

*Design Advisory Committee
University Park Veterans Memorial
Meeting Minutes*

April 12, 2014

2:00 PM

MEETING CHAIR:

Steve Cook, cstevecook@gmail.com, 540-326-6880

MEETING ATTENDEES:

Len Carey, Anna Mae Kobbe, Chris Garcia, Luke Wedge, Tiegh Thompson, Fred Werth and some adjoining neighbors (about 24 residents)

MEETING LOCATION:

Future Memorial Site

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

Review history of the committee, the design process and explain the current concepts F and G:

- Timeline of committee milestones
- Metrics and program elements that were developed during the design charette.
- Explain the scope of the project, community and environmental benefits.

Community Input:

- Mr. and Mrs. Wooten voiced their concerns that traffic would present a problem. Several committee members and Mayor Tabori voiced that the past use of the site to recognize our veterans has not generated more than a half dozen parked cars.
- Julie Enszer and Kim Sherrill voiced their concerns that the added amenity would attract and provide seating for their home to be staked out for robbery, an unjust increase in taxes and the site would create a potential staging area for war protestors. However, they are not opposed to plant material only. Mayor Tabori and Steve Cook stated that based on safety studies commissioned by the town as well as historical data about the development of open space for public use, these improvements would improve safety, security and stewardship and in fact, reduce the risk of crime.
- Kristin Morris stated she is excited when she saw the design and welcomes the proposed improvements to the property.

- At least three other attendees voiced positive statements about the plans for the park and approve the current concept.
- Several residents voiced that they did not like the site chosen and feel there are better suited locations. Len Carey addressed the comments by retelling the site selection process, the merits of the property and why other site contenders were eliminated during the process.
- Roy Alvarez stated that residents may reach out to their council members to voice their concerns over the location prior to the council review of the proposed design by the committee.

Next Steps:

- committee to meet on April 19th or 20th to plan for recommendation to the town council on 4/28

III. BOARD ADJOURNMENT