

To The City Council, City of Florence

April 3, 2017

I support efforts that serve the public good. The land adjacent to the Military Museum is public space. The use of public space demands careful scrutiny with respect to the messages conveyed in the use of images and advertising. In my opinion:

- 1 A military park on Kingwood Avenue as proposed does not represent a project that serves the public good.
- 2 Florence is not a military city; there is a disconnect between locating weaponry here.
- 3 We have no military base here; this is another disconnect.
- 4 Florence is a small municipal field; another disconnect.
- 5 If Florence is a "City in Motion," artifacts of the past which represent weapons of killing do not reflect this motto
- 6 The idea to memorialize veterans can be done in a way that is more consistent with the manner of memorializing. Plaques that provide information about the valor of the individual or individuals would be one
- 7 According to the Deeds of Valor, the park would be used **primarily** as a gateway to the airport. Therefore:
- 8 A park which promoted aviation history would be consistent with their plans, and would be an eye-catcher. For example:
 - a. **Erecting an historic model** – engaging model makers and students to lend community ownership to this public space, offering an aesthetic and peaceful image to the public, and a testament to our national gift of ingenuity.



1916 Wright-Martin Model IV



1922 NW Mystery Racer

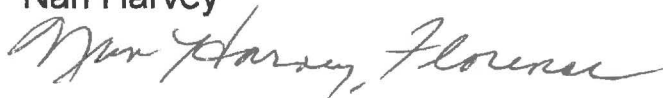
- b. Florence is a coastal town with a Coast Guard Station. **A Coast Guard rescue plane** would make sense. The story of how the Coast Guard serves the public would be informative and serve the public good. While Florence does not have an air base for Coast Guard use, there is one an hour away in Northbend so there is not such a disconnect.
- 9 The second reason stated for this park was to honor a distinguished citizen, Gen. Ben King. Permanent information boards in the park which detail his valor would be most effective and appropriate means for doing this. His name alone is not doing justice to his deeds.
10. As it stands, the exterior of the war museum presents itself as recognizing veterans and does so very effectively. It sets the mood for reflection and serious thought about those who gave their life. This is the atmosphere which ought to be continued throughout. The plaque is very tastefully presented. However, when I tried to find the name of Ben King on the plaque I found a confusion of names of veterans mixed with donors, including Banner Bank. Not only did I feel frustrated, I felt that the veterans were demeaned and disrespected with this mixture of commercialism and sanctitude. When two plaques appear, one with those honoring the veterans and one acknowledging the donors, physically separated from one another, I will know that the project leaders have their hearts are in the right place, and the veterans will be given their rightful *place of honor*.

IN SUMMARY; The city of Florence is not in the business of promoting war. While It may be enticing to move forward quickly on the park because the City would have very little financial involvement, this is a permanent object that will impact those who see or use it far into the future. If the City Council does approve *locating military weapons in the proposed park, it should be with the provision that whole story of war accompany them.* The truth of war needs to show the carnage of war, which then would be a teaching tool for any who chose to pay a visit to the park.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this project and how it will be unfold with approval.

Respectfully,

Nan Harvey



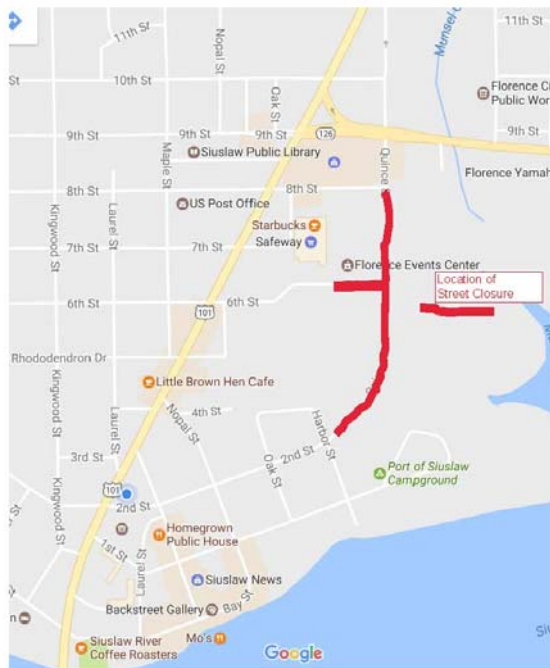
Relay for Life Street Closure Request



Applicant:

Amy Bickleman -
Relay for Life

From:	To:
Saturday July 22 nd	Sunday July 23 rd
At 7:00 a.m.	6:00 a.m.



Process for Street Closure: Applicant must account for...

- ▶ Transportation
(Residents, Visitors, Deliveries and Event Participants)
- ▶ Sanitation
(Trash / Restrooms)
- ▶ Security
- ▶ Emergency Services Access

Public Notice

- ▶ Notice sent to following on March 20th
 - ▶ Businesses & property owners within 100 feet
 - ▶ Siuslaw Valley Fire & Rescue and Western Lane Ambulance District
- ▶ Public Hearing notice posted in Siuslaw News - March 25th and 29th



Public Comments Received

- ▶ Don & Myrna Klupenger (Attachment 4)
 - ▶ Concerns on Old Town access for tourists
 - ▶ Questions concerning public benefit of event
- ▶ Applicant response (Attachment 4)
 - ▶ Old Town Access - Volunteers at event will help direct traffic to Old Town
 - ▶ Public benefit of event response



Next Steps

- ▶ Questions for staff
- ▶ Questions for applicant
- ▶ Public Hearing
- ▶ Decision on street closure application

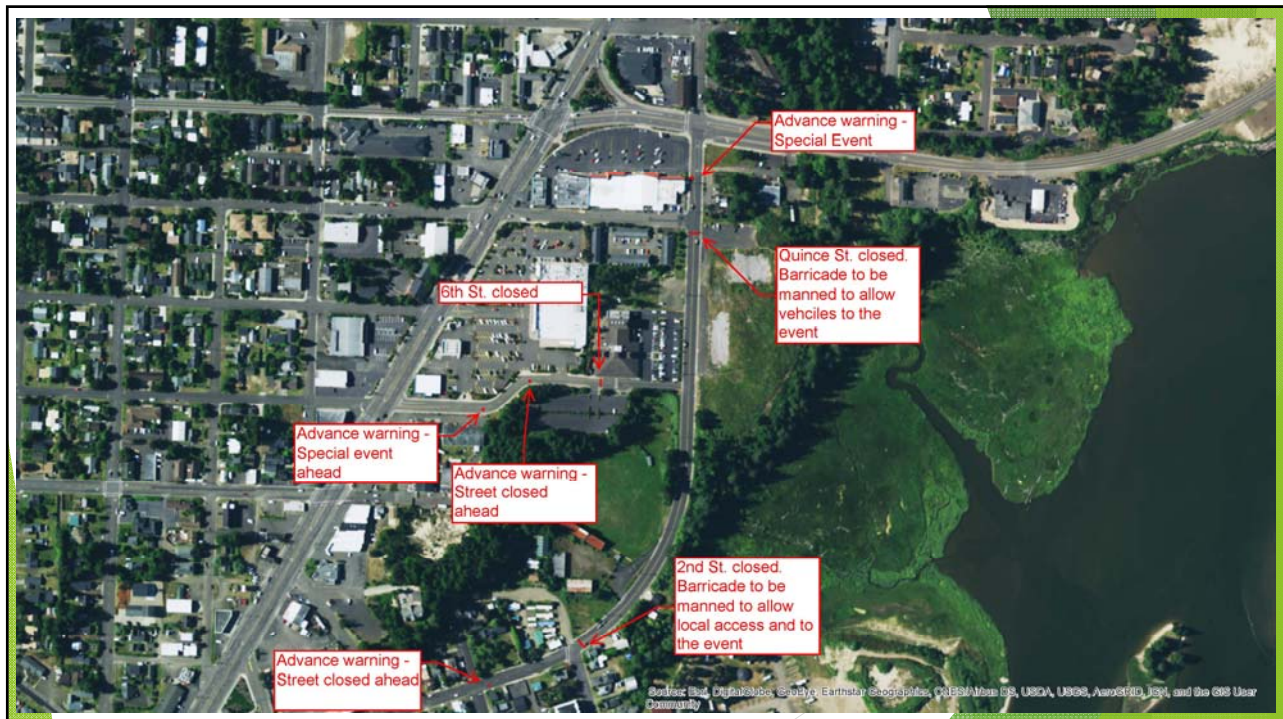


- ▶ **Options for Council:**
 - ▶ Approve with conditions specified
 - ▶ Approve with alternate conditions
 - ▶ Do not approve application

Staff Recommends Council Approve the Request with the Following Conditions...

Staff Recommended Conditions of Approval:

- 1 Signage (Map Next Slide)
 - Applicant to post Barricades along 6th and Quince per signage map
 - Applicant place advance warning signs per signage map
- 2 Delivery vehicles shall be allowed access as required
- 3 Closure From:
7:00 a.m. on Saturday July 22nd until 6:00 a.m. on Sunday July 23rd



Questions

