

Case No. 21UR052

**Legal Description:**

Tract 20 less Lot H1, of Rapid City Greenway Tract, located in Section 36, T2N, R7E, BHM, Rapid City, Pennington County, South Dakota

**18 November, 2021**

**Black Hills Monument Committee**

Re: Conditional Use Permit, Memorial Park Veterans Memorial upgrade.

The Black Hills Monument Committee comprised of retired military veterans from the USAF, USMC, USN USCG, and US Army, along with a gold star mother, have been planning an upgrade to the current Black Hills Veterans Monument, located in Memorial Park, 5th ST and Omaha St, in Rapid City. The current monument has bronze plaques commemorating the contribution of BH military members in WWI, WWII, the Koren and Vietnam wars, and the first Gulf War (Desert Storm). A 40' US flag/pole sits behind the 5 ton stone base from Crazy Horse mountain, and a majestic eagle statue sits atop the monument. The upgrade we are planning will have **four phases**:

1) **First**, to add six service flags from each branch, three on either side of the US flag. These service flags would be 25' high, and made of durable polyester material to withstand our extreme weather. Additionally, a POW/MIA flag and a SD state flag will be erected at the banner at Omaha st intersection of park, across from City Admin building on 6th st.

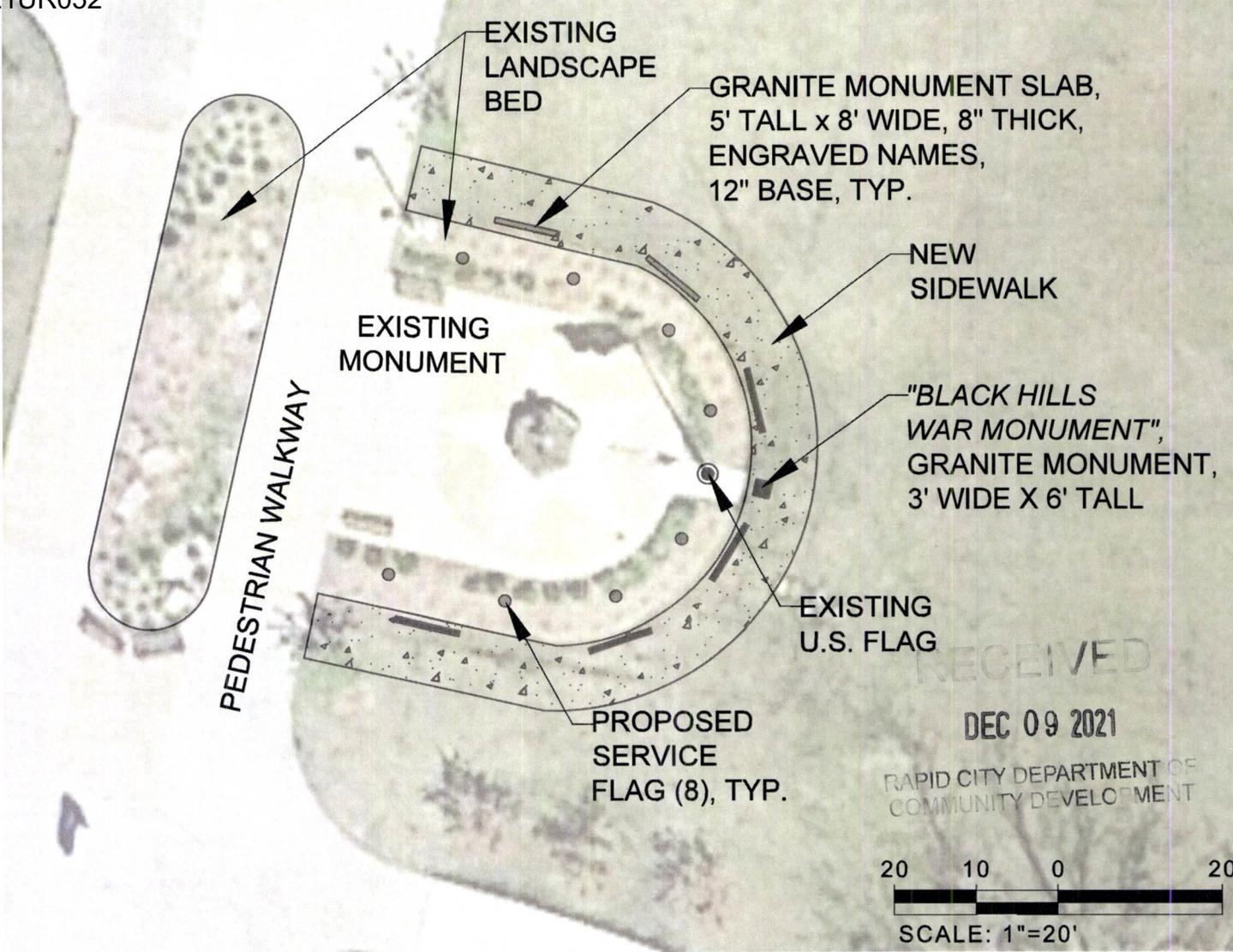
2) **Second**, we plan to erect three granite Walls of Honor, each 5' x 8', listing the names of BH soldiers, sailors and airmen who sacrificed their lives for freedom in the above named wars. We also plan to include the names of soldiers from the War on Terror in Iraq/Afghanistan, as well as Cold War casualties and POW?MIA listings from the BH. These granite walls of honor would stand in the flower bed on a base of stone opposite the current monument and US flag, so as to complement the monument with the names of those who gave their lives. Each slab would have an embedded QR code that if photographed, will be linked to a website containing the military histories of all the names on the walls (561).

3) We plan to include security cameras at three different locations to monitor the entire site, these videos would run 24/7 and each day's file uploaded to cloud storage. In the event of damage to the monument, a recording of the site would be provided to the police. In addition, a sign stating the area is under video surveillance will be put up.

4) Our plan is to have veterans organizations maintain the flags, the security cameras, and the granite walls. City Parks and Rec will maintain the grounds, shrubs, mowing and shoveling etc.

5) Estimated time of completion, if all permits approved and City Council approves, would be late spring early summer 2022. All funds raised through private funds, with online donations possible.

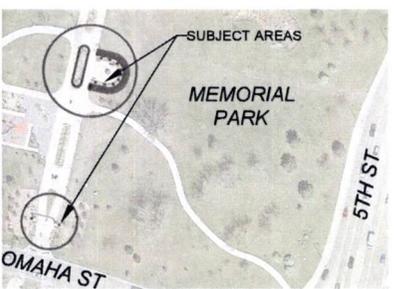
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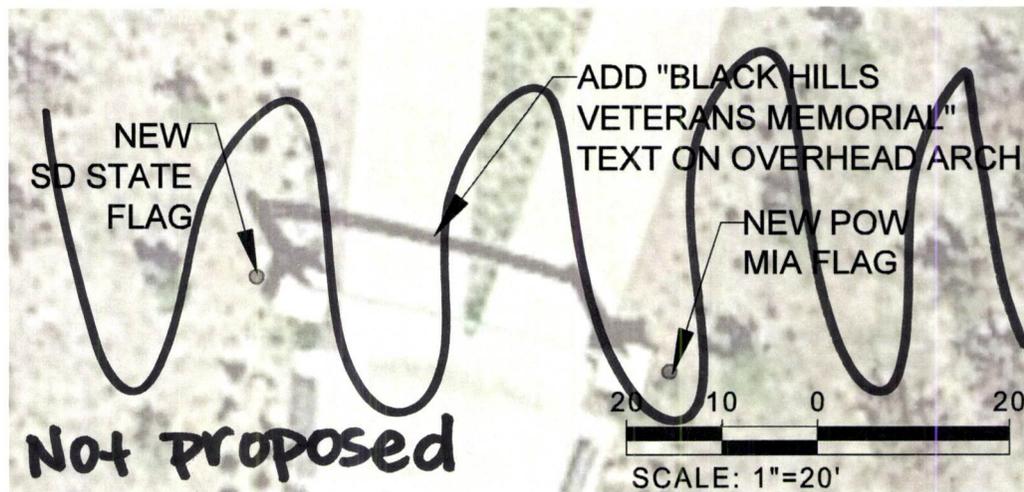
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PROPOSED MONUMENT IMPROVEMENTS - ALTERNATIVE OPTION



VICINITY MAP



**Not proposed**

PROPOSED ENTRANCE IMPROVEMENTS

# VETERANS MEMORIAL IMPROVEMENTS



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