

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY WORKERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

P.O. BOX 6569, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61826-6569

August 8, 2001

Honorable Todd Satterthwaite
Mayor of the City of Urbana
400 South Vine Street
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mayor Satterthwaite,

I am writing to request that the City Council of Urbana vote to contribute to the Champaign County Workers Memorial. A contribution of one thousand dollars is appropriate and in keeping with what other municipalities are doing in support of the Memorial. The names of those who met an untimely death at work will be inscribed in white letters on the black granite memorial stones housed on the memorial.

The memorial is a thirty-foot concrete circle whose surface is stone patterned. The memorial will reside in Dodd's Park off North Mattis Avenue in Champaign. The memorial is very near the Olympic Tribute visible off North Mattis Avenue, just North of where K's Merchandise Mart used to be located.

The memorial is well lighted and features three black granite memorial stones, two granite benches, a flagpole, and a lighted six foot approach sidewalk that is handicapped accessible from a nearby parking lot having no barrier curbs.

All of the labor is being donated. The financial support derives from contributions to the memorial and a \$25,000 "Illinois First" grant for the memorial arranged by Tim Johnson when he was in the Illinois General Assembly. The Champaign Park District has agreed to pay for the power to light the memorial, the landscape and memorial maintenance over time. Urbana's contribution would help sustain that permanent effort.

The Park District is to be the recipient of the grant funds from the State of Illinois. The funds are administered through DCCA. Any delays at this point will be occasioned by the State dragging their feet in releasing funds. The permits have been issued by the City of Champaign and the volunteers as well as the Park District are ready to proceed.

Should Urbana decide to contribute to the memorial, please remit to: Champaign County Workers Memorial, P.O. Box 6569, Champaign, IL 61826-6569

Respectfully Requested,

Bill Bland, volunteer