

BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL	GREEN SHEET:	20-07-168
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY		
REQUESTED MOTION: Consider a request by Gulf Coast Garden Club to place a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker on the Northwest corner of the Banyan tree property by Old 41 Road and Reynolds Street right of way.		
MEETING DATE: 7/1/2020		
AGENDA:	REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE: (Specify)	REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:
<input type="checkbox"/> PRESENTATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> STATUTE	Matt Feeney Assistant City Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT	<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ADMIN. CODE	
<input type="checkbox"/> MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
<input type="checkbox"/> MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER'S REPORTS		
<input type="checkbox"/> CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS		
<input type="checkbox"/> CITY MANAGER ITEMS		
BACKGROUND: <p>The Blue Star Memorial program honors all men and women that have, do or will serve, in the United States Armed services. This program began with the planting of 8,000 dogwood trees by the Garden Club of New Jersey in 1944, as a living memorial to veterans of WWII. In 1945 the National Council of State Garden Clubs adopted this program and began a Blue Star Highway system that now covers all 50 states. As part of the program, local garden clubs have placed large metal Blue Star Memorial highway markers at appropriate locations along the designated highways across our country. The Gulf Coast Garden Club, in Bonita Springs, presented a program to City Council on 12/20/2017 offering this gift, and has been working with the City and FDOT to identify an appropriate location to place a marker. Old 41 is a designated Blue Star Highway, and the Garden Club is requesting permission to place a Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker on the Northwest corner of the Banyan tree property in Downtown at the intersection of Old 41 Road and Reynolds Street right of way. The Garden Club will procure the sign, and plant and maintain simple and appropriate landscaping around the marker, all at no cost to the City. They would like the City's assistance in the physical installation of the sign: two metal posts are provided with the sign along with complete instructions. The Marker would read</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by Gulf Coast Garden Club In Cooperation with The City of Bonita Springs</p>		
IS THIS RELATED TO A STRATEGIC PLAN OBJECTIVE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO IF YES, WHICH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE?		
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve the Gulf Coast Garden Club's request to partner with the City on the Blue Star Memorial Marker program, and approve proposed location at the Northwest corner of the Banyan tree property at the Old 41 Road and Reynolds Street intersection.		
REVIEWED BY:		
City Manager:	_____	
City Attorney:	_____	
City Clerk:	_____	
Department Director:	_____	

COUNCIL ACTION:

- ☒ **APPROVED**
- ☐ **DENIED**
- ☐ **DEFERRED**
- ☐ **OTHER**