

Councilors mull replacing Hmong monument

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Crescent City has amended its budget for this year by adopting a resolution on how to allocate over \$20,000 to be utilized specifically for maintenance of the Point of Honor, at the S curve. The Del Norte County Veterans Memorial Monument Committee developed the concept, raised funds, built the monument and donated Point of Honor in February of 2022.

Last week's decision included a line item to set those funds aside as maintenance exclusively for monument upkeep. The council voted unanimously to allocate the \$20,052.84 residual funds left by the monument committee.

Two issues arose from the discussion:

- The city would continue to sell memorial bricks to the public, through city clerk Robin Altman.
- The city will replace the vandalized Hmong monument, damaged last year.

The cost of the original Hmong monument was approximately \$7,000. An enhanced new Hmong monument may cost approximately \$12,000. The city holds an insurance policy with a \$1,000 deductible.

The cost to the city could be as high as \$6,000.

City Manager Eric Wier plans to meet with Hmong leaders for their input.

Councilors were overwhelmingly in support of using the maintenance fund to replace the vandalized monument as well as more modest maintenance improvements.

Volunteers conducted a litter cleanup this past week at Point of Honor.

With deep appreciation and thanks from the city, those wishing to purchase an in-perpetuity memorial brick to replenish the maintenance fund are encouraged to contact clerk Altman at realtman@crescentcity.org or by telephone at (707) 464-7483.