

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This is the first of a series of bulletins I will be sending to the members of the West Alabama Labor Council while I am president. I have listed a couple of events on the back side of this bulletin. If you have an event or function that you would like to have included on one of the bulletins, please send in information describing the event.

First; I would like to ask each local to update their contact information, meeting times and locations. Please send that information to the address listed on the right. I would like to have the opportunity to attend some union meetings of the locals within the west Alabama area.

Second; I'm not sure how many locals are aware of the fact the West Alabama Labor Council managed to get a section of I-beam from the rubble of the World Trade Center disaster back in the spring of 2002. The section we have is one-half of a larger section that was shared with a central labor council in Georgia. At that time the council tried very hard to get the Mayor of Tuscaloosa and the Tuscaloosa City Council to agree to use the section of I-beam in a memorial to commemorate Workers Memorial Day. Well, it didn't happen and we put the I-beam in storage.

On September 11, 2006, I received a call from the City of Tuscaloosa after a Birmingham TV station had contacted them, inquiring about the I-beam. We put together a committee to explore the possibility of using the section of I-beam somewhere on the Riverwalk Project in Tuscaloosa. The committee has worked with the Art Department of the University of Alabama and the Tuscaloosa City Council and the council passed a resolution stating:

“That the proposed site for the Workers Memorial located along the route of Riverwalk Phase IA is tentatively approved pending approval of the final design of the memorial, terms and conditions, and a documented plan to fund the construction of the memorial.”



After six (6) months of planning, the committee and the Art Department of the University of Alabama have developed a design we think will meet the approval of the Tuscaloosa City Council.

It is time we put together our funding plan and certainly need all the help we can get. Comments and suggestions are welcome.



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**CALENDAR
of
Events**

- **Alabama AFL-CIO Legislative Conference**
April 3—5, 2007
Lexington Hotel
Montgomery, Alabama
Contact: 334-834-1061

- **2007 Southern School for Union Women**
April 25—29, 2007
Cocoa Beach, Florida
Contact: <http://www.fiu.edu/~clrs>

- **Workers Memorial Observance**
April 28, 2007
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
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