



VETERANS & FIRST RESPONDERS TASK FORCE
Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 11:00AM, Longview Farm House
MINUTES

Members: Alderman Sue Allen (Chairman), Michelle Francisco, Meg Johnson, Skip Mange, George Roman, Larry Toomey

Others Present: Catie Ward

1. Call to Order

Alderman Allen called the meeting to order at 11:08AM and the roll as noted above was taken.

2. Identify Project Objectives

Alderman Allen briefly explained why the Task Force was formed. The idea is to recognize members of the military and first responders who have served and who are currently serving.

Members discussed to focus on

- What – monument or art, size, image
- Where – Town Square, Firehouse, Longview
- How – lead donor, multiple donations
- When – to be determined

More discussion will take place at upcoming meetings.

3. Discuss Timeline

Alderman Allen would like significant progress by November 11.

Skip recommends for members to look at examples and to drive around the City to view more potential locations before the next meeting.

More discussion about the timeline will take place at the next meeting.

4. Brainstorm Ideas

Members would like verbiage to honor all first responders and military personnel. Michelle shared an example and members liked her statement.

Members discussed how each location would determine if the site would be more organic or more formal. Members would like the site to be a place that is visible and welcoming.

Alderman Allen and George recommend using the landscape to enhance the site.

If the decision is in favor to use a monument company, Michelle recommends sending the ideas to the company and ask for their creative input. If the decision is in favor to use an artist, Michelle recommends opening to all artists to submit examples and plans.

Discussion was held regarding lighting and maintenance of the site. Members agreed this may be something to ask the input of the Conservation Commission, Parks and Trails Commission, and Parks & Recreation Maintenance Technicians.

Members would like the input of military personnel and first responders.

5. Next Meeting Date

Monday, August 16 at 5:30PM inside Longview Farm House

6. Adjourn – 12:29PM