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June 28, 2010
Mr. Robert Donchez
President, Bethlehem City Council
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Mr. Donchez:

My name is Frank Behum. I am a member of the board of directors for the Steelworkers Archives. I spoke to you last Friday about the condition of the Steelworkers Plaza.

Our group sent a letter to the Mayor in early May but never got a response. On June 4, 2010 we met with Ralph Carp who promised swift action. To date we know of no action.

We are tired of lip service!

The plaza is invaded by weeds growing between the bricks, defaced bricks caused by bike riders and skateboarders.

The Steelworkers Archives feel this is "Hollowed Ground" as former Mayor Cunningham states on the dedication sign.

Food was being served on the bricks during the Barbecue Tasting Contest in which the city issued a permit to ArtsQuest. Plenty of room was available outside and off the bricks.

To us this was like dancing on the graves of our fellow Steelworkers.

We would like to change the park into a memorial and keep all venues off the bricks. We need an amendment for use. Can you direct us as to the proper method to accomplish this?

P.S. The railing on the west end is missing and represents a safety hazard to those visiting.



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