

CITY OF DUBLIN
555 PERIMETER DRIVE
DUBLIN, OHIO

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 21, 2024, 3:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Ansel
Steven Dickman
Bonnie Gamary
Mike Kehoe
Mack Parkhill
John Reiner
Jan Rozanski

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Sean Clifton
Tim Hansley
Jeff Noble

STAFF PRESENT:

Kendel Blake	Assistant to the City Manager
Lori Gischel	Events Administrator
Tyson Vollrath	Parks Crew Supervisor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, and the Committee Members having been given adequate and proper notice of the meeting, Vice Chair Bonnie Gamary called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., following the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

2. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

On a motion duly made, it was resolved to approve the minutes from the Veteran's Committee Meeting held on January 18, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Board discussed the events of the Joint Advisory Committee meeting on February 15, 2024. The meeting discussed the Envision Dublin Community Plan. Steering Committee Member Jan Rozanski gave an update on the Steering Committee's recent efforts. Committee members had received a transportation briefing. Smaller groups discussed potential plans for bicycle and multi-use paths. There was some discussion of an express bus system called Bus Rapid Transit. There is a possibility that an Amtrak station would be built on the west side of town, as the City of Dublin has purchased a plot of land for that purpose. There was also discussion regarding the road system once the Amtrak station is built, as commuters from the surrounding area would drive into Dublin rather than to downtown Columbus. The existing rail would need significant upgrades

before it would be functional, but it was noted that upgrading the track would be more efficient than creating new rail corridors. There would be several more meetings before a first draft is released to the public.

4. **GROUNDS OF REMEMBRANCE MAINTENANCE**

Committee Member Mike Kehoe spoke to the Committee regarding Grounds of Remembrance Maintenance. Mike discussed his concerns for the long-term viability of the facility, noting deficiencies and structural issues throughout the grounds. These deficiencies included deteriorating brick, rain damage, and issues with walkways. He proposed some solutions to masonry issues. Parks Crew Supervisor, Tyson Vollrath, spoke to the Committee about how the City is replacing the bricks and adding them to a five-year replacement cycle.

5. **VETERANS APPRECIATION CARD**

Kendel Blake provided an update on the Veterans Appreciation Card and noted that external outreach to local businesses is best suited to a task force, not for an advisory committee. She noted that she had been in contact with the Visit Dublin and the Dublin Chamber of Commerce. She advised that in May, everyone who signed up for the program will be entered into the Memorial Tournament drawing, which will take place at the next Committee meeting. Notably, fifty-five veterans have signed up for the program.

6. **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

The Committee expressed satisfaction with the St. Patrick's Day parade. They discussed their preference for a continued military presence at the parade.

7. **MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY**

The Committee discussed plans for Memorial Day. The procession will begin at 11:00 a.m. on May 27, 2024, on Bridge Street. The ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Cemetery. The guest speaker will be Amber Hudson-Clark. A gold-star family will be honored. The annual community picnic will take place at Monterey Park.

8. **MILITARY ROUNDTABLE**

The next military roundtables will take place on March 25, 2024, and April 22, 2024.

9. **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Staff provided written updates regarding veterans-related legislation at the state and federal levels.

10. **LOCAL MILITARY APPRECIATION EVENTS**

Vice Chair Bonnie Gamary noted that April is Month of the Military Child, and the Committee discussed the importance of supporting military-connected students and families. Several events were planned throughout the month, including a breakfast, baseball game, and an ice cream social. The Committee noted that outreach to these families is a year-round initiative.

11. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for May 16, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Emerald Campus. It was noted that the time and location of the meeting were changed in order to accommodate the Military Commitment Ceremony taking place at 4:00 p.m.

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

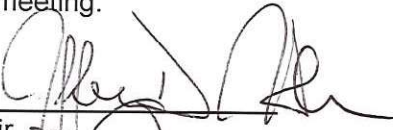
The former Hero Hut: The City is in the process of obtaining sponsorship for formerly known Hero Hut. The City has reached out to the following businesses to sponsor: Intel, Mt. Carmel, and Kokosing. The Dublin Irish Festival Committee has recently chosen a new name for the tent with the help of Dublin students.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion duly made and carried unanimously, it was agreed that there was no further business of the Commission to transact; the meeting was closed at 4:34 p.m.

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Chair

 5/16/24

Staff Liaison