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**From:** Mary Moore Wallinger [mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 5:08 PM  
**To:** Christopher R. Wallin  
**Cc:** Paul Lafond; Curtis Eatman  
**Subject:** Liberty Plaza  
**Attachments:** 18-035 Schenectady 2018-10-04.pdf

Hi Chris,

Attached is an invoice for work done to date on the contract for redesigning the plaza in front of the Police Station. Please let me know if you have any questions or need anything else.

Best regards,

**Mary Moore Wallinger, RLA, ASLA**  
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# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
10-4-2018	18-035

**Bill To**

City of Schenectady  
 Gary R. McCarthy

Project

Liberty Plaza

Item	Description	Est Amt	Prior Amt	Prior %	Curr %	Total %	Amount
Landscape ...	Task 1: Two Concept Designs	960.00			100.00%	100.00%	960.00
Landscape ...	Task 2: Cost Estimate	360.00			0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Landscape ...	Task 3: Construction Details for Statue of Liberty Replica	600.00			0.00%	0.00%	0.00
Landscape ...	Task 4: Meetings	360.00			50.00%	50.00%	180.00
Landscape ...	Task 5: Construction Support for Statue Relocation	180.00			0.00%	0.00%	0.00

<b>Total</b>	\$1,140.00
<b>Payments/Credits</b>	\$0.00
<b>Balance Due</b>	\$1,140.00

<b>Job Total Balance</b>	<b>\$1,140.00</b>
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## Maryanne McCutcheon

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**From:** Mary Moore Wallinger [mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 3:20 PM  
**To:** Carl G. Falotico  
**Cc:** Gary McCarthy; Kristin Diotte  
**Subject:** Re: [HistoricStockade] introduction to Gateway Plaza and plea for Lady Liberty

Thanks Carl,

It can just stay as my business email. [REDACTED]

Enjoy your afternoon and tell Jackie hi for me!

Best regards,

**Mary Moore Wallinger, RLA, ASLA**  
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On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 11:10 AM, Carl G. Falotico <[CFalotico@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:CFalotico@schenectadyny.gov)> wrote:

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Carl

**From:** Mary Moore Wallinger <[mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com](mailto:mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2018 10:01 AM  
**To:** Carl G. Falotico <[CFalotico@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:CFalotico@schenectadyny.gov)>  
**Cc:** Gary McCarthy <[GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov)>; Kristin Diotte <[KDiotte@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:KDiotte@schenectadyny.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [HistoricStockade] introduction to Gateway Plaza and plea for Lady Liberty

Hi Carl,

Thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **David Giacalone** [dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com) [HistoricStockade] <[HistoricStockade-noreply@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HistoricStockade-noreply@yahoogroups.com)>

Date: Tue, Mar 6, 2018 at 8:31 PM

Subject: [HistoricStockade] introduction to Gateway Plaza and plea for Lady Liberty

To: Historic Stockade <[HistoricStockade@yahoogroups.com](mailto:HistoricStockade@yahoogroups.com)>

hi, Neighbors,

Curiosity about the new, now open-to-the-public Gateway Plaza (*f/k/a* Liberty Park), brought me over to Washington Ave. and State Street with my camera on February 26, a bluesky day, and on March 3, when it was snow-covered under gray clouds. Below is a collage from the sunny day. At *suns along the Mohawk*, you can find the post "[first look at Gateway Plaza](#)", which has about 30 photos, along with a brief summary of the goals of the Gateway Plaza ["GP"] Project, as stated in the 119-page *Final Report: City of Schenectady Gateway Plaza Implementation Plan* (November 2012), which was adopted by our City Council in July 2013. The posting is *not* a review of the Plaza's design, but a pre-Spring visual look.

However, earlier today, I finished another posting, at [SnowMenAtTheGates.com](http://SnowMenAtTheGates.com), titled *Bring Lady Liberty Home*. That posting is (for me) a piece of urgent advocacy, sketched out in a collage below. Despite the clear, popular promise, and expectation in the *GP Implementation Plan*, City Hall has decided not to return the replica of the Statue of Liberty to its home at Gateway Plaza. As explained in the posting, the only reason being given by the main designer and overseer of the GP Project, Mary Moore Wallinger, is that "the Statue of Liberty is actually quite small and would look very out of scale in that location." Of course, our Lady Liberty, which was donated by a Boys Scout troop in 1950, has not shrunken since Ms. Wallinger put her in renderings and concept sketches of the proposed Plaza, even despite almost two years in storage.

In fact, Lady Liberty, at 100 inches tall, is almost three feet taller than our Lawrence the Indian's 67" height. Lawrence may be short, but he has no problem commanding his open space. [proven in the collage, face to face with a Stockade stalwart] With a weak excuse, and without even a suspicious engineering report, the Mayor and the Plaza designer (who is also Chair of the City Planning Commission), have reneged on a promise to preserve another piece of Schenectady's history, despite complete public support in its Workshops and

unanimous City Council approval of the Plan. It leaves me with the question, “Which ‘important persons’ want Lady Liberty to be somewhere else?”

If you agree with the *Bring Lady Liberty Home* campaign already, or check out the posting’s additional explanation and find it persuasive, please let

Mayor Gary McCarthy [email: [gmccarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:gmccarthy@schenectadyny.gov)], Mary Moore Wallinger at her LAndArt Studio [email: [mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com](mailto:mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com)], and perhaps the media, know that you want Lady Liberty back Home, as promised.

thank you for your time and consideration,

David

at Cucumber Alley







# “Lady Li

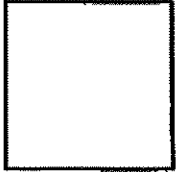


**Above & Far Right: Liberty replica  
in Liberty Park (Sep. 2016)**

***Liberty is not too small for the Plaza.***  
*Check the other photos in the album.*

Posted by: David Giacalone <[dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com)>

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**From:** Christopher R. Wallin  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 3:25 PM  
**To:** Gary McCarthy  
**Cc:** Ray Gillen; Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland; Anthony R. Ferrari  
**Subject:** RE: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

I'll work with Anthony on it.

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**From:** Gary McCarthy  
**Sent:** Friday, October 05, 2018 3:14 PM  
**To:** Christopher R. Wallin  
**Cc:** Ray Gillen; Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland; Anthony R. Ferrari  
**Subject:** Re: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

Award the bid and get the tower down.

Gary McCarthy's iPhone

On Oct 5, 2018, at 2:44 PM, Christopher R. Wallin <[CWallin@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:CWallin@schenectadyny.gov)> wrote:

We have received quotes for the removal of the existing steel tower at the corner of Erie Blvd and Union Street. The quotes were as follows:

- **Cristo Demolition - \$10,500**
- **Jackson Demolition - \$10,750**
- **Dan's Hauling & Demo - \$15,000**

Please let me know how you would like to proceed as there are permits which must be filed with Amtrak prior to the commencement of the project. Thanks.

Chris

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**From:** Christopher R. Wallin  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 1:23 PM  
**To:** Kristin Diotte; Gary McCarthy; Ray Gillen; Alex Sutherland  
**Subject:** RE: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

We have solicited for removal quotes, they are due back October 1.

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**From:** Kristin Diotte  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 12:06 PM  
**To:** Gary McCarthy; Ray Gillen; Alex Sutherland  
**Cc:** Christopher R. Wallin  
**Subject:** RE: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

Unfortunate situation. Apparently DSIC will be canceling vendors for this event due to the weather forecast Friday anyway.

I've copied Chris for any updates with tower removal for the proposed relocation of the statue. I know Engineering was going to be getting bids from contractors.

Thanks,  
Kristin

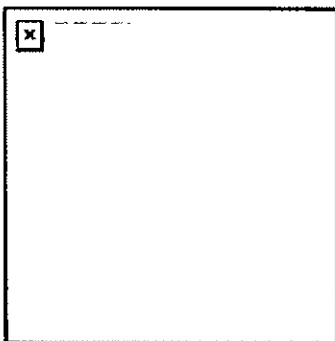
**Kristin Diotte**  
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**From:** Gary McCarthy  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 2:38 PM  
**To:** Ray Gillen; Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland  
**Subject:** Fwd: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

Gary McCarthy's iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Linda Sweet-Sharkey <[lsweet-sharkey@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:lsweet-sharkey@schenectadyny.gov)>  
**Date:** September 25, 2018 at 2:28:42 PM EDT  
**To:** Gary McCarthy <[GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov)>  
**Subject:** FW: Fwd: FW: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]



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*Executive Secretary*  
*Mayor Gary R. McCarthy*  
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**From:** Camille Sasinowski [<mailto:camilleinthegarden@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** Linda Sweet-Sharkey  
**Subject:** Fw: Fwd: FW: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

Hi Linda, Could you please pass this on to Gary. I think it's something for him to be aware of.

[REDACTED]

Best,~Camille

On Sunday, September 23, 2018 5:50 PM, Linda Crandall-kelleher <[lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com](mailto:lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com)> wrote:

Linda [lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com](mailto:lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com)

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Ann <[mruscitto17@verizon.net](mailto:mruscitto17@verizon.net)>  
To: [lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com](mailto:lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com) <[lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com](mailto:lindacrandallkelleher@aol.com)>  
Sent: Sun, Sep 23, 2018 08:52 AM  
Subject: FW: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

Good Morning:  
Can you pass this on to the veterans. I hope that we can get some of them to show up.  
Thanks,  
Mary Ann

From: [HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com](mailto:HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com)  
<[HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com](mailto:HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com)> On Behalf Of David Giacalone  
[dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com](mailto:dgiacalone@nycap.rr.com) [HistoricStockade]  
Sent: Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:35 PM  
To: [HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com](mailto:HistoricStockade@yahooogroups.com)  
Subject: [HistoricStockade] Rally for Lady Liberty on Sept. 28, 6 PM [1 Attachment]

[Attachment(s) from David Giacalone Included below]  
This Friday, September 28, 2018, Downtown Schenectady Improvement Corporation and Schenectady County are throwing a free public event called "**Groovin' @ Gateway**". 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Gateway/Liberty Plaza, 12 State Street.

RALLY: While celebrating Schenectady's newest public space, please join us in a friendly Rally asking for the Return of Lady Liberty to her Park.

The neighborly Rally will take place at **6 PM at the Central Sculpture Area** (near Washington Avenue and State Street, across from SCCC), where Lady Liberty stood from 1950 to 2017.

Come join lovers of Lady Liberty and Her Park to ask that the Plan to return Lady Liberty, approved by the public and City Hall in 2012-2013, be implemented: *Bring Back the Lady to Best Celebrate the Past, Present & Future of our City and County*, and to support preservation and the integrity of our planning process.

I am attaching a printable, jpg. flyer announcing and explaining the Rally. Please help to distribute it widely, including on Facebook pages. [Click here for my own FB posting on the Rally.](#)

A webpost with the flyer and information on the Rally and Groovin'@Gateway can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Rally4Lady>

Let me know if you would like to help with organizing or publicizing the Rally.

Thanks to all Lovers of Lady Liberty and her Park.  
David





Attachment(s) from David Giacalone | View attachments on the web  
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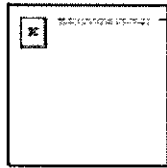


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## Maryanne McCutcheon

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**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 1:02 PM  
**To:** Gary McCarthy  
**Cc:** Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland  
**Subject:** Re: Lady Liberty and the Design Team

Thanks! I'll see you tonight.

### Mary Moore Wallinger, RLA, ASLA

Principal

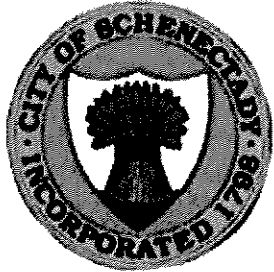
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On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 12:57 PM, Gary McCarthy <[GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov)> wrote:

she will need to sign up, under general city business .



*Gary R. McCarthy*

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**From:** Kristin Diotte  
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 12:31 PM  
**To:** Gary McCarthy  
**Cc:** Mary Moore Wallinger; Alex Sutherland  
**Subject:** FW: Lady Liberty and the Design Team

Hi Gary,

I spoke with Mary Moore and she'll plan to attend the Council meeting this eve


She's also wondering if she just signs up to speak upon arrival?

Thanks,

Kristin

**Kristin Diotte**

Director of Development

City of Schenectady

Department of Development

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**From:** Mary Moore Wallinger [<mailto:mmwallinger@landartstudiony.com>]


**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 10:57 AM

**To:** Gary McCarthy

**Cc:** Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland

**Subject:** Re: Lady Liberty and the Design Team

Hi Gary,



[Redacted]

1. The Route 5 Transit Gateway study called for the implementation of a new gateway park at the entrance of the City that would visually convey positive change. Gateway Plaza is designed to do just that.

2. [Redacted]

3. [Redacted]

4. [Redacted] The real Statue of Liberty is over 150 tall

[Redacted]

5. [Redacted]

The two centennial plaques donated by the City Council over a hundred years ago have been artfully integrated into the design.

6. [Redacted]

If you think it would help for me to say any or all of this or to come address City Council myself, please let me know. [Redacted]

Best regards,



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On Tue, Mar 13, 2018 at 2:26 AM, Gary McCarthy <[GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:GMcCarthy@schenectadyny.gov)> wrote:

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**Cc:** <[gmccarthy@schenectadyny.gov](mailto:gmccarthy@schenectadyny.gov)>  
**Subject:** Lady Liberty and the Design Team

Dear Council Members:

Thanks to each of you for letting me have a few minutes Monday night to ask that the Council help ensure Lady Liberty will come back home to Liberty/Gateway Plaza. If, as Mayor McCarthy said last night, there has not been a final decision yet, I hope you will consider these remarks, and decide to support staying loyal to the logical and popular first Plan. There is a full discussion at <http://tinyurl.com/BringLibertyHome>, which has links to documents and images, plus a collage of the now-open Gateway Plaza and one of Liberty Park in 2016).

*Mayor McCarthy stated tonight that it was "the design team" that urged him not to bring Lady Liberty back to Liberty Park and Gateway Plaza. The ironic thing about the Design Team excuse is that Mary Moore Wallinger, with her LAndArt Studio, has been the primary designer throughout this entire process, was author of the Implementation Plan, and is responsible for construction documents and administration. In 2012-2013, Mary never waived, but showed Lady Liberty back at Gateway Plaza after construction, in every alternative presented to the Steering Committee, Public Design Workshops, and City Council.*

When I wrote Mary on March 1st asking why the Liberty replica was not coming back to her home location, Mary wrote back just one reason: The statue is "quite small" and would look out of scale without trees and berms around it. The rendering of Lady Liberty at the completed Plaza that is attached below belies that argument. As do the numbers: Lady Liberty is 100 inches tall (plus a 7' base). The Stockade's Lawrence the Indian is 67 inches tall and easily commands his space on his 7' pedestal. Also, the comparable sculpture shown in a the Gateway Plaza rendering, Venus de Milo, is only 80" tall.

On March 7, in responding to another Stockade resident, Wallinger added that the Plaza "is intended to have a more contemporary feel that celebrates the future of our great city". However, the Plaza Implementation Plan Wallinger wrote states it is meant to "celebrate the City's past, present and future." Our Statue of Liberty does that in style and spirit. In fact, Lady Liberty would be the only vertical, and above-ground element in the Park that refers to Schenectady's History.

Too small and old-fashioned? Mary never raised either issue while she was designing Gateway Plaza and promoting its Plan. Did she actually oppose having the Liberty replica back in her home Park from the start, but never raised the issue because of the likely uproar? Was this just a bait-n-switch?

Lady Liberty may physically be a small part of Gateway Park, but historically and symbolically she is a giant. Can you really say you've heard a justification for ignoring public support the design process in 2012 and the Council vote in 2013? Does passing a resolution and making a Plan an "official document of the City of Schenectady" mean that little?

That space designated for Lady Liberty at Gateway Plaza is still available for her (see the second image below). It can be filled without spending more money design the space in Steinmetz Park for Liberty. This is not pitting one neighborhood against another. Having Liberty back home will not and should not stop a Veterans' Memorial in Steinmetz Park.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have questions. Phone 518-377-9540.

David

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 11:53 AM  
**To:** Gary McCarthy  
**Cc:** Kristin Diotte; Alex Sutherland  
**Subject:** [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Gateway Plaza Implementation Plan that was voted on by City Council was a plan for the redesign of the park. [REDACTED]

Best regards,

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**Subject:** Lady Liberty and the Design Team

Dear Council Members:

Thanks to each of you for letting me have a few minutes Monday night to ask that the Council help ensure Lady Liberty will come back home to Liberty/Gateway Plaza. If, as Mayor McCarthy said last night, there has not been a final decision yet, I hope you will consider these remarks, and decide to support staying loyal to the logical and popular first Plan. There is a full discussion at <http://tinyurl.com/BringLibertyHome>, which has links to documents and images, plus a collage of the now-open Gateway Plaza and one of Liberty Park in 2016).

*Mayor McCarthy stated tonight that it was "the design team" that urged him not to bring Lady Liberty back to Liberty Park and Gateway Plaza. The ironic thing about the Design Team excuse is that Mary Moore Wallinger, with her LANDART Studio, has been the primary designer throughout this entire process, was author of the Implementation Plan, and is responsible for construction documents and administration. In 2012-2013, Mary never waived, but showed Lady Liberty back at Gateway Plaza after construction, in every alternative presented to the Steering Committee, Public Design Workshops, and City Council.*

When I wrote Mary on March 1st asking why the Liberty replica was not coming back to her home location, Mary wrote back just one reason: The statue is "quite small" and would look out of scale without trees and berms around it. The rendering of Lady Liberty at the completed Plaza that is attached below belies that argument. As do the numbers: Lady Liberty is 100 inches tall (plus a 7' base). The Stockade's Lawrence the Indian is 67 inches tall and easily commands his space on his 7' pedestal. Also, the comparable sculpture shown in a the Gateway Plaza rendering, Venus de Milo, is only 80" tall.

On March 7, in responding to another Stockade resident, Wallinger added that the Plaza "is intended to have a more contemporary feel that celebrates the future of our great city". However, the Plaza Implementation Plan Wallinger wrote states it is meant to "celebrate the City's past, present and future." Our Statue of Liberty does that in style and spirit. In fact, Lady Liberty would be the only vertical, and above-ground element in the Park that refers to Schenectady's History.

**Too small and old-fashioned? Mary never raised either issue while she was designing Gateway Plaza and promoting its Plan. Did she actually oppose having the Liberty replica back in her home Park from the start, but never raised the issue because of the likely uproar? Was this just a bait-n-switch?**

**Lady Liberty may physically be a small part of Gateway Park, but historically and symbolically she is a giant. Can you really say you've heard a justification for ignoring public support the design process in 2012 and the Council vote in 2013? Does passing a resolution and making a Plan an "official document of the City of Schenectady" mean that little?**

**That space designated for Lady Liberty at Gateway Plaza is still available for her (see the second image below). It can be filled without spending more money design the space in Steinmetz Park for Liberty. This is not pitting one neighborhood against another. Having Liberty back home will not and should not stop a Veterans' Memorial in Steinmetz Park.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration. Please let me know if you have questions. Phone [518-377-9540](tel:518-377-9540).**

**David**

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