

Workers Memorial Commons

**Black Warrior Scenic Byway
River Walk
Tuscaloosa, Alabama**

**Our endeavor to honor and acknowledge every person
that has been killed or injured on their job**



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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 thought it would be great if we could get a section from one of the twin towers for a workers memorial. We could construct the memorial here in the west Alabama area to honor all workers killed or injured in the work place. We contacted our representative in Washington, D.C. with the idea and before we knew it we had what we wanted. We were faced with the task of getting a seven-foot piece of I-Beam that weighed approximately 1000 lbs out of New York City and home to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. We worked with another central labor body in Atlanta, Georgia and with the help of a Teamsters local in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania had it delivered to the central labor body in Atlanta, Georgia. We had agreed to share the treasured piece with them in exchange for their help. It was cut in half and our section continued its journey to Tuscaloosa, Alabama. At that time we had a press conference and tried to get the Mayor of Tuscaloosa and the City Council to agree to use the section of I-Beam in a memorial to commemorate Workers Memorial Day. Well, it did not happen and the section of I-Beam was put into storage.

On September 11, 2006 we received a call from the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama after a Birmingham, Alabama TV station had contacted them, inquiring about the I-Beam. In October, 2006 we put together a workers memorial committee to explore possible locations and uses for the memorial. After looking at several locations on RiverWalk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, the committee agreed the old Parker Towing Company location was the best location for the memorial. Once the site was located, the committee teamed up with the Art Department of the University of Alabama to design a memorial that would please the city and enhance the RiverWalk area of Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The next step for the workers memorial committee is to work on securing construction drawings for the project. The committee met and discussed the construction drawings and what would be required to proceed with the construction of the memorial. The committee was told it had two options. The committee could secure the funding and turn the project over to the City of Tuscaloosa, Alabama and the city would bid the project just like any other project, but the City of Tuscaloosa could not use any public funds. The other option would be to construct the project with in-kind donations. Using in-kind donations would involve using individuals, organizations, companies or corporations willing to contribute to the project. Those in-kind donations would allow everyone involved with the memorial to share a sense of ownership. The committee believes this option is more fitting for a memorial that commemorates all that were killed or injured at work. The RiverWalk Project Phase IA is scheduled for bid soon, but that should not interfere with the workers memorial project.

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West Alabama Labor Council Press Conference



Randall Kelly, left, a Plumbers and Steam Fitters employee, and Ann Skelton, with the United Auto Workers chapter in Tuscaloosa, talk about the section of an I-beam from the World Trade Center that was sent to Tuscaloosa from the Teamsters Local 776 in Harrisburg, Pa.

In remembrance

By Adrienne Nettles
Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA
The city will become the first in the United States to receive a section of an I-beam from the remains of the World Trade Center in New York.

U.S. Rep. Earl Hilliard of the 7th Congressional District and city officials made the announcement in a press conference Thursday morning at City Hall.

Hilliard said his office secured a portion of the steel beam on behalf of the West Alabama Labor Council, which will use the beam to serve as a local worker's memorial.

The presentation of the beam by Hilliard, backed heavily by labor

Tuscaloosa will turn
a beam from the
World Trade Center
into a memorial

faces Arthur Davis in the Democratic runoff for the District 7 congressional seat.

Hilliard said the presentation wasn't related to his campaign.

Painted on the beam are the words, "GOD BLESS AMERICA FROM TEAMSTERS LOCAL 776 H-BURG PA."

Ann Skelton, president of the labor council, said her organization wanted Tuscaloosa to have a permanent me-

"There were workers from 21 different unions who lost their lives at the World Trade Centers, so this will memorialize all of them," she said.

Skelton said 29 other states have some type of worker's memorial, and her organization wanted Alabama to join that number.

"We wanted there to be a place where Alabamians can come and reflect on Sept. 11 and pray for the living and mourn for the dead," she said.

Skelton said she would like to see the beam placed in front of University Mall on McFarland Boulevard along with a separate memorial for the 11 miners who died in the Jim Walter No. 5 mine in Brookwood on Sept. 23.

"We have asked for it to go in front of University Mall, but it hasn't been finalized yet," she said.



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Tuscaloosa's portion of the beam weighs approximately 500 pounds and is about 2 feet wide and 4 feet long.

"It took four men to move it," Skelton said.

Skelton said the beam is being stored in a secure location in the city until an area is chosen for it.

"It took high security to get the beam here to Tuscaloosa, and we don't want to jeopardize it by releasing the location of it," she said.

Hilliard said his office worked in conjunction with New York Congressman Gregory Meek's office to get the beam from Washington to Tuscaloosa.

"We had some difficulty getting the I-beam because there were rules," he said. "It just so happened the purpose we wanted to get a piece of the beam for was part of that rule."

Hilliard said Tuscaloosa is the first city in the nation to get a piece of the beam and that more cities have followed with requests for pieces of twin towers' I-beams.

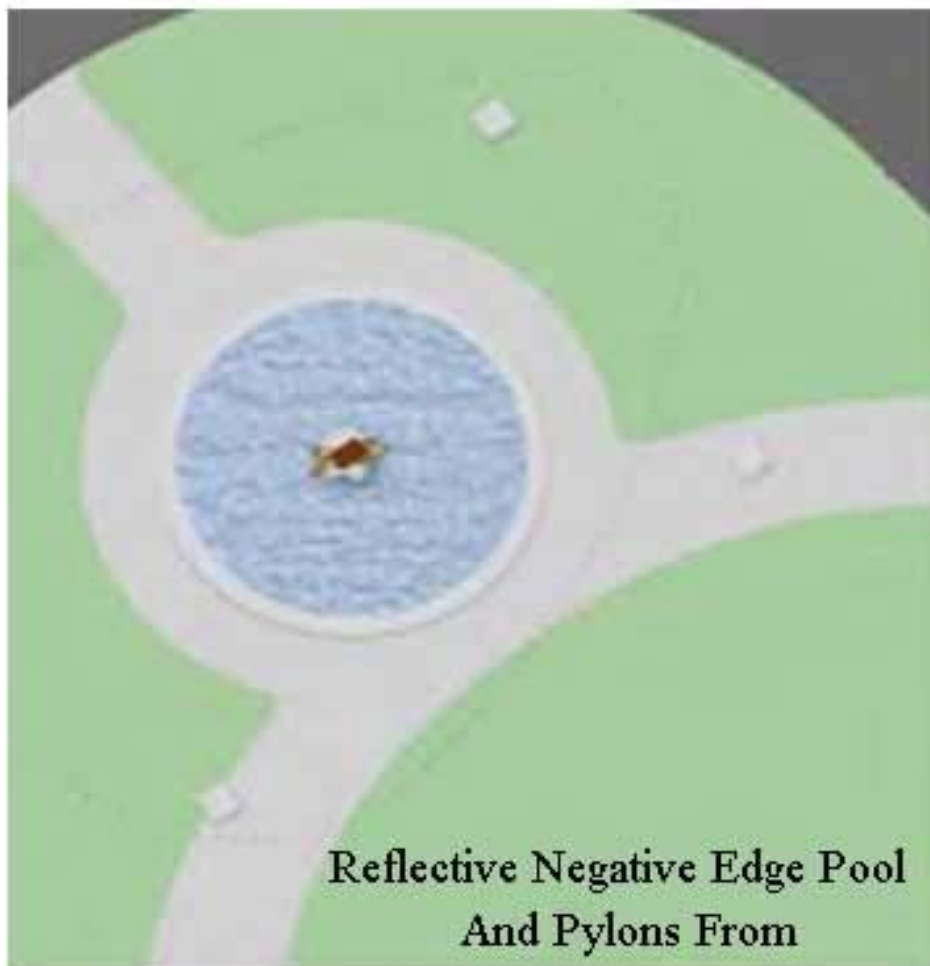
Mayor Al DuPont described the city's receipt of the beam as a great honor.

"Sept. 11 has affected all of us and changed all of our lives, and we should memorialize that," he said. "The city is going to work to find a secure place for it."

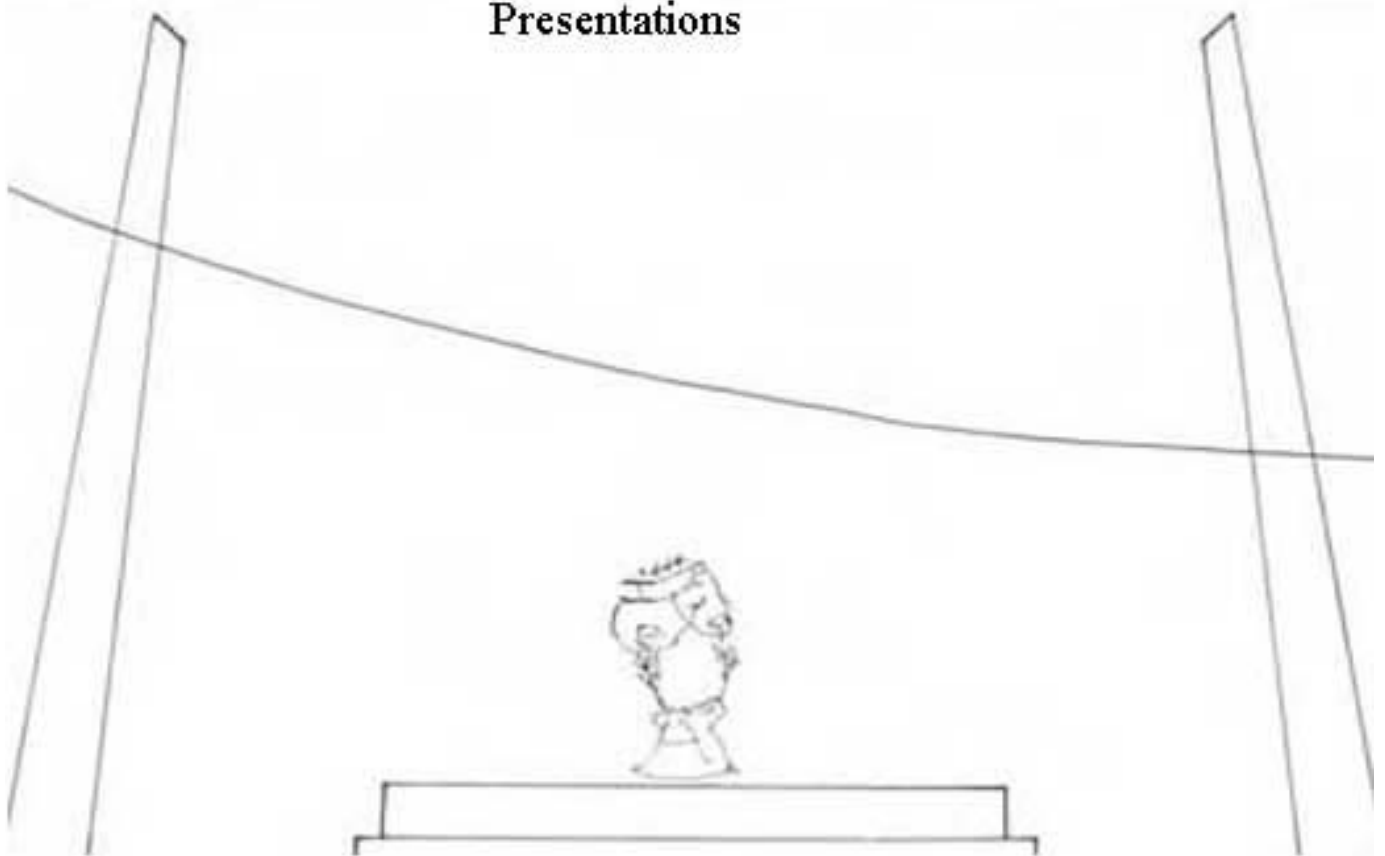
DuPont said the labor council has the city's full support in erecting the beam as a memorial.

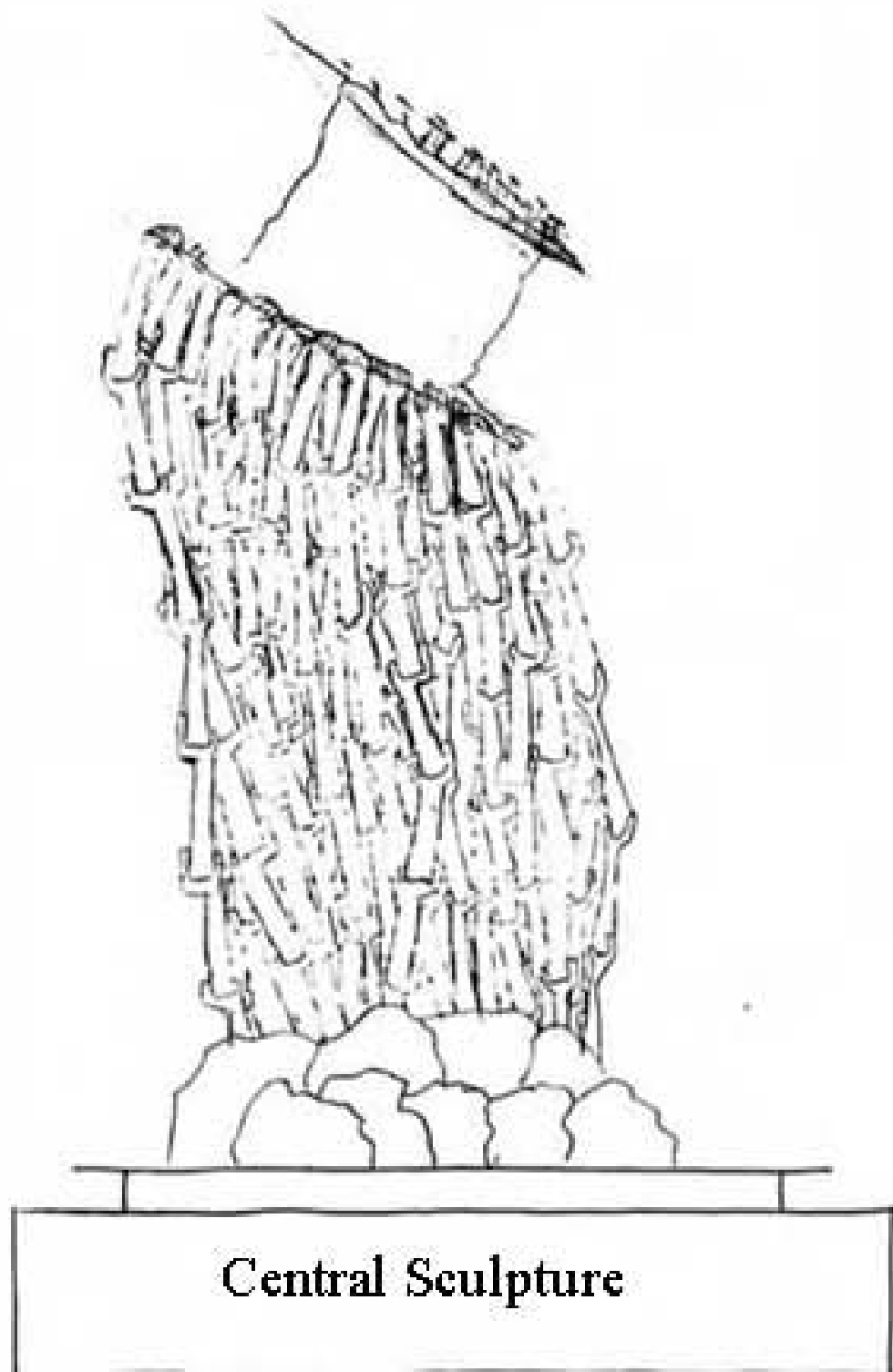
"We look forward to working on this project," he said.





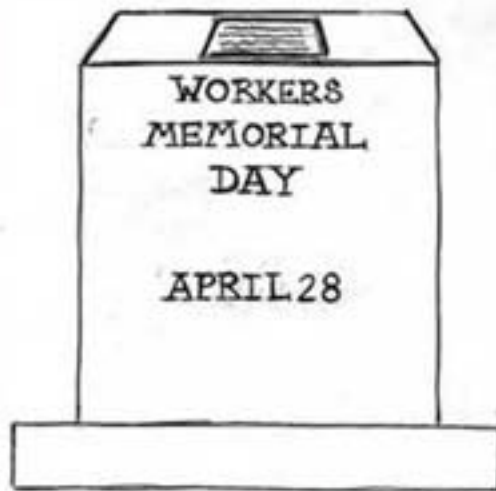
Reflective Negative Edge Pool
And Pylons From
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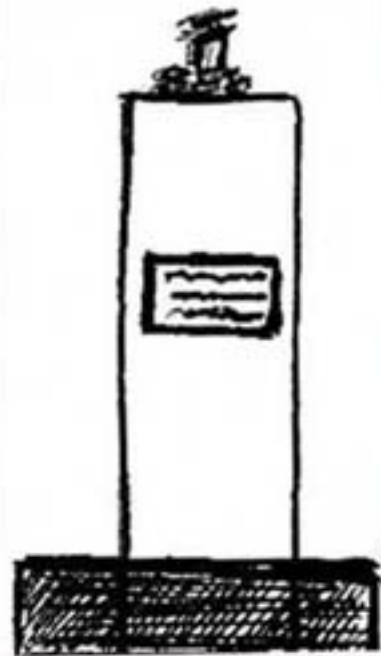


Central Sculpture

Arms extending out and up from the rubble lifting up the fragment recovered from *Tower One* of the *World Trade Center* illustrates the unrelenting drive of humans to rise and rebuild time and time again



Educational Information



**Hands On Display
For The
Physically Challenged**

Located near the Meditation Area and Overlook

Will provide information about the purpose and history of the Memorial and the *World Trade Center* artifact integrated into the Central Sculpture



Clay representation of the Central Sculpture
designed by the University of Alabama students

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TENTATIVE APPROVAL FOR THE PROPOSED SITE OF A WORKERS MEMORIAL

WHEREAS, a group of community volunteers is working to design a memorial to honor workers who have been killed or injured while on their jobs; and

WHEREAS, a future phase of Riverwalk development known as Riverwalk Phase IA is presently being designed; and

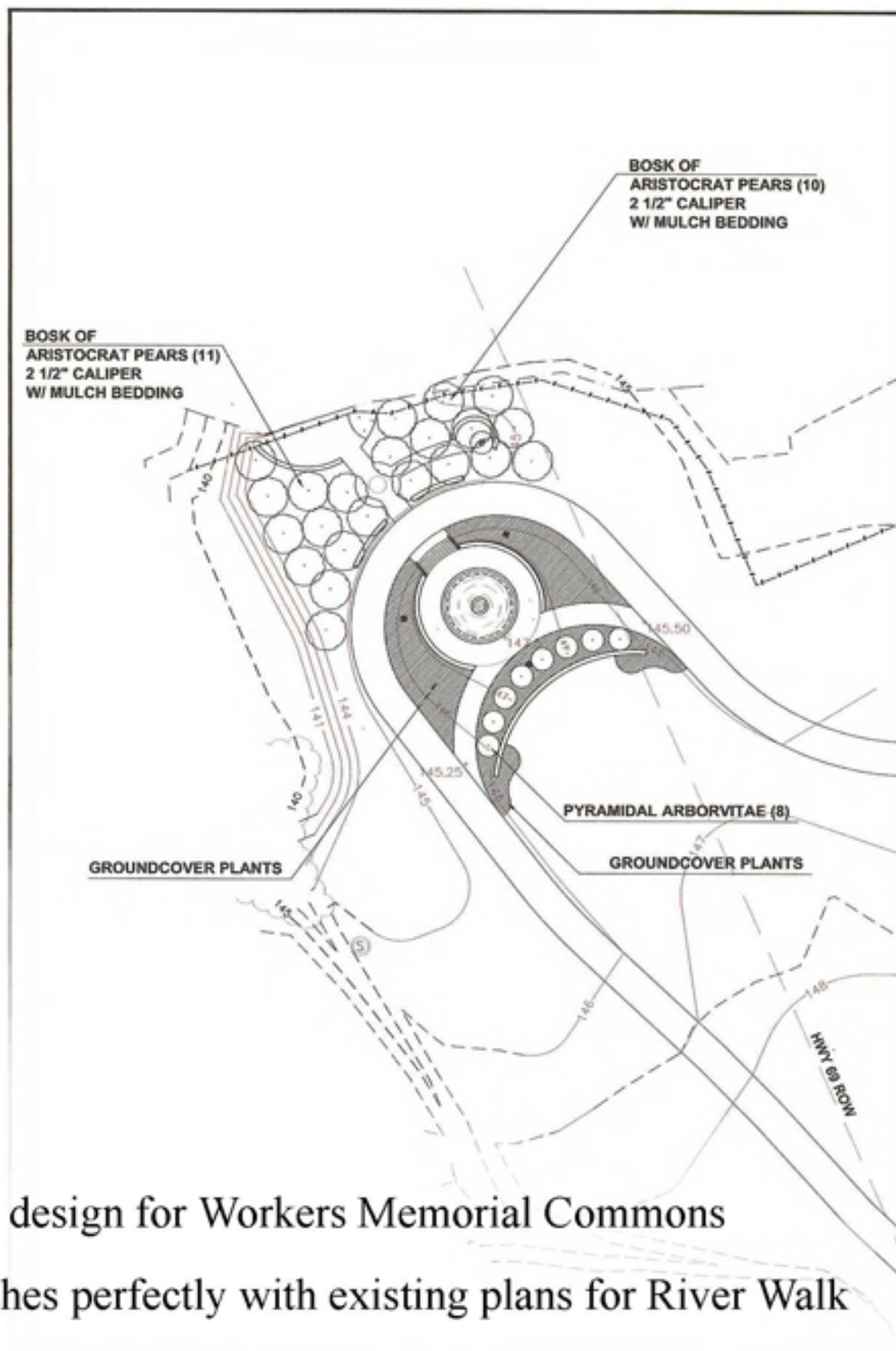
WHEREAS, plans for the memorial will be coordinated with the Riverwalk Phase IA design engineer; and

WHEREAS, a site along the route of the future Riverwalk Phase IA has been recommended as the future site for the memorial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA, as follows:

That the proposed site for the Workers Memorial located along the route of Riverwalk Phase IA is tentatively approved pending approval of the final design of the memorial, terms and conditions, and a documented plan to fund the construction of the memorial.

Prepared by: Teresa Lewis



The design for Workers Memorial Commons meshes perfectly with existing plans for River Walk including an overlook on the Black Warrior Waterway



Andy McCartney, an engineer with Almon Associates, and Teresa Lewis, senior planner for the City of Tuscaloosa, stand at the site of a future workers memorial, which will be along the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk near the Hugh Thomas Bridge in Tuscaloosa.

The Tuscaloosa News

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Workers memorial could take shape soon

By Jason Morton
Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA | Construction of the next phase of Tuscaloosa's Riverwalk could be under way this spring.

And now, thanks to labor unions, government officials and a group of University of Alabama art students, a monument honoring every person who's ever worked for a living will be a part of it.

Earlier this week, the concept for a workers memorial that incorporates a 500-pound piece of I-beam cut from the wreckage

of the World Trade Center's twin towers was unveiled at a City Council committee meeting.

"We wanted to do something to honor those workers, and this is for all workers," said Woody Colangelo, a retired representative of the AFL-CIO. "Workers never get any kind of recognition for being hurt."

Colangelo, who was working for the AFL-CIO in 2002 and helped obtain the twisted piece of steel and steered the Workers Memorial Planning Committee that, for the past year, has worked to make the memorial a reality.

In late 2006, the City Council

agreed to allow the memorial's placement along Phase 1A of the Riverwalk, which includes the area around Tuscaloosa County Park and Recreation Authority's baseball fields and Hanna Belle boat launch.

Although the projects are technically separate, that decision required Andy McCartney, an engineer with Almon Associates, to incorporate the memorial into the design of the Riverwalk.

He said the memorial will be at the center of a circular area of the walking path. Nearby will be a small amphitheater, and a new

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lounge will replace the one on south of the boat launch. "It's going to be a big draw for foot traffic, and it's going to have a new job showing water out of the world," McCartney said of the lounge. "They call it a lounge, but it's a place where people can sit and relax, looking around and getting to it."

The only thing keeping the city from starting construction on the project is a permit from the Alabama Department of Transportation, which is required because the walking path will go under the Hugh Thomas Bridge on some right-of-way.

"It's not really worried about it," said City Councilman Lee Carls, adding that he hopes the piece of the I-beam will be complete by July 4. "It's just a matter of the bureaucracy on whether it's like a beach or a park."

Construction on the park could begin at about the same time, although the memorial might take longer to build. The design for the memorial is a 500-pound piece of I-beam cut from the World Trade Center's towers, which was used to support the towers.

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This piece of I-beam from the World Trade Center in New York will be part of a workers memorial in Tuscaloosa.

support the I-beam. The steel was salvaged from a pile of debris which, when crushed, will be used in a concrete and rebar for the pier.

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And everyone passing over that bridge is a worker in one way or another.

The first one for the memorial, which also will feature a small building overlooking the Black Warrior River and a sitting area for people to rest, is not a building. However, a condition of the City Council's approval, which is expected to be granted, is that no public funds be used in its creation.

Colangelo said efforts already are under way to pay for the project, and he expects much of the cost will be paid for with local donations. For example, a glasshouse, which may be used for water works, or an electrician's shop, may be used to help pay the bill.

In April 2006, the AFL-CIO's national Workers Memorial Day, the memorial planning committee will unveil the final model of the memorial on the site. Organizers are expecting about 200 to show.

"It's not, it's something that represents all the workers trying to do something together and support each other," Colangelo said.

That, Carls said, was the goal of the plan. And creating it, he said, was an honor.

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STAFF GRAPHIC | ANTHONY SMITH



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A clay model shows the design for Tuscaloosa's workers memorial, a bronze statue designed by 22-year-old University of Alabama art student Mara Lattanzi. The statue will feature a piece of I-beam from the World Trade Center.

Workers Memorial Day

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University of Alabama Art Department recognized for design work at Workers Memorial Day ceremony held on location



Three dimensional layout of Workers Memorial Commons



Wax model of the Central Sculpture designed by the University of Alabama students

Workers memorial statue, park unveiled

By Jason Morton
Staff Writer

TUSCALOOSA | The West Alabama Labor Council did not plant a tree on Saturday as it usually does to commemorate International Workers' Memorial Day.

Instead, the council, along with University of Alabama art students, Tuscaloosa city officials and many others, planted a lasting monument.

The final design of a workers' memorial statue featuring a section of I-beam from the World Trade Center was unveiled at the annual ceremony.

This year, it was held between the former Parker Towing site and Tuscaloosa Park and Recreation Authority baseball fields on the Black Warrior River.

That is the site for a park that will feature the 15-foot statue rising from a pool of water and anchored at four points by 30-foot spires. The project was designed by a team of UA art students under the tutelage of professor Craig Waddesspoon.

"We may not have our chrome shovels," said labor council president James Crowder, "but nonetheless, SEE MEMORIAL | 63

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STAFF PHOTO | DAN LOPEZ

A wax model sits at an unveiling ceremony for the final model of a workers' memorial statue that will hold a section of I-beam from the World Trade Center. The statue will be in the future Tuscaloosa workers' memorial park.



STAFF PHOTO | DAN LOPEZ

A model of the future Tuscaloosa workers' memorial park is seen at a unveiling ceremony in Tuscaloosa on Saturday.

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we're breaking ground here today. Only in America could we do this."

The memorial is meant to honor and recognize every worker across the globe who has been injured or killed while on the job.

International Workers' Memorial day is dedicated to worker safety and remembering those killed and injured on the job.

The sculpture planned for Tuscaloosa features dozens of bronze arms reaching skyward to hold the I-beam aloft.

It will memorialize workers like Ralph resident Roger Louis "Big Mac" Friery, who died in December at age 37.

Friery was injured the previous month in an accident while working for Barnett Transportation Inc., based in Tuscaloosa.

His daughter, 15-year-old Ariel Friery, attended Saturday's ceremony and said she was proud that her father would always be remembered.

"It means a lot to me because I love my dad — he was a wonderful man," said Ariel, who also is Crowder's great-niece. "And everybody else, I'm pretty sure they were doing something, to die on the job like they did, they were doing something very important. They weren't doing anything wrong."

"It doesn't upset me, because I want people to know my father because of who he was. It just makes me proud that they're doing this."

The ceremony featured dignitaries from the city of Tuscaloosa and the U.S. Congress, represented by Rep. Artur Davis, D-Birmingham, both of whom said this memorial serves as an important reminder for all workers.

"The reason Tuscaloosa stands on the cusp of something great ... is because people went to work every day to build something greater than themselves," Maddox told the more

than 50 who attended the ceremony. "Today, we have a piece of steel that represents something greater than all of us."

"Thank you for being a part of hope."

Davis touched on points made by Central Alabama Labor Federation president Kirk Patrick, who said 128 Alabamians died in 2005 as a result of occupational accidents.

"They had every reason to believe they'd make it home that night," Davis said. "These men and women who died in the service of their families, we ought to think about them every time we make laws in this country that affect safety in the workplace."

William L. "Bubba" Englebert Jr., a coal miner in Jim Walter Resources' Mine No. 4 in Brookwood, agreed. He knew four of the miners killed in the mine explosions in JWR's Mine No. 5 on Sept. 23, 2001.

To him, the memorial stands testament that more needs to be done.

"It means that we need some law for working people," Englebert said. "We all do a lot for our family, and it's sad that they didn't come home to their families."

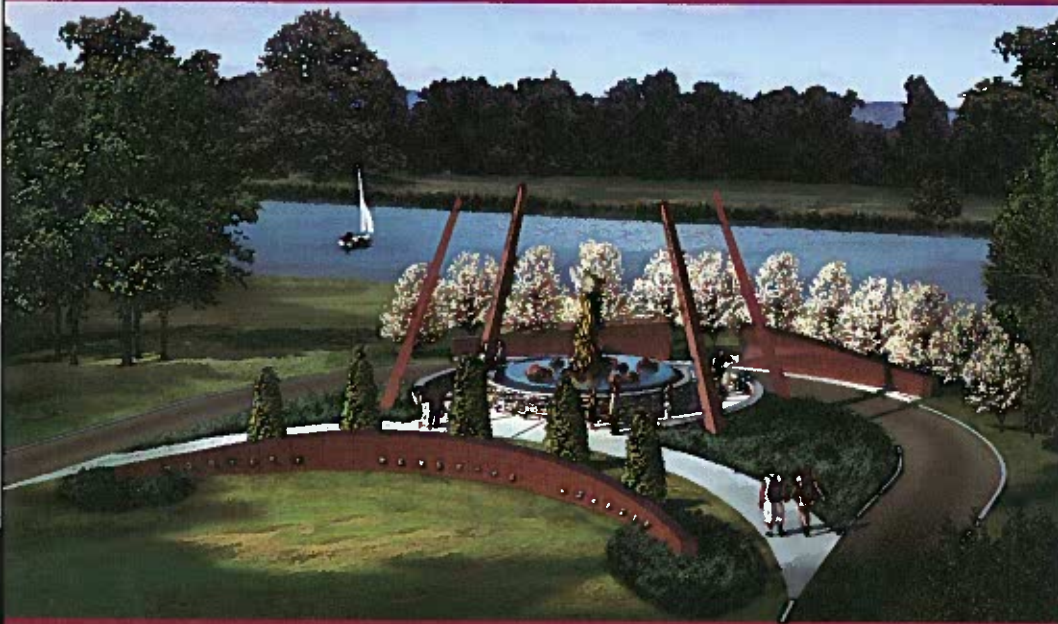
Colangelo said fund raising efforts are underway and, with the volunteer work of union members across the region, he hopes to have the park completed and statue in place by this time next year.

But Darryl Dewberry, vice-president of United Mine Workers of America's Dist. 20, which represents the Brookwood mines, said creating this memorial was imperative not only to the memory of the worker, but the country, as well.

"Their voices from the grave demand safety in the workplace," Dewberry said. "Let this structure be a symbol among us that they may spill our blood or take our life, but they cannot — they must not — take away our liberties and freedoms."

"Leave it be, and we shall persevere."

Help Build a Perpetual Memorial for All Workers



Located on Riverwalk

Help build Workers Memorial Commons using a section of World Trade Center Tower One I-beam recovered from Ground Zero. Build a memorial that could be visited and respected by everyone. A memorial that would commemorate everyone killed or injured on the job, including the 2749 people that were working and perished on September 11, 2001.

- Build a memorial that provides areas for personal tributes, meditation and safe access for the public.
- Build a memorial that will instill the need for workplace health and safety education, training, and implementation.
- Build a memorial that embraces workers from every vocation, regardless of ethnic background or economic prominence.

Send donations to addresses or donate online at
www.workersmemorialcommons.org

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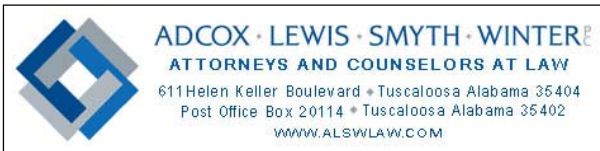
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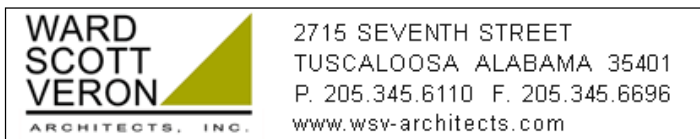
supervise fundraising, design and construction of Workers Memorial Commons on River Walk in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The Foundation is managed and operated by a volunteer staff and the only anticipated cost beyond design and construction of Workers Memorial Commons will be professional services required to comply with tax-exempt status.

Don Wallace, CPA

Team member, prominent Northport, Alabama businessman and Tuscaloosa County Commissioner, Don Wallace was very instrumental in setting up tax-exempt status for the Foundation.

The Workers Memorial Committee is delighted to have the largest architectural firm in Tuscaloosa, Alabama as a team member. Ward Scott Veron Architects are

providing construction administration for Workers Memorial Commons.



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