

August 30, 2023

Alex M. Smith  
The Philadelphia Art Commission  
One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19102



Dear Alex,

The Office of Arts, Culture, and the Creative Economy (OACCE) is requesting a conceptual review of the Chief Tamanend Statue in Penn Treaty Park proposal during the Philadelphia Art Commission Meeting on September 13, 2023. The Chief Tamanend statue is a public art sculpture proposed by the Chief Tamanend at Historic Penn Treaty Park Committee (The Committee) to be installed at Penn Treaty Park, at 1301 N Beach St and donated to the City of Philadelphia's permanent public art collection.

The proposed Chief Tamanend statue by the artist Terry Jones, will honor and reflect the story of the great Lenni Lenape Chief Tamanend "the Affable", 1628 – 1701, who was chief of the Turtle Clan at Shackamaxon, current day Fishtown. Tamanend made the Penn Treaty with William Penn in 1682 at the Sacred Elm in what is now Penn Treaty Park. The treaty famously established peace between Native Americans and Quakers in Pennsylvania. Penn Treaty Park currently includes a statue of William Penn, however there is no statue of Chief Tamanend, to represent the other half of the treaty.

The goals of the proposed statue of Chief Tamanend at Penn Treaty Park are to educate viewers on the importance of Chief Tamanend's leadership and diplomacy in negotiating the Penn Treaty; to increase the representation of the region's Indigenous people and their enduring contributions to the history of our city; and to honor the significance of the site of the Penn Treaty at the Sacred Elm, a place of reverence to the Lenni Lenape and the region's Indigenous cultures.

This public art proposal was originally submitted to OACCE by the Committee Chair, Barbara Morehead in July 2018 under previous Public Art Director, Margot Berg. OACCE supports installing this public art statue that will tell the story of Chief Tamanend at Penn Treaty Park, and become part of the City's public art collection. This project has also received support from Philadelphia Parks & Recreation, Councilmember Mark Squilla, the Fishtown Neighbors Association, Native American House Alliance, and many other stakeholders.

The presenter for the September 13 meeting will be Barbara Morehead of the Chief Tamanend at Historic Penn Treaty Park Committee and the artist, Terry Jones. Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to call me at 215.686.4596.

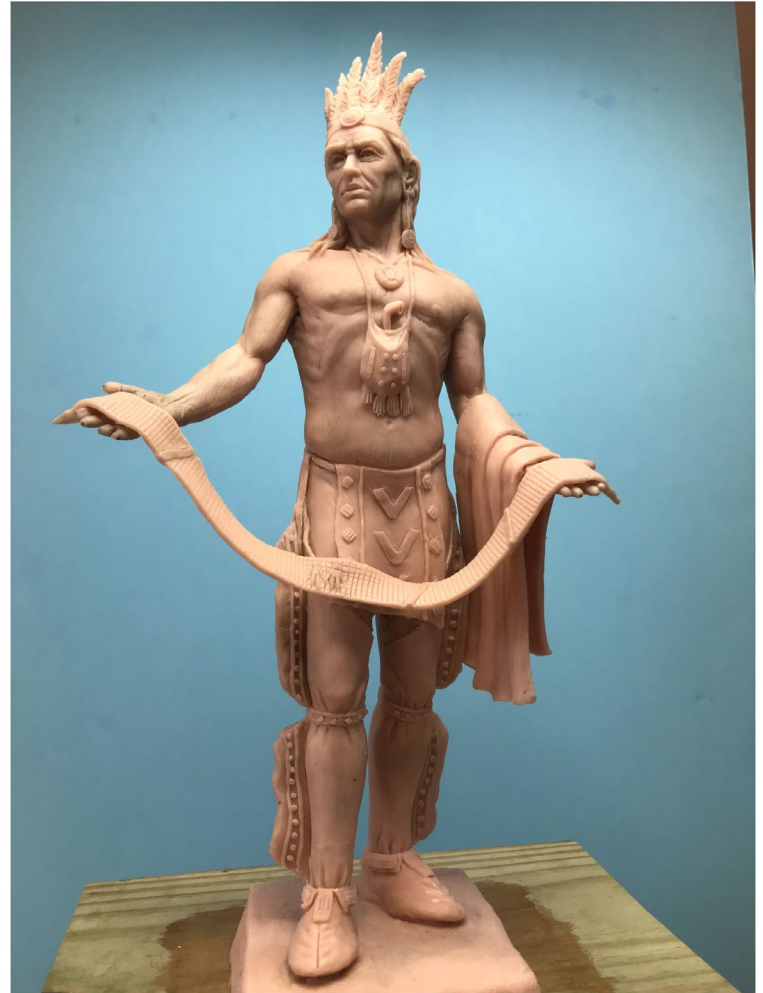
Sincerely,

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA  
Public Art Director  
Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE)

# **Proposal for Chief Tamanend Statue at Penn Treaty Park**

**Presented by  
Barbara Morehead and  
Terry Jones**

**on behalf of the  
Chief Tamanend at Historic Penn  
Treaty Park Committee**



## **History of Chief Tamanend:**

The great Lenni Lenape Chief Tamanend “the Affable”, 1628 – 1701, was chief of the Turtle Clan at Shackmaxon, current day Fishtown. He made a treaty with William Penn in 1682 at the Sacred Elm to agree on peace between the Native Americans and the Christians. He was noted for his example of peaceful diplomacy.

## **Project Goals:**

- **To educate viewers on the legacy of the great Lenni Lenape Chief Tamanend** and the historic significance of the treaty with William Penn. It was the only treaty of its kind to have never been broken and the treaty established peace between the Lenni Lenape and the Quakers.
- **To increase representation of Indigenous people, culture, and history in the story of Penn Treaty.** Although William Penn is represented by a statue at Penn Treaty Park, Chief Tamanend is not. In order to better understand the story of the Penn Treaty and out of respect for the legacy of the region’s Indigenous leaders and people, Chief Tamanend should be represented.
- **To honor the significance and sanctity of the site of the Penn Treaty.** The Sacred Elm in Penn Treaty Park was the site of the handshake that established the “Treaty of Shackamaxon.” The tree no longer stands there, but its location is known.

## **Project Background**

- **In 2006**, Barbara Morehead founded the Chief Tamanend at Historic Penn Treaty Park Committee and started garnering community support for her idea of erecting a statue of Chief Tamanend in the park to better recognize him, his contribution to the establishment of the Commonwealth, and some needed representation of the local native people displayed in the park.
- **In July 2018**, the Committee first met with Margot Berg, the previous Public Art Director, to gather information about the City's process to approve and install the Chief Tamanend Statue at Penn Treaty Park.
- **In 2019**, Barbara Morehead commissioned renowned artist Terry Jones to create a maquette of the Chief Tamanend statue. The design was shown to, and overwhelmingly approved by, the Native American House Alliance, several Lenni Lenape tribe members, elders, and chiefs.
- **From 2020 - 2023**, using her contacts as the founder and then vice-president of the Friends of Penn Treaty Park, Barbara Morehead has garnered support from state representatives, city council members, and local business owners.
- **Since 2022**, Philadelphia Parks and Recreation has been providing guidance for the project, actively assisting in reviewing proposals, providing a letter of support and committing to donating future lighting fixtures for the statue.
- **From 2022 - 2023**, the Chief Tamanend at Historic Penn Treaty Park Committee has worked with the current Public Art Director, Marguerite Anglin, and OACCE staff to finalize the proposal and documents needed for OACCE review and the Art Commission presentation for final approval.

# Current Site:



The site as it currently stands, with rose bush in the center.

# Site Plan:

Chief Tamanend's statue will be placed in the middle of the stone circle where a descendant of the Sacred Elm was originally positioned.

The Chief Tamanend statue will be oriented to face Southeast toward the river and with arms open to the New Jersey and Delaware Lenni Lenape.



# Landscaping



Monkey grass



Chokeberry

Plantings to surround statue:



Monkey grass



Chokeberry

Native plants like monkey grass and chokeberry, will be planted around the granite base of the statue

# Sculpture in-situ:

The six foot bronze sculpture of Tamanend will be mounted on a five foot granite base, installed in the middle of the stone circle that the Sacred Elm once occupied.

LED uplighting will be installed by Philadelphia Parks and Recreation to illuminate the statue at night.

The fence surrounding the statue will be repurposed from the existing fence currently installed at the site. The fence will be cut down to 2'-6" high and refinished.



# Images of the sculpture:



## Artist Background:

**Terry Jones** has been a professional sculptor for 55 years and for the past 33 years, he has concentrated on creating monumental bronze sculptures. He studied at the Hussian School of Art in Philadelphia and at the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris, France.



On July 3, 1988, his eight-foot statue of Philadelphia native General John Gibbon was dedicated on Cemetery Ridge on the Gettysburg Battlefield.

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A monument for the US Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY was dedicated in October of 2003. It consists of four life-size bronze figures and a 3' x 5' relief plaque, all mounted on 49 tons of Vermont granite to an overall height of 21'.

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## Artist Background:

Terry has the unique ability to combine creative enthusiasm and historical accuracy in all his sculpture, from gallery-sized pieces to monumental bronze sculptures. His works can be seen throughout the US.

Terry joined the Philadelphia St Andrew's Society around 1995. He served in the US Marine Corps, active reserve from 1966 to 1972.



His monumental 9' bronze of John Philip Sousa was installed at the entrance of Sousa Hall at the Marine Barracks, Washington, DC. and dedicated November 5, 2005.

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On October 8, 2012 his Scottish Immigration Monument for the St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia was unveiled in the Penn's Landing area of Philadelphia. This monument consists of several heroic figures depicting a Scottish family entering the US in the mid-18th century.

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← On September 17, 2015, his statue of Edward "Babe" Heffron, who was one of the celebrated "Band of Brothers" was dedicated in Babe's old neighborhood in South Philadelphia. A statue of his best friend and brother-in-arms, Bill Guarnere, joined Babe on November 11, 2019.



# Budget :

Design fee and 6' clay sculpture.....	\$76,000
Bronze Casting.....	\$31,500
General Contracting Fee for Bronze Casting.....	\$5,900
Granite Base.....	\$32,378
General Contracting Fee for granite base.....	\$6,455
Maintenance Fee (15%).....	\$22,834
Escalation of material costs (5%).....	\$3,193
Transplanting rose bushes.....	\$1,000
Contingency (10%).....	\$17,926
<b>TOTAL COSTS.....</b>	<b>\$197,186</b>

## Proposed Schedule:

### **SCULPTING (8-10 months)**

The artist, Terry Jones will sculpt the 6'-0" figure in clay using a live model. Once the clay figure is finished and approved, it will be transported to the foundry.

### **CASTING (4 months)**

The casting process at the foundry takes about 14 to 16 weeks to complete

### **INSTALLATION (2 weeks)**

Includes installation of the sculpture, repurposing/refinishing the fence, and lighting





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September 15, 2022

Commissioner Kathryn Ott-Lovell  
Philadelphia Parks and Recreation  
One Parkway Building – 10<sup>th</sup> floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Commissioner Ott-Lovell:

I am writing to request that the statue of Chief Tamanend be placed in historic Penn Treaty Park. Chief Tamanend's acceptance for peace with William Penn and the Quakers, with a handshake, was the most important part of the peace treaty agreed upon under the elm tree.

This handshake of peace between Quaker settlers and Native Americans is an important moment of our city and state history, and erecting a statue of the man that was one half of that handshake and having it stand in the area where the treaty was agreed upon is a fitting tribute to him and our own history.

I believe that the proposed statue would be an outstanding addition to the park and would further the representation of the Lenni Lenape Native American tribe and of the Chief with whom the handshake occurred. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Squilla



April 17, 2023

Philadelphia Art Commission  
1401 John F Kennedy Blvd, Room 1160  
Philadelphia, PA 19102

Dear Philadelphia Art Commission Members,

On behalf of the Fishtown Neighbors Association, we are writing to express our strong support for the independent effort by Barbara Moorehead and the Tamanend at Penn Treaty Historic Park Committee to erect a new statue of Chief Tamanend in Penn Treaty Park. Chief Tamanend, a prominent Native American leader who played a significant role in the history of our city, deserves to be honored and celebrated for his contributions.

We believe that the addition of a statue of Chief Tamanend in Penn Treaty Park will enhance the park's cultural significance and promote diversity and inclusivity in our neighborhood. Chief Tamanend's legacy as a peacemaker, diplomat, and advocate for peaceful relations is an important part of Philadelphia's history, and his story deserves to be shared with current and future generations.

We commend the independent effort by community members to fundraise for the statue and involve the local community. At our recent community meeting, attendees appeared unanimously in support of the project, prompting FNA to endorse this effort. We believe that a new statue of Chief Tamanend will serve as a symbol of unity, mutual respect, and understanding among different cultures, and will contribute to the enrichment of our community and the city as a whole.

For this reason, we urge the Philadelphia Art Commission to approve the placement of the new statue of Chief Tamanend in Penn Treaty Park.

Sincerely,

Jon Geeting  
President, Fishtown Neighbors Association



## CITY OF PHILADELPHIA Parks & Recreation

**Kathryn Ott Lovell**  
Commissioner

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30 March 2023

Marguerite Anglin, RA, NOMA | Public Art Director  
Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy  
City of Philadelphia

Dear Marguerite,

I am writing in regards to the Tamanend at Penn Treaty Historic Park Committee's desire to add a statue of Chief Tamanend to the park. The Office of Arts, Culture and the Creative Economy (OACCE) has a well-documented process for installation of public art that Philadelphia Parks & Recreation is supportive of. The Tamanend at Penn Treaty Historic Park Committee have Philadelphia Parks and Recreation's support for their efforts to move the project forward in the process.

As previously discussed, the Tamanend at Penn Treaty Historic Park Committee will be responsible for all fundraising and community engagement to secure support from the larger community. To support this effort, PPR's skill trades team can support the project by installing one (1) light fixture for the statue and install the electrical wiring needed to power the light. However, Parks and Recreation is not able to do any site clearing, excavation or installation of a concrete footing for the statue due to funding and staff capacity.

We look forward to supporting the Tamanend at Penn Treaty Historic Park Committee and OACCE on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Aparna Palantino'.

**Aparna Palantino**  
Deputy Commissioner, Capital Infrastructure and Natural Lands Management  
Philadelphia Parks & Recreation

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August 25, 2020

RE: Statue of Chief Tamanend for Penn Treaty Park

To Whom It May Concern:

Penn Treaty Park is an historical landmark and a monument of Chief Tamanend would make this park honorable to the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation.

The statue which is beautiful and has been Barbara Morehead's (founder and Vice-President of Penn Treaty Park) dream to place this in our beautiful park. She has worked diligently on this project and I known her for years and all she ever talked about was this statue.

I have worked with Barbara Morehead on projects for the park as a Legislative Assistant for three State Representatives, which this park falls in their district. I fully support this project and cannot wait to have the ribbon cutting and a celebration well overdue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa Alicea".

Theresa Alicea

Legislative Assistant

# CESCAPHE

August 18, 2022

Attn: Barbara Morehead and The Art Commission  
1515 Arch Street  
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**RE: Erecting a statue of Tamanend , the chief of the Lenni- Lenape people at Penn Treaty Park**

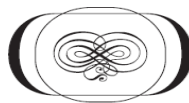
To whom it may concern,

I would like to extend my support to Barbara Morehead who has been tirelessly working to make sure that a statue of Tamanend, the chief of the Lenni- Lanape tribe is placed at Penn Treaty Park. The placement of the statue will honor the contribution of Native American Indians who entered into a peace treaty agreement with Benjamin Franklin at this site.

If you should have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at my office number at 215-238-5750.

Thank you,

 Type text here  
Joseph Volpe



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Christy Maisonave, Assoc

August 23, 2019

Mrs. Barbara Moorhead  
Friends of Penn Treaty Park  
2171 E Letterly St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Dear Mrs. Moorhead:

Thank you for sharing the drawings and pictures of the 3D scale model for the proposed Tamanend statue to be placed in Penn Treaty Park. Our tribal government had previously indicated its support for such a long overdue representation of Chief Tamanend at the park. The Tribal Council has now also approved the design provided and continues to support the efforts of the Friends of Penn Treaty Park in this endeavor.

In Friendship,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark M. Gould".

Chief Mark M. Gould  
Tribal Chairman



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December 6, 2010

Ms. Barbara Morehead  
2171 E. Letterly Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19125

Dear Ms. Morehead:

This is a letter of support for your initiative to ensure that a statue representing Chief Tammanend be placed in Penn Treaty Park. Our tribe, which is indigenous to the Delaware Valley, has supported the commemoration of the great Shackamaxon Treaty between the Lenape and William Penn. So often the role that our chiefs played in that treaty is seen as secondary to the actions of the colonial settlers. A statue of Tammanend, who served as the spokesperson for the Lenape tribal leaders gathered to ratify the Treaty of Friendship in our own ceremonial way would be a fitting reminder of our continuing tribal legacy.

We wish you well in your effort and look forward to hearing that the Tammanend statue stands in place of honor at Penn Treaty Park.

In the Spirit of Continuing Friendship  
and on Behalf of the Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape Tribal Nation,

  
Chief Mark Gould  
Tribal Chairman

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# A.J. Thomson

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August 3, 2020

## **RE: Statue of Chief Tamanend for Penn Treaty Park**

To Whom it May Concern:

Penn Treaty Park has stood as a testament to the peaceful beginnings of our state. For too long, the contributions of the Native Americans, specifically the Lenni Lenape people. I believe that the city should immediately construct a statute to honor Chief Tamanend, who is the greater part of the Treaty for which our park is named.

For over ten years, I have served on the board of the Friends of Penn Treaty Park and have always worked to include programming and events that emphasize the Lenni Lenape people. Last year, we held our first Indigenous People Day at the park and hope to have many more. Barb Morehead has been working toward the goal of honoring Chief Tamanend for many years and has diligently built a foundation of support for this project. I fully support her efforts and the long-due monument to Chief Tamanend and his people.

Very truly yours,

A.J. Thomson

My name is Nancy Martino. I, like Barbara Morehead, am a Founding Board Member and former Vice President of Friends of Penn Treaty Park.

When we started the Friends group, beautiful, historic Penn Treaty Park had been neglected for years and was in terrible condition. No one other than homeless people and drug addicts ever went there. By the time I left the board six years later, the park had become a clean, safe, and well-kept oasis for local Fishtowners and others to enjoy.

The park means a lot to me, because in a way it's where Pennsylvania and democracy in the U.S. began. Today this sacred, seven-acre open space with clean picnic areas, new playground equipment, and seasonal community events keep William Penn's vision of a "Green Country Towne" where his "Holy Experiment" embodying the Quaker ideals of equality, religious freedom, and open democratic processes alive. The memorable "Great Treaty" that he made with Tamanend and chiefs of other Lenni Lenape tribes was, according to Voltaire, the only one "not ratified by an oath, and that was never infringed". It would be fitting for a statue of Chief Tamanend to join the statue of William Penn that graces the park's entrance to honor the words and promise they shared:

"We meet on the broad pathway of good faith and good-will; no advantage shall be taken on either side, but all shall be openness and love. We are the same as if one man's body was to be divided into two parts; we are of one flesh and one blood."

The reply of Tamanend, is equally noble:

"We will live in love with William Penn and his children as long as the creeks and rivers run, and while the sun, moon, and stars endure."

Nancy Martino

Hello,

My name is Joseph Napoleon and I am a member of the Friends of Penn Treaty Park and acting secretary of the group. I want to express my support for the Chief Tamanend statue that would be erected in Penn Treaty Park. I feel that this honor is long overdue and would pay true homage to the Spirit of cooperation that both Penn and Tamenand agreed to.

The park is a jewel in the middle of a very busy section of the city and is important to the connection to our history that can get lost in this ultra modern and digital society that we are a part of.

Thanks for your time,

Joseph Napoleon

To whom it may concern

My name is Carol Davis. This letter is to strongly urge whoever is responsible to approve a statue of Chief Tamenend to be erected in Penn Treaty Park. Barbara Morehead and I have been working to this end for a few years now. I believe that the other half of the person involved in the "Treaty never written and never broken" has long been overlooked and it is time to remedy this situation.

Yours truly

Carol Davis

4/26/2020

In 1682 William Penn and Chief Tamanend met at what is now Penn Treaty Park and agreed to enter their people into a peace treaty, the treaty was agreed upon and settled with a handshake.

As you enter Penn Treaty Park, you will see a statue of William Penn, representing only half of the leaders that agreed to the treaty.

This petition is to support the installation and proposed site of a statue of Chief Tamanend, to represent the other half of the peace treaty and the native people of the area.

Barbara Morehead

~~Found. Vice President~~

~~Friends of Penn Treaty Park~~

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~~Barbara Morehead~~  
~~Friend of Penn Treaty Park~~

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