

In The Circuit Court Of Pulaski County

State Of Arkansas

John McCarty/ War Memorial Golf Association

Petitioner/ Plaintiff

VS

Number _____

City Of Little Rock/ Little Rock Parks and Recreation

Respondent/ Defendant

Petition for Injunctive Relief

Plaintiff is seeking an injunction against the City of Little Rock and the Little Rock Parks and Recreation Department from closing War Memorial Golf Course until the outcome of the Arkansas State Department of Heritage's petition for National Register of Historic Place eligibility has been determined.

The City has set the closing date of War Memorial Golf Course on July 7, 2019 so the petitioner is requesting an expedited review of this issue.

Included in this petition are the correspondence from the Department of Arkansas Heritage and their letter of determination of the eligibility of the War Memorial Park Golf Course as a National Historic Landmark.

John W. McCarty
4115 Old Oak Drive
Little Rock, AR 72212
501-960-6503

So Ordered This ___ Day of ___ 2019

Date and Hour of Issuance _____

By _____

Certificate of Acknowledgement

State of Arkansas

County of Pulaski

On 6-26-19, before me, Eric Durham,
(date) (notary)

personally appeared, John McCarty,
(signers)

personally known to me

-- OR --

proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s) or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument

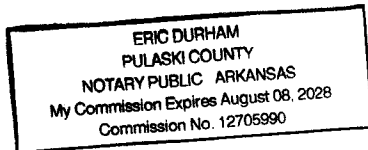
WITNESS my hand and official seal

Eric Durham

(notary signature)

My Commission Expires: 8-8-2028

(seal)





THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS
HERITAGE

Asa Hutchinson
Governor

Stacy Hurst
Director

June 24, 2019

John McCarty
4115 Old Oak Drive
Little Rock, AR 72212

Dear Mr. McCarty,

I am pleased to inform you that the Fair Park/War Memorial Golf Course in Little Rock, Arkansas, has been determined eligible for the **National Register of Historic Places**.

It is now time for the second step in the process: writing the nomination. The first thing we are going to need before continuing on with the process, is getting permission from the City of Little Rock, to proceed with the National Register process. Our office will be responsible for the final edits of the form, so it will have the best chance to pass the State Review Board voting process. After finalizing any National Register nomination, all nominations must be presented to the State Review Board for approval. If approved by the State Review Board, the property will then be submitted to the National Park Service for review.

Please note: our office will be responsible for all photography and maps necessary for the National Register nomination process. Also, please bear in mind that all materials submitted to the AHPP become property of the AHPP, and cannot, under any circumstance, be returned to you. For this reason, I strongly urge to you retain a copy of the submitted materials for your records, and to only submit photocopies of historic photographs.

Please contact me via telephone (501) 324-9880 or email at scott.kaufman@arkansas.gov if you have any questions regarding the nomination process. Again, thank you for contacting the AHPP about the property.

Sincerely,

Scott Kaufman
Director
Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

Arkansas Arts Council

Arkansas Historic
Preservation Program

Arkansas Natural
Heritage Commission

Arkansas State Archives

Delta Cultural Center

Historic Arkansas Museum

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From: John McCarty
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 7:47 AM
To: etgreen@sbcglobal.net
Subject: Fwd: War Memorial

John McCarty

johnmccarty@msn.com

[501-960-6503](tel:501-960-6503)

Begin forwarded message:

From: Travis Ratermann <Travis.Ratermann@arkansas.gov>
Date: June 24, 2019 at 7:38:27 AM CDT
To: John McCarty <JohnMcCarty@msn.com>
Cc: Scott Kaufman <Scott.Kaufman@arkansas.gov>
Subject: RE: War Memorial

Thanks John. I am back in the office today. I missed the Determination of eligibility meeting with staff in the office, regarding the determination of the all of War Memorial park property. It was decided to not take in the entire War memorial property due to changes that have occurred all over the park. The Zoo have been radically changed since the WPA helped build buildings for the zoo. The pool no longer looks like it did even in the 1950s-1960s, due to the addition of new waterslides, and other water features that were not there during the pools significant period surrounding desegregation. War Memorial stadium is listed to the Arkansas Register of Historic Places, but even it has been drastically altered just in the last 10 years. The entire landscape has been partially reworked due to the new roundabout that was put in. However, given what you have send us and our general knowledge of the Fair Park/War Memorial golf course, the determination of eligibility staff determined that the golf course alone is **potentially Eligible** for listing to the National Register of Historic Places. There is a possibility that we could still do the entire park but it would only be eligible for the Arkansas Register of Historic Places, which is a lower standard of recognition, due to changes that have occurred but are still important to local or state history.

PS. If you are listed in the National Register of Historic Places, you are already granted Arkansas Register status, but it does not go the opposite direction.

Travis Ratermann
Survey Historian

 Arkansas Historic Preservation Program

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Sec. 25-15-201 et. seq.

From: John McCarty <JohnMcCarty@msn.com>

Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 6:12 AM

To: Travis Ratermann <Travis.Ratermann@arkansas.gov>; Scott Kaufman
<Scott.Kaufman@arkansas.gov>

Subject: War Memorial

Travis,

Attached is a link to a Channel 4 segment last week.

Carla Coleman has been researching the newspaper archives and has some great information.

<https://www.kark.com/news/local-news/community-fightsto-keep-war-memorial-golf-course-calls-it-a-historic-site/2091818324>

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United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in National Register Bulletin, *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form*. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions.

1. Name of Property

Historic name: War Memorial Park

Other names/site number: 34L0940011000

Name of related multiple property listing:

War Memorial Golf Course, Little Rock Zoo, War Memorial Park,
War Memorial Stadium, War Memorial Swimming Pool

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

2. Location

Street & number: See Attached Map

City or town: Little Rock State: AR County: Pulaski

Not For Publication:

Vicinity:

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended,

I hereby certify that this ___ nomination ___ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.

In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant at the following level(s) of significance:

___ national ___ statewide ___ local

Applicable National Register Criteria:

___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D

Signature of certifying official/Title:

Date

State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

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In my opinion, the property ___ meets ___ does not meet the National Register criteria.	
Signature of commenting official:	Date
Title :	State or Federal agency/bureau or Tribal Government

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

- ___ entered in the National Register
- ___ determined eligible for the National Register
- ___ determined not eligible for the National Register
- ___ removed from the National Register
- ___ other (explain:) _____

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply.)

- Private:
- Public – Local
- Public – State
- Public – Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box.)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site

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Structure

Object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
_____	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
_____	_____	Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions.)

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7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Materials: (enter categories from instructions.)

Principal exterior materials of the property: _____

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current physical appearance and condition of the property. Describe contributing and noncontributing resources if applicable. Begin with a **summary paragraph** that briefly describes the general characteristics of the property, such as its location, type, style, method of construction, setting, size, and significant features. Indicate whether the property has historic integrity.)

Summary Paragraph

War Memorial Park occupies 202 acres of tree-covered, gently rolling land bisected by Coleman Creek in the western part of the city. The Arkansas State Fair Commission purchased the site in 1868 from William B. Wait to be developed as the state fairgrounds. The site served in that capacity until 1924 when the land was acquired by the City of Little Rock for the creation of a municipal park. The landscape architectural firm of Pearse and Robinson from Chicago was commissioned to develop a master plan for "Fair Park" as it was then called. Much of the park's present appearance reflects the ideas proposed in the original plan, including the street layout and the locations of the golf course, zoo, midway and stadium. During the 1930s the original zoo buildings, the golf clubhouse, the bathhouse and the swimming pool were constructed by WPA workers. The stadium, designed by architect Bruce R. Anderson, was built in 1948. President Harry Truman presided at the ceremonies in 1949 when the park was renamed "War Memorial Park". The carillon at the Jonesboro Street entrance was erected as a Bicentennial Project in 1976.

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A. Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B. Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C. Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D. Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- A. Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes
-

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- B. Removed from its original location
- C. A birthplace or grave
- D. A cemetery
- E. A reconstructed building, object, or structure
- F. A commemorative property
- G. Less than 50 years old or achieving significance within the past 50 years

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions.)

Period of Significance

Significant Dates

Significant Person
(Complete only if Criterion B is marked above.)

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Cultural Affiliation

Architect/Builder

Statement of Significance Summary Paragraph (Provide a summary paragraph that includes level of significance, applicable criteria, justification for the period of significance, and any applicable criteria considerations.)

Narrative Statement of Significance (Provide at least one paragraph for each area of significance.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography (Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____
- recorded by Historic American Landscape Survey # _____

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
 - Other State agency
 - Federal agency
 - Local government
 - University
 - Other
- Name of repository: _____

Historic Resources Survey Number (if assigned): _____

10. Geographical Data

Acres of Property 202

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Use either the UTM system or latitude/longitude coordinates

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates

Datum if other than WGS84: _____

(enter coordinates to 6 decimal places)

- | | |
|--------------|------------|
| 1. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 2. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 3. Latitude: | Longitude: |
| 4. Latitude: | Longitude: |

Or

UTM References

Datum (indicated on USGS map):

NAD 1927 or NAD 1983

- | | | |
|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 2. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 3. Zone: | Easting: | Northing: |
| 4. Zone: | Easting : | Northing: |

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

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Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title: John McCarty

organization: War Memorial Golf Association

street & number: _____
city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____

telephone: _____

date: _____

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

- **Maps:** A USGS map or equivalent (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
- **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources. Key all photographs to this map.
- **Additional items:** (Check with the SHPO, TPO, or FPO for any additional items.)

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Photographs

Submit clear and descriptive photographs. The size of each image must be 1600x1200 pixels (minimum), 3000x2000 preferred, at 300 ppi (pixels per inch) or larger. Key all photographs to the sketch map. Each photograph must be numbered and that number must correspond to the photograph number on the photo log. For simplicity, the name of the photographer, photo date, etc. may be listed once on the photograph log and doesn't need to be labeled on every photograph.

Photo Log

Name of Property:

City or Vicinity:

County:

State:

Photographer:

Date Photographed:

Description of Photograph(s) and number, include description of view indicating direction of camera:

1 of ____.

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