



City of Waukesha

City Hall,
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Parade Memorial Commission

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

1. Roll Call

Present: 10 - Couri, Moltzan, Wehmeier- Aparicio, Lochen, Rosentreter, Taylor, Feller, Sparks, Haakenson and Halvensleben

Absent: 2 - Kulich and Johnson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment

Tami Evanoff, Owner of Burlap and Lace Marketplace in Downtown and Downtown Resident- The tragedy has brought a new respect for Downtown Waukesha. A sound barrier could be installed for more protection at Grede Park. An open air shelter along the river would be nice. Thinks Grede Park would be an amazing location for a parade memorial.

Midge McDermott - The Spring City Garden club has put money aside for trees, bench or flowers for the memorial when the time comes. Her son-in-law is a landscape architect and his specialty is memorials. She submitted design samples of his work to the Commission. He would like to be considered for this project or given information to submit for the bid for the project.

Neal Stolsmark, Karate Studio Owner in Downtown- Was a witness to the tragedy and opened his studio for those responding the night of the tragedy. He would be willing to help if there is anything he or his business can do.

4. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ald. Moltzan, seconded by Lochen, to approve the minutes from March 31, 2022.

Aye: 11 - Couri, Moltzan, Wehmeier- Aparicio, Lochen, Rosentreter, Taylor, Feller, Sparks, Haakenson, Taylor and Halvensleben

Absent: 2 - Kulich and Johnson

[ID#22-3930](#) Minutes from March 31, 2022

Attachments: [Meeting Minutes- March 31, 2022](#)

5. Business Items

[ID#22-3931](#) Review of public comments gathered from the City and Commission members

City staff presented the Commission members with the comments that were received on memorial designs from the public. The comments were received from across the City's social media platforms and through the City's email newsletter and website.

All commission members were asked to submit any comments they had received from the public.

All comments will be compiled and included as an attachment for the RFP for memorial designs.

[ID#22-3932](#) Updates on Grede Park and Downtown location option

City staff reviewed the Grede Park location so that all committee members are familiar with the area. It was discussed that flooding is not likely in Grede Park, however, Bethesda Park across the river does flood. City staff also discussed that there is the possibility for a new development on the corner near the entrance to Grede Park. A presentation will be made at the next Park Board meeting to make them aware of the desire to place the memorial in Grede Park.

Potential Main Street memorial locations were also discussed. It was decided to leave the site option and type of memorial open to the artists that submit for the RFP.

[ID#22-3934](#) Discussion on design elements to be included in a design proposal and possible creation of a subcommittee to establish design elements and scope.

A draft RFP is being worked on by City staff. An overview of items to be included in the RFP was presented. The City Attorney discussed the legal guidelines for religious items on City property.

It was decided by the Commission to create a sub-committee to discuss and recommend goals, objectives and elements to be included in an RFP for Parade Memorial designs.

The sub-committee includes: Wehmeier-Aparicio, Taylor, Feller, Rosentreter, and Kulich.

[ID#22-3935](#) Discussion on fundraising for the Permanent Memorial

It was discussed that through the Waukesha County Community Foundation there is a webpage in place to receive donations.

Couri, Chair of the Committee, has an individual that wants to donate \$25,000 and possibly match donations. More information will be gathered.

At a future meeting the Commission will discuss further fundraising ideas such as handing out items at the 4th of July parade, yard signs, and other options.

6. Discussion on agenda for next meeting and next meeting date

7. Adjournment

A motion was made by Taylor, seconded by Rosentreter to adjourn the meeting.

Aye: 11 - Couri, Moltzan, Wehmeier- Aparicio, Lochen, Rosentreter, Taylor, Feller, Sparks, Haakenson, Taylor and Halvensleben

Absent: 2 - Kulich and Johnson

"A majority of the Council members may be in attendance"

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