### **David Campbell Memorial Association**

## Portland Firefighter Memorial News

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The Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza is a place of tribute to Fallen Fire Chief David Campbell combined with a memorial wall sharing the names of all Portland Firefighters who have given their lives in service. The public plaza will be a place of remembrance, reflection, and interpretation of the vigilance of Portland Fire & Rescue's service to Portland.

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# Dates of Importance

On November 16, 1862, Lone Fir Cemetery owner Colburn Barrell donated Block 5 to Portland Firefighters for free burial plots for Portland Firefighters. Dubbed the "Firefighter's Section," Metro still honors this gift today, even though ownership of the cemetery has gone through private parties, Multnomah County, and now Metro Historic Cemeteries Office.

### **Restoration of the David Campbell Memorial**

A significant benchmark in the development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial is fast approaching. Phase 2, the restoration of the David Campbell Memorial, is nearly complete. This newsletter will share some accomplishments to date.

Even with this progress, the project remains incomplete. And because of this, we continue to lack public recognition of Portland's Firefighters who have given their lives in service to the community. Only through completion of Phase 3, the development of the entire Memorial Triangle, can we call this important tribute to Portland's bravest to be complete.

The journey began in 2016 when Portland Firefighters seeded the effort with a \$103,000 donation. It was followed in 2017 by a \$100,000 match by City Commissioner Nick Fish. In 2023, Commissioner Joann Hardesty secured a grant from the City for \$250,000. A 2024 Grant from Venture Portland, through the Stadi-District Business Association (\$47,730), and another \$75,000 from City Councilors Clark, Zimmerman, and Kanal has rounded out the majority of the \$620,000 raised to date. While this has allowed Phase 1 and 2 to be carried out. the \$1.3 million for the final construction of the Memorial Plaza is still needed.

This progress report will show progress todate on the Phase 2 of the project.

Before and After Photos of Features





### Friends, Neighbors, and Firefighters

As the Portland Firefighter Memorial project continues, we are looking ahead to the care and maintenance to ensure another century of existence. For the best opportunity for success, we believe a combination of citizen participation, city services, and involvement by both working and re-

tired firefighters will be necessary.

Time tells us that on-going care is the greatest challenge to the care of this community asset and heritage site. Stand by for more ideas on how we can all contribute to honoring Portland's fallen firefighters.

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### **Progress Report**



### To Learn More...



The development of the Portland Firefighter Memorial Plaza continues to grow and evolve. You can find additional information on the "David Campbell Memorial Association" Facebook Page. This also includes ways in which you can support this project and bring honor, recognition, and remembrance to all of Portland's Fallen Firefighters.

The David Campbell Memorial Association web site is another source of information. Find it at <a href="DavidCampbellMemorial.org">DavidCampbellMemorial.org</a>. And to speak to a member of the David Campbell Memorial Association, contact Don Porth, President, 503-805-8482 or Don@PreventThink.com