

**Action Brief  
Anthem Way Foundation  
Board of Directors**



Open Session Agenda Number **5C**

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<b>MEETING DATE</b>	February 25, 2026
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	Anthem Veterans Memorial Maintenance Items
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	Move that the Board of Directors approve having the Memorial polished and sealed every two to three years and also direct staff to convene a small working group to evaluate options for managing water runoff from the pillars, then present those options to the AWF Board for consideration

**LINKAGE TO STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

- Operational Excellence - Manage community resources with care and pride.

**BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Amount</b>	Polishing – Approximately \$16,000 every two to three years Caps – Unknown	
<b>Duration</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One-time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-going <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<b>Fund Source</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve <input type="checkbox"/> Enhancement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>AWF</u>	
<b>Budgeted expense</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Exceeds budgeted amount</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Notes</b>	The caps would be a one-time expense. The polishing would be on-going. The additional funding would need to come from the AWF. Depending on the cost of the caps, fundraising may be necessary to pay for them.	
<b>Long-term Impact</b>		
<b>Impact on Reserves</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Notes</b>		
<b>Impact on Annual Assessments</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Notes</b>		

**PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION/ACTIVITY:**

N/A	N/A
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**ISSUE SUMMARY/DESCRIPTION:**

Like any outdoor structure, the AVM is subject to the slow but steady effects of weathering. Heat, rain, and the passage of time all take their toll on the Memorial.

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Recently, a small section of marble—approximately one square foot—separated from its backing on one of the pillars. Marble restoration specialists were brought in to make the repair and in doing so they identified the underlying cause—water is infiltrating behind the marble laminate.

To prevent this from recurring, they offered two recommendations. First, they recommended polishing and sealing the marble every two to three years. Currently, the AVM is cleaned every six months, but cleaning and polishing serve very different purposes. Think of it like the difference between washing a car and waxing it—washing removes surface dirt while waxing creates a protective barrier against the elements. As part of each polishing, they also recommend replacing any caulk that is cracking, separating, or otherwise compromised.

Currently, the AWF spends approximately \$2,600 annually on marble cleaning. Polishing and sealing would cost approximately \$16,000 every two to three years with routine cleaning continuing in the off years. While this represents a meaningful new expense, it is a necessary investment in the long-term preservation of the AVM.

Second, they recommended adding a capped lid with a drip edge to the top of each pillar. During the recent expansion, an additional piece of marble laminate was placed on top of two of the pillars to address surface erosion—but that solution does not solve the broader problem of water migrating behind the laminate. A properly designed cap with a drip edge would direct water away from the pillar face rather than allowing it to sheet down the surface. Think of it like the eaves on a house: the overhang catches roof runoff and directs it away from the siding instead of letting it sheet down the wall.

While the concept is straightforward, adding caps would alter the visual appearance of the pillars. For that reason, staff recommends that a small working group be convened to evaluate all possible options before any decision is made. No cost estimates are available at this time.

Recommendation:

- Approve having the Memorial polished and sealed every two to three years.
- Direct staff to convene a small working group to evaluate options for managing water runoff from the pillars, and to present those options to the AWF Board for consideration.

**SUGGESTED MOTION**

I move that the Board of Directors approve having the Memorial polished and sealed every two to three years and also direct staff to convene a small working group to evaluate options for managing water runoff from the pillars, then present those options to the AWF Board for consideration.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- None