

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

***401 Davis Avenue
City Hall, Council Chambers
September 12, 2023
10:30 a.m.***

Present were Committee Members: N. Bross-Fregonara, D. Parker, and C. Kerns.

Also present were: Jerry Marco (mayor), Mike Kesecker (operations manager), Gerry Roberts (city attorney), Tracy Judy (treasurer), Steve Himes (fire chief), Travis Bennett (police chief), and Sutton Stokes (city clerk).

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Marco provided an update concerning community efforts to add new statues and other features to the All-Veterans Memorial area. This property is leased by the city from DOH for \$1/year. The lease is currently expired, and no updated lease has yet been received from DOH. There have been three main meetings, all attended by the mayor, a Department of Highways representative, representatives of area veterans' groups, representatives of the Emma Scott Garden Club, and other interested parties.

Changes to the memorial proposed by various groups include:

- Addition of a "Rosie the Riveter" memorial (Emma Scott Garden Club)
- Addition of a "Gold Star Families" memorial (Rotary Club, others)
- Expansion of grounds/facilities (parking, walkways, amphitheater, additional landscaping)

Tentative public and private funding sources discussed for above include:

- Randolph County Commission donated \$35,000 to Emma Scott Garden Club for Rosie statue
- Mayor states \$106,000 may be available from the Woody Williams Foundation

There is a possibility of hiring GAI Consultants to prepare a "streetscape"-style development plan for the park for approximately \$16,000.

Subsequent discussion included questions about who governs this property and their accountability to the public; and how much maintenance is involved and who is responsible for it.

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved at the meeting of _____, 2023.

Name & Title

Signature