



Community of South San Francisco

On Tuesday, April 27th, the **City of South San Francisco**, **ELS Architecture and Urban Design** and **SWA Group** facilitated a Veterans stakeholder meeting to discuss the relocation of the Eternal Flame sculpture and memorial plaques from their current location at the corner of Orange Avenue and Tennis Drive to a new location to accommodate the new Aquatic Center at Orange Memorial Park. The project team presented a proposed design for a Veterans Memorial located off a new pedestrian pathway between the new Aquatic Center, parking and drop-off area, and existing playground. As identified in the Orange Memorial Park Master Plan, the pathway will ultimately connect to the Fernekas Building, basketball courts and other park amenities. The proposed design is available at www.ssf.net/newpool.

During the meeting, several important points were discussed:

- The existing flagpole and plaques will also be relocated along with the flame.
- The new location will have an accessible pathway to the external flame and existing memorial plaques.
- The possible re-cladding of the flame and re-creating comments at the new base at the new location for flame will be further explored.
- The Eternal Flame will be lit and will be in a prominent location with lots of foot traffic, including persons heading to the Aquatic Center, the Playground, Soccer Fields, or further into the park. This will help prevent vandalism to the flame, and the flame will be in proximity to SSF staff at the new Aquatic Center.
- A reflective space will be provided at the flame for persons wishing to pause and reflect, and it is possible to incorporate additional seating to creating a space for quiet reflection.
- The project team will explore use of special materials at the wall/mounting location for the eternal flame, which may include up-lighting at the flame, lighting within the wall that supports the flame, and red/white/blue lights in the wall shining around the flame.
- The project team will explore the ideas of embedding quotes into the new wall/new location for the flame, recognizing each branch of the Service (Marines, Air Force, Army, Navy) at the new flame location, and adding more names to the flame at the new location.
- The project team will review lighting surrounding the new flame location as well as the pathway leading to the new flame location with the Design Team.
- A larger flagpole will be explored to draw attention to the flame memorial.

Next Steps:

The Veterans Memorial design will be further developed to reflect feedback received with an update to be provided to City Council at an upcoming meeting. Further engagement with the South San Francisco Veterans Community will explore materials, layout, opportunities for additional plaques and refresh of the Eternal Flame Sculpture. Comments and questions can be directed to poolproject@ssf.net