Per City Code section 5-138, a Gift Panel will be formed to review the work and make a recommendation to Council regarding acceptance of the gift.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

A Gift Panel will meet on November 2, 2010 and its findings will be presented during at the November 4 Council Meeting.

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COST/FUNDING/ASSESSMENT INFORMATION:

The Sun Dial was constructed with private funds. The surrounding concrete and landscaping were installed by the Parking and Transportation and Parks and Recreation as part of the North Bay Trail project. Transportation 3071, Project No. 10622. Maintenance costs will be reviewed by the Gift Panel. Parks Department anticipates maintenance costs of approximately \$100. annually. This project will be presented during the November 4 Council Meeting.

APPROVALS:

Administration (CDA): _____

Administration (Parks): _____

Legal: _____

Budget: _____

Attachments:

- Sun Dial Renderings
- Resolution
- PArtist Bio

Resolution No. _____

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF A WORK OF ART ENTITLED "CENTENNIAL SUNDIAL" FROM ARTIST ERIC HIGGS THROUGH THE WATERFRONT CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE FOR PLACEMENT AT VISTA POINT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO AFFECT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, donations of work of art to the City are encouraged; and

WHEREAS, artist, Eric Higgs, through the Waterfront Centennial Committee, wishes to donate "Centennial Sundial" to the City for placement at Vista Point; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 5 of the St. Petersburg City Code ("City Code") sets forth the process for accepting donations of works of art to ensure that all work of art and placement on City property is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, a Gifts Panel, as required by City Code, was formed and met on November 2, 2010, to consider the donation of "Centennial Sundial" and its placement at Vista Point; and

WHEREAS, the Gifts Panel recommends that City Council accept "Centennial Sundial" for placement at Vista Point.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that a donation of a work of art entitled "Centennial Sundial" from Eric Higgs through the Waterfront Centennial Committee for placement at Vista Point is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to execute all appropriate documents necessary to affect the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVED BY ADMINISTRATION:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Administration

City Attorney (Designee)

Centennial Sundial Proposal for 'Vista Point'

July 2010

The Historic Old Northeast Neighborhood Association, in partnership with the Waterfront Parks Centennial Committee, is proposing to restore a sundial in the form of a sundial sculpture to North Shore Park near the intersection of North Shore Drive and Coffee Pot Boulevard (Vista Point). This area now consists of a large irregular concrete pad and a round brick planter. From the 1930s to the 1970s, two different sundials were located on this site.

During much of the 20th century, the ladies of the North Shore Circle of the St. Petersburg Garden Club took great interest in planning the landscape for North Shore Park, often doing much of the planting themselves. They commissioned the first plan for Vista Point, and both sundials were donated through the Circle. Today, the Parks Department has the original design plans for both the first sundial planting area and the subsequent design.

With the Centennial Celebration of our Waterfront Parks under way, it seemed appropriate to restore a sundial to that location in honor of those who have loved and cared for our parks throughout the past century. It will remain for years to come a permanent memorial not only to the founders of the park, but to those residents who have enhanced and enjoyed our Waterfront Park.

To that end, sculptor Eric Higgs who lives near the site has created a design for a new sundial. It is a somewhat unique and unusual idea - a 'human' sundial. A semi-circle of markers, each with an hour denoted on it, is placed at ground level. When a person stands facing North in front of the half circle, his or her shadow is cast upon the correct hour marker. Eric's design includes educational components and symbols of St. Petersburg's history, from the coquina shells in the base to one element reflecting the city's sister city in Japan. A design of this type is educational, interactive, does not obstruct views of the water, and is appealing to children as well as adults.

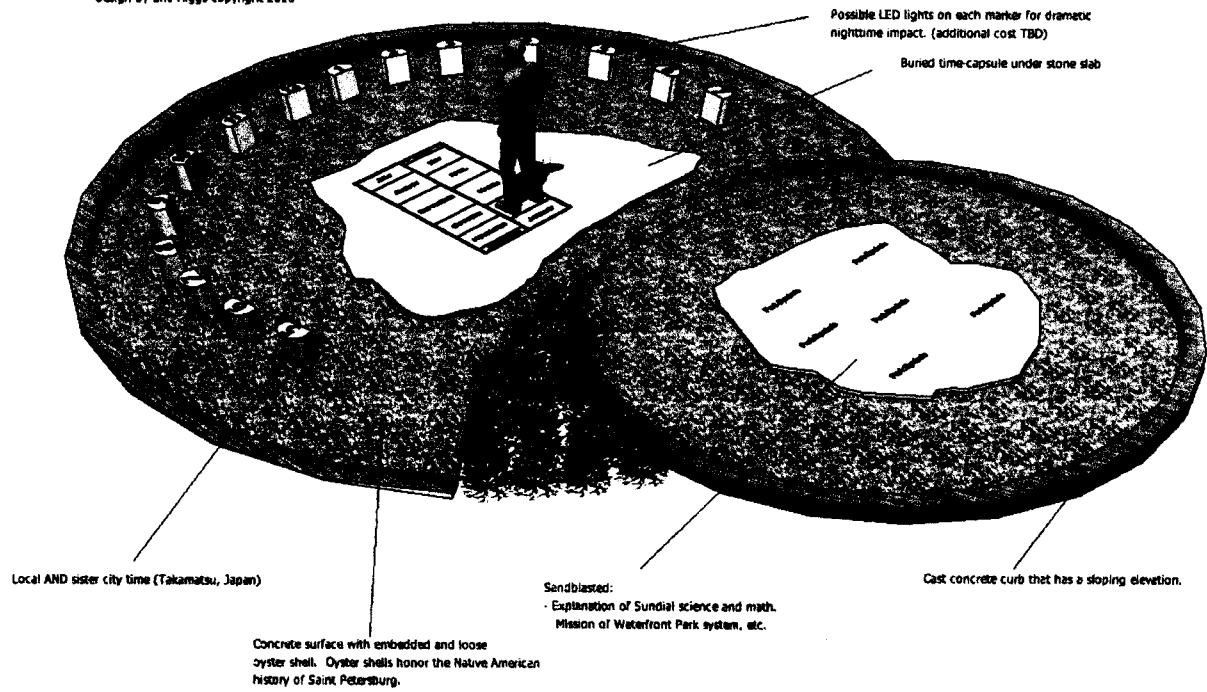
Eric estimates that the project will cost about \$20,000. He is donating his design work, and providing the materials at cost. The City will be helping with in-kind donations. The Sundial Sculpture is estimated to be completed in tandem with the completion of the North Shore Trail in November 2010. Dedication of the Sundial will take place at the Party in the Park on November 6, 2010.

Sundial Elevation A

VISTA POINT SUNDIAL PROPOSAL

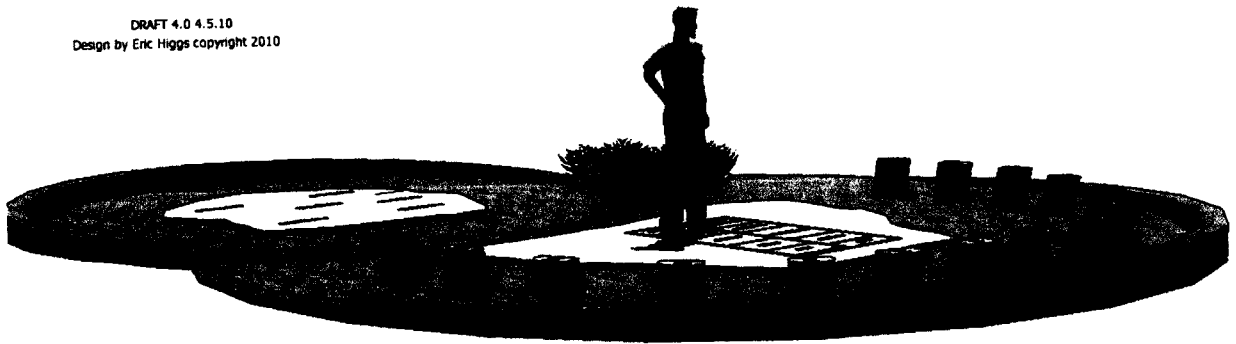
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Design by Eric Higgs copyright 2010



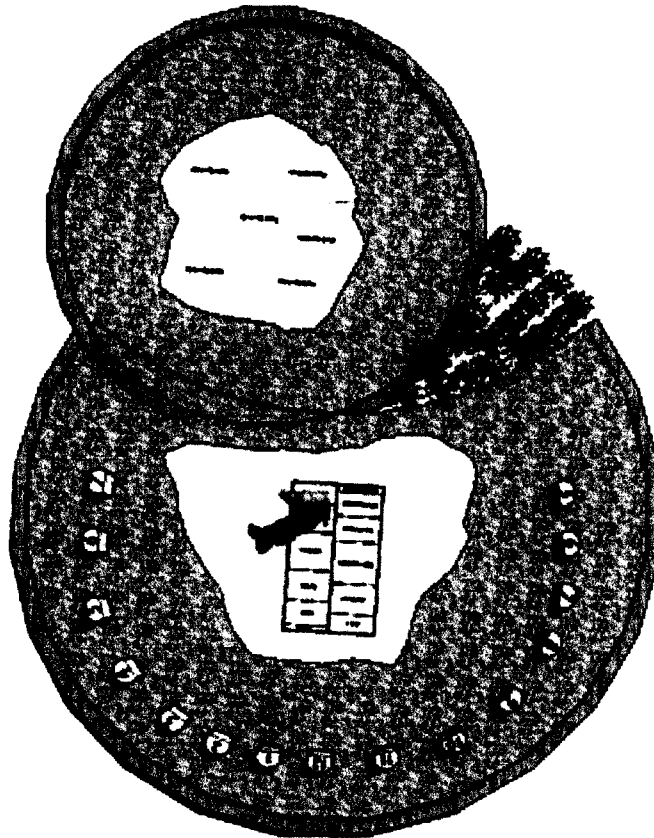
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VISTA POINT SUNDIAL PROPOSAL
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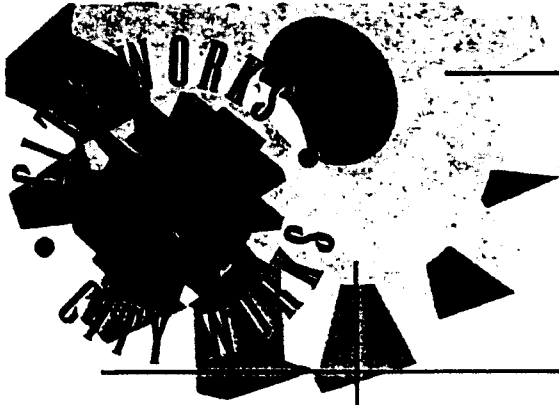
Sundial Elevation C

WYMA POINT SUNDIAL PROPOSAL
DRAFT 4/24/10
Design by Eric Hogg copyright 2010



Sundial Plan View





**Department of Urban Design &
Historic Preservation**
**Monuments and
Markers Policy**

Checklist

Review Process

- UDHP Staff
- HPC
- CA Staff
- Arts Commission
- Gifts Panel
- State Marker Program

Departments Involved

- Parks
- Traffic Engineering
- Utility
- Other
- Other

Approved

Signature

Date

Conditions

Contact Information

Name ROBIN REED

Group/Organization WATERFRONT PARKS CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Address (of contact person) 765 14th AVE. NE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704

Phone 727-825-0480 E-mail RLREED@TAMPABAY.PR.COM

Location of Marker (i.e., Building/Address) SUNDIAL - VISTA POINT -
NORTHSHORE PARK

A. Criteria for Plaque

- To Commemorate an Event
- To Commemorate a Person or Group
- To Commemorate a Building Site

Proposed Text _____

Verification Sources _____

How is this significant to St. Petersburg's local culture and heritage?

THE SUNDIAL AND ACCOMPANYING PLAQUE WILL
MEMORIALIZE THE CENTENNIAL OF THE WATERFRONT
PARKS. THE PLAQUE RECOGNIZES THE SQUALTOR
AND DOGONS, AS WELL AS THE DEDICATION DATE.

B. Programs

- Standard City Marker Program
- Non-Standard Marker Program
- State Historic Markers Program
- Monuments and Commemorative Artwork Program
 - Three Dimensional Monuments or Plaque Presentations Without Sculpture
 - Monuments and Memorials With Artwork
 - Artwork

Describe plaque or artwork (attach drawing of design)

SEE ATTACHMENT.

Artist Name ERIC HIGGS (SUNDIAL)

Address 1520 NORTSHORE DRIVE

ST. PETERSBURG, FL 33704

Phone 727-641-5161

E-Mail ERIC@ERICHIGGS.COM

Contractor SCULPTOR AND CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Proposed Location (specifically describe where proposed marker will be placed on property)

ON SUNDIAL

Cost (attach bids):

\$409

Funding (specify funding source):

SUNDIAL PROJECT (SPPI AND MCNNA)

Maintenance Program and Requirements

PARKS DEPARTMENT

**ST. PETERSBURG WATERFRONT PARKS
CENTENNIAL SUNDIAL
AT VISTA POINT**

DEDICATED NOVEMBER 6, 2010

SUNDIAL DESIGNED BY SCULPTOR ERIC HIGGS

FUNDED BY

JOE AND ROBIN REED -- ERIC AND MEG HIGGS
AND ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
THE HISTORIC OLD NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION;
OLD NORTHEAST GARDEN CLUB; BOOKER CREEK PRESERVATION;
ST. PETERSBURG PRESERVATION; DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION;
EDEN ISLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION; PETER BELMONT, WATERFRONT PARKS CENTENNIAL CHAIR;
LUMASTREAM, LLC; AND INDIVIDUAL FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

FOUNDATION AND PLANTINGS PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

3/23 10x11"

From: Joe Gabig (International Bronze) [mailto:sales@internationalbronze.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2010 2:13 PM
To: rreed@tampabay.rr.com
Subject: Bronze Plaque Designs and Pricing from International Bronze

Robin ~

The minimum sized bronze plaque we'd recommend with this amount of inscription is a 14" X 10" size which costs \$409.00 including shipping (either border option).

Let me know if you want to see any revisions or just give me a call when you're ready to order.

I'm generally in the office Monday thru Friday, 8 am - 5 pm, west coast time - if you reach my voice mail, be sure and leave a message.

Joe

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