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Workers Memorial Commons

River Walk, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Synopsis

Workers Memorial Commons Foundation, a non-profit organization, was formed on June 22, 2007 with the sole purpose of funding the design, construction and maintenance of Workers Memorial Commons on the River Walk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Foundation established 501(c)(3) public charity status with the IRS on July 22, 2007 and is managed by a volunteer staff of four. The only anticipated cost beyond design, construction and maintenance will be professional services required to comply with tax-exempt status. Workers Memorial Commons is a centrally-located, perpetual memorial dedicated to all workers that have been killed or injured on the job. The Memorial's design includes a section of I-beam recovered from *World Trade Center, Tower One*. Workers Memorial Commons will be accessible to the public and provide information about the purpose and history of the Memorial as well as the artifact used in its construction.

A contribution to Workers Memorial Commons Foundation is a meaningful way to honor and commemorate those that have been killed or injured on the job, including the 2749 people who were working and perished on September 11.



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The Memorial's design includes a section of I-beam recovered from *World Trade Center, Tower One*. Workers Memorial Commons will be accessible to the public and provide information about the purpose and history of the Memorial and the WTC artifact used in its construction.

Workers Memorial Commons can only be built with help from sponsors like you. Contributing to the Memorial is a meaningful way to remember those that have been killed or injured on the job, including the 2752 that died at Ground Zero.

Our anticipated budget for design and construction of Workers Memorial Commons is about \$ 1,200,000.00.

Please help us build Workers Memorial Commons on the River Walk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama by sponsoring Workers Memorial Commons with in-kind services or contributions.

Donation Levels

- ◆ **Founder** (\$100,000 or more) Name inscribed on the Founders Plaque displayed at Workers Memorial Commons and an artist rendition of Memorial Commons
- ◆ **Platinum** (\$30,000 to \$99,999) Partnership and an artist rendition of the Memorial Commons
- ◆ **Gold** (\$15,000 to \$29,999) Sponsorship and an artist rendition of the Memorial Commons
- ◆ **Silver** (\$5,000 to \$14,999) Membership and an artist rendition of the Memorial Commons
- ◆ **Bronze** (Up to \$4,999) Donor and recognized in all publications

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II. Introduction

During the Spring of 2002, while the cleanup and recovery operations were under way at the *World Trade Center* in New York City, the West Alabama Labor Council believed it would be impressive if we could acquire a section from one of the *WTC Twin Towers* for a workers memorial. We could construct the Memorial in the West Alabama area to honor all workers killed or injured in the work place. We contacted our Representative in Washington, D.C., the Alabama Red Cross Labor Liaison and the engineers at Ground Zero with our idea. Even before we knew what we wanted, we were able to acquire a seven-foot section of I-beam from *World Trade Center, Tower One*. This I-beam weighed approximately 1000 lbs. We worked with labor organizations in Atlanta, Georgia and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to deliver the I-beam. We had agreed to share the treasured artifact with the labor organization in Atlanta, Georgia in exchange for their help. It was cut in half and our section continued its journey to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. On June 20, 2002, we held a press conference displaying the I-beam and explaining its purpose. At that time we were unable to secure a permanent location for the Memorial and the I-beam was put into storage.

On Patriots Day 2006, with the growing interest in the River Walk project in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, we reorganized the Workers Memorial Committee to revitalize the project. The Workers Memorial Committee has members from the Cities of Tuscaloosa and Northport, Tuscaloosa County, University of Alabama and the West Alabama Labor Council as well as area businesses and private individuals. Collectively, the Committee designed Workers Memorial Commons and secured a permanent location for the Memorial on the River Walk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Memorial, when completed, will include that section of I-beam from *WTC Tower One* and will serve as a tribute to all workers including the 2749 that lost their lives at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001.

III. Mission Statement

Remember and honor all workers killed or injured in the work place.

Respect and commemorate the Memorial with an annual event on the 28th of April, Workers Memorial Day, an International Day of Mourning.

Provide public access to the Memorial and information about its purpose and history.

IV. Needs/Problems

Workers Memorial Day is gaining recognition around the world as an International Day of Mourning for those killed or injured by work place hazards. On Workers Memorial Day, workers have traditionally planted trees and placed plaques at selected public locations to commemorate those workers that have lost their lives or been injured at work. In West Alabama, we need a centrally-located, perpetual memorial that will represent all workers killed or injured in the line and scope of their work.

We live in a global economy with multi-national communities in every state. Tuscaloosa Alabama is a prime example with sister cities in Narashino, Japan and Schorndorf, Germany, as well as numerous international corporations throughout the West Alabama area. Workers Memorial Commons will be a tribute for workers of all nationalities and emphasize everyone's responsibility to ensure Safety in the workplace.

After we reorganized and formed the Workers Memorial Committee in October of 2006, we secured a location for the Memorial on River Walk with a resolution from the City of Tuscaloosa. The University of Alabama Art Department had designed a spectacular Memorial with a central bronze sculpture rising over fifteen feet in the air using the *WTC Tower One* I-beam. The Memorial also includes an area for meditation with a hands-on three foot bronze sculpture and interpretive areas for the physically impaired. We have been unsuccessful in locating a firm in Alabama to cast the fifteen foot bronze central sculpture that supports the *WTC Tower One* I-beam and the three foot bronze hands-on model. Using services outside our community will certainly increase the cost of construction.

With anticipated budget demands for the design and construction of the Memorial, we established a foundation to accept sponsorships and donations. We were successful in creating the Workers Memorial Commons Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) public charity, with a volunteer staff. Additionally, we have been advised the City of Tuscaloosa will donate the land and we expect artisans and labor council members to provide much of the work to construct and maintain the Memorial. The sponsorships and donations from public, corporate and private persons will be utilized to obtain material for the project.

V. Goals/Objectives

Our goal is to construct a Workers Memorial in the West Alabama area using the *World Trade Center Tower One* I-beam recovered from Ground Zero. We want to build a memorial that could be visited and respected by everyone to honor those killed or injured on the job. The memorial will be constructed using in-kind services and sponsorship wherever possible and provide areas for personal tributes, meditation, and safe access for the public.

- **Accessible Location:** Locate a level area that could be accessible and minimize construction cost.
 - After looking at several sites along River Walk, the former Parker Towing site on River Walk was selected. Located next to the bridge between downtown Tuscaloosa and downtown Northport made it an ideal location for the Memorial.
- **Memorial using the *WTC Tower One* I-beam:** Design a memorial representative of all workers with the I-beam incorporated into the central sculpture.
 - We feel that was achieved once the University of Alabama Art Department teamed up with the Committee. The Art Department utilized Committee's ideas and submitted four different proposals for consideration. The Committee selected features from each of the four proposals to be incorporated into the final design.
- **Memorial Construction:** Build a memorial that includes a bronze monument fifteen feet tall supporting the *WTC Tower One* I-beam, and provide landscaped areas for meditation, as well as a hands-on bronze replica with interpretive areas for the physically impaired.
 - Plans are in place to use the 1/5 scale wax sculpture to construct the hands-on model of the central monument. The wax model will be digitized in three -dimensions to allow full-size reproduction and casting of the monument.

VI. Procedures/Scope of Work

True cost estimates require detailed construction documents. Once the following items are finalized and approved, we plan to start construction on Workers Memorial Commons.

- Funding sources
 - In-kind services
 - Sponsorships
- Overall site design
 - Dimensional design
 - Grading design
 - Electrical design
 - Plumbing design
 - Paving design
- Fountain plans
 - Monument area pool
 - Meditation area pool
- Hands-on area design
 - Interpretive wall
 - Model pedestal
 - Paving
- Scenic Overlook design
 - Fence
 - Seat Wall
 - Paving
- Construction Bidding

VII. Timetable

Site selection and design of the Memorial is complete. Our current plans are to begin construction by the end of 2008. The Memorial has been designed so it can be incorporated, not interfere, with the current design of the River Walk Phase 1A which is also scheduled for construction late 2007.

	Description of Work	Start and End Dates
Phase One	Site selection/Memorial-Monument design	2002 - 2007
Phase Two	Monument Construction	2007 - 2008
Phase Three	Fund Raising/Memorial Construction	2008 - 2009

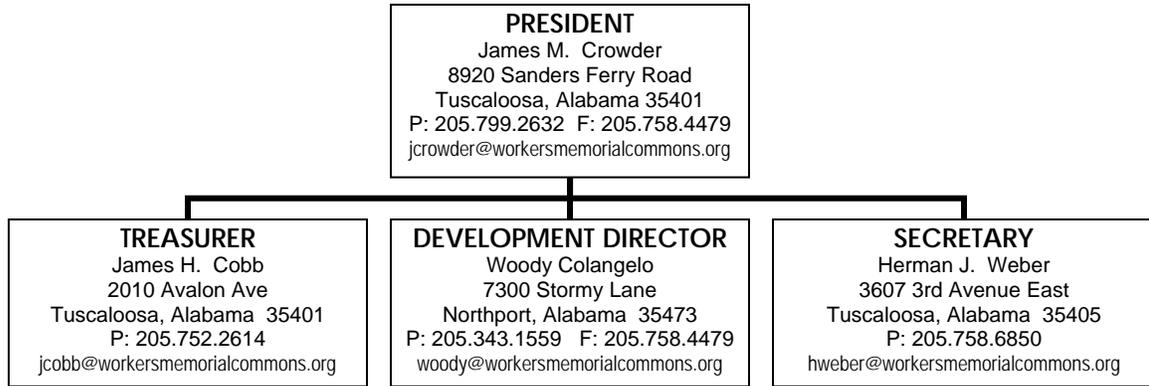
VIII. Budget

Workers Memorial Commons Foundation, a tax-exempt organization, is managed by a volunteer staff. The only anticipated cost beyond design and construction will be professional services required to comply with tax-exempt status.

	Description of Work	Anticipated Costs
Phase One	Site selection/Memorial-Monument design	25,000.00
Phase Two	Site Planning/Fund Raising	
	Architectural Fees	50,000.00
	Three foot Hands-on Sculpture	15,000.00
	Fifteen foot Central Sculpture	240,000.00
Phase Three	Site Construction	870,000.00
	Total	\$ 1,200,000.00

IX. Key Personnel

WORKERS MEMORIAL COMMONS FOUNDATION, INC.



X. Evaluation

The Workers Memorial Commons Foundation meets monthly to address possible funding areas and evaluate the progress and direction of the project.

XI. Endorsements

See Appendix

XII. Next Steps

The following are areas that need to be addressed:

- Finalize funding sources
- Complete design, engineering and construction documents
- Construction

XIII. Appendix

WORKERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

- **City of Tuscaloosa** - William L. Snowden, Teresa Lewis, Robin Edgeworth, Glenda Gamble
- **Commercial** - Henry H. Pope, III [USACE][Pope Design Services], Gary Nichols [McAbee Construction], Andy McCartney [Almon Associates]
- **Private** – Dr. Richard Cobb, Nancy Cobb
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