



# Memorials & Dedications

February 22, 2017 – 7:00 PM - **Agenda**

City Hall, 133 William Street, Councillor William Saltzman Antechamber,  
Room 213, Municipal Building

1. Written Motion, Councillor Rebeiro, requesting, that the land donated to the City by the Historical Society across the street from the Nathan and Mary “Polly” Johnson House located at 21 Seventh Street to be turned into a park honoring the Abolitionists in New Bedford for their important work. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref’d 11/22/16)

**INVITEES:** *Lee Blake, President, New Bedford Historical Society Inc.; Members, New Bedford Historical Society Inc.*

2. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting, that the City of New Bedford recognize Herb Rego for dedication and commitment to the residents of the City, by naming the bathhouse on West Rodney French Boulevard the “Herb Rego Memorial Lifeguard Center.” (Ref’d 8/19/10, 5/23/16- table for 60 days & invite Former Mayor Tierney to meeting.)

**INVITEES:** *Rosemary S. Tierney, Former Mayor of New Bedford*

3. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the new pocket park located on Acushnet Avenue and Nye Street be named after long-time Community leader, Activist and former Chairperson and Member of Neighborhoods United, Suzanne Braga, in recognition of her 25 years or more of service in fighting crime, establishment of crime watch groups and being the eyes and ears of the entire city. (To be Referred to the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications and the Mayor’s Office.) (Ref’d 1/14/16)

**INVITEES:** *Charles Motta*

4. Written Motion, Councillor Coelho, requesting, that as Acushnet Avenue is known as the International Marketplace, that the new pocket park at the corner of Acushnet Avenue and Nye Street be dedicated to and named in honor of all immigrants who have made New Bedford their home and have contribute to making New Bedford a better City overall. (To be Referred to the Mayor and the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications.) (Ref’d 1/14/16)
5. Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, Alves, Carney, Bousquet, Coelho, Council President Lopes, Martins, Morad, Oliveira and Winterson, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials and Dedications look into establishing a permanent memorial honoring the late Fernando Garcia, longtime community activist, philanthropist and businessman whose commitment to local education and to Bristol Community College made a lasting impact on the Greater New Bedford area. (Ref’d 06/12/14)
6. Written Motion, Councillors Lopes, Martins, Carney, Council President Gomes, Winterson, Rebeiro, Bousquet, Morad, Alves and Oliveira, requesting, that the City of New Bedford declare August 7<sup>th</sup> of each year as Purple Heart Day. (Ref’d 4/23/15, 4/11/16-table)

**Chairman suggests ‘No Further Action’**

7. Written Motion, Councillors Gomes and Duarte, requesting that the Special Committee on Memorials & Dedications meet for the purpose of discussing a suitable tribute to honor the late Thomas D. Lopes, former State Representative and owner/publisher of the Cape Verdean news; and further, that this tribute be located in the Ward Four area, the Cape Verdean section of the City. (Ref'd 09/27/12, 05/20/13 –tabled, 08/28/13 – tabled, letters)
  
8. Written Motion, Councillor Lopes, requesting that DPI Commissioner Ronald Labelle, provide this Councillor with a copy of the updated plans for the proposed work being done at the Public Park on East Rodney French Boulevard, and that CDM Smith, Inc. and DPI Commissioner Labelle provide this Councillor with the original Waterway application, and a copy of the CDM Smith, Inc. information that was provided to selected property owners on East Rodney French Boulevard, and please provide this Councillor with the criteria that was used to determine who would receive the certified information from CDM Smith, Inc. and a copy of the list of property owners who received the information; and further, requesting that all information be provided to this Councillor within five (5) business days. (Ref'd 04/09/15)