

*Design Advisory Committee
University Park Veterans Memorial
Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2014*

MEETING CHAIR:

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MEETING ATTENDEES:

Len Carey, Colin Ferguson, Anna Mae Kobbe, Chris Garcia, Tiegh Thompson, Mary Baugher, Fred Werth & Julie Enszer

MEETING LOCATION:

Town Hall

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. AGENDA ITEMS:

Review and interpret town meeting on 3/13:

- The majority of the comments were opposition to the site selected
- Concerns about costs. Too expensive
- Some felt the concept is over designed
- One gentleman felt that a memorial is not needed

The committee members each spoke about how the design should be modified based on the community comments:

- Colin Ferguson-The site is an education opportunity and can be used for more than celebrating on days of observance. The cost for this project does not seem out of line for a community of our size.
- Fred Werth-The site needs to be beautiful, lighting is an important feature and that maybe we could remove the bridge.
- Anna Mae Kobbe- We should keep the design as presented and maybe the bridge could go. It is very important to honor those that served even though some may not feel the need to be recognized.
- Chris Garcia-There is really no need for the bridge, but we should keep the rest of the design intact. We should view the site as an educational opportunity as Colin mentioned. The seating element is very important and should also be preserved. We should not be swayed by opinions for comments about the site location and should move forward with the current site.

- Mary Baugher- The reason for the site selection was not clear (Len Carey spent some time explaining the history of the site selection process). We should also consider repackaging how the memorial is presented with funding alternatives and during a social event such as a wine and cheese party. This memorial is to be enjoyed by the whole town, not just those privileged to live adjacent to it.
- Tiegh Thompson-This project has two purposes, to be a memorial grove and be a beautiful spot to reflect. Some possible design changes could be benches instead of seat walls. Minor tweaks are okay. Relocating the site should not be a discarded idea.
- Len Carey-The committee is free to recommend another site, but the majority of the council members would not support a change. The site is considered central, an unrepresented part of town for site amenities and is a safe spot due to visibility. The bridge is a problematic feature because of the alphabet soup of agencies that may have to be involved.
- Steve Cook-Agrees with the committee that the bridge should be eliminated, that the rain garden should stay and that stone fines could be used instead of porous pavement for the walkway. We should do the best we can to engage as many residents as possible, we should push the deadline for council review and remember the project has a life until the fall of 2015 per the resolution.
- Julie Enszer-Feels the bridge is an encroachment on their property and rejects the current plan, but would support improvements that were planting only. Legal action may be taken for any improvements that are more than plant material only.

Next Steps:

- Send notification to adjacent owners to coordinate an on site forum sometime in April or May. Include Steve's email address so that a doodle poll can be set up.

III. BOARD ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled the afternoon of April 12th, on site with the adjacent neighbors and Council Member Roy Alvarez.