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Park board gives nod to concept of a memorial to 1981 Hyatt skywalk victims

The Kansas City park board on Tuesday approved the concept of placing a memorial to the victims, survivors and rescuers of the 1981 skywalk collapse in Hospital Hill Park.

Now organizers say they can concentrate on raising funds for the memorial plaza, which is to include kinetic sculptures and would be visible from Gillham Road at 22nd Street.

"It's been almost 28 years," said John Sullivan, whose mother, Kathryn Anne Sullivan, died in the July 17 collapse. "It's the right thing to do."

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