



MEETING MINUTES

DUBLIN VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 15, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Michael Kehoe, Chair, called the Dublin Veterans Advisory Committee (DVAC) meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber, 5555 Perimeter Drive.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Kehoe led the committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Kehoe, Mr. Clifton, Mr. Elliott, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Noble, Mr. Owens, Ms. Ratliff, Mr. Ansel, Mr. Rozanski

Staff Present: Mara Hunter, City Management Analyst

Guests Present: Buck Bramlish, Ex. Director, Franklin County Veterans Service Commission; Angela Douglas, Clinical Research Coordinator, OSU Center for Psychedelic Drug Research and Education

AMEND AGENDA

Vice Chair (V. Chair) Clifton moved, Chair Kehoe seconded to amend the agenda to add a special guest speaker under Presentations.

Vote: Mr. Elliott, yes; Mr. Owens, yes; Ms. Ratliff, yes; Mr. Greenfield, yes; Mr. Noble, yes; Mr. Ansel, yes; V. Chair Clifton, yes; Chair Kehoe, yes; Mr. Rozanski, yes.

[Motion carried 9-0.]

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Noble moved, Mr. Ansel seconded approval of the November 20, 2025 DVAC meeting minutes.

Vote: Mr. Owens, yes; Ms. Ratliff, yes; Mr. Greenfield, yes; Mr. Noble, yes; Mr. Elliott, yes; Mr. Ansel, yes; V. Chair Clifton, yes; Chair Kehoe, yes; Mr. Rozanski, abstained.

[Motion carried 8-0 with 1 abstention.]

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments. Chair Kehoe noted that going forward, the committee would be using the podium for citizen comments as part of an effort to establish more formality in the meetings, following City Council's procedures and aligning with guidance being provided to all four of City Council's advisory committees.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Committee Member Introductions – Mike Kehoe, Chair**

Chair Kehoe opened the discussion by explaining that given the turnover in membership over the past few years since the committee's formation, it would be appropriate to have detailed introductions from all members. He also requested that each member submit a one-paragraph biography that could be compiled for reference and potentially added to the Veterans Advisory Committee page at the City's website, so citizens could understand the backgrounds of committee members.

Chair Kehoe began the introductions, sharing that he served in the Army from 1968 to 1971, with his last assignment being with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam. He has been a Dublin resident since 1992 and has been involved with various veteran organizations including the American Legion. He also served as a commissioner for five years on the Franklin County Veterans Services Commission.

V. Chair Clifton introduced himself as having served over 20 years in the U.S. Army Special Forces, both active duty and National Guard, with deployments to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflict zones. He sustained multiple gunshot wounds in Afghanistan in 2009 and is actively involved in the "Wounded Warrior" community as a peer supporter and mental and physical health advocate. He has resided in Dublin since 1994, is married with three sons attending Dublin schools, and looks forward to learning the procedures of the meetings under the guidance of staff.

Mr. Greenfield shared that he resided in Dublin since 2002, is married with one son, and served in the Army from 1979 to 1986, including a tour in West Berlin and three years at Fort Meade, Maryland doing signals intelligence work. He later served in the D.C. National Guard, North Carolina Air National Guard, and Ohio Air National Guard, retiring in 2000 as a master sergeant. His Air Guard service focused on combat communications and air control communications, where he was a work center supervisor for satellite and wideband communications workshops. He retired about five years ago from JPMorgan Chase where he worked as a cybersecurity risk manager.

Mr. Noble reported he came to Dublin in 1993 and joined the Army in 1966. He went through OCS and flight school, then spent a year in Vietnam flying gunships including UH-1Cs and AH-1Gs. He remained with the Army until retiring in 1991. He is a past commander of the American Legion Post, has been with the committee since its inception, and is completing a 10-year term on the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission from which he will retire this year.

Mr. Ansel introduced himself as a longtime Central Ohio resident who joined the Marines right out of high school in June 1968, serving in Vietnam in 1969 and 1970, and getting out in 1971 before turning 21. He carried an M60 machine gun in Vietnam. After returning, he attended Ohio State and has lived in Dublin for the last 17 years.

Ms. Ratliff began by noting that Mr. Clifton's story is posted in all their armories and that he is a legend in their community. She joined the Army National Guard in 2003 while in high school and has been on active duty since 2008. She is a warrant officer specializing in human resources, not a pilot as many assume. She is also a real estate agent and will likely transition

to that career when she retires. Her husband is also in the military, working at state headquarters. She deployed to Kuwait and Iraq, while her husband deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. They have been married 16 years and have two daughters - an eighth grader and a fifth grader. They moved to Dublin in 2015 and love the community engagement and events. She volunteered for the committee position to give back to the community.

Mr. Elliott introduced himself as being in his first year on the committee. He has three children in Dublin schools - one each in elementary, middle, and high school at Deer Run, Grizzell, and Jerome, respectively. He will be married for 19 years this year. Originally from the Canton area, he joined the Army National Guard in 2000 after a few years of college, serving until 2006. He moved to Columbus in 2005 when his wife, who is from the area, brought him here. He deployed to Iraq from 2003 to 2004 with a transportation unit, arriving in Kuwait before the war started and watching the initial bombing on television. His unit was among the first to deploy and stayed almost a year and a half. He served in the 88 Mike transportation units driving semis, using M16s and some gun trucks, running missions all over Iraq. His educational background includes an undergraduate degree from Kent State and a master's degree completed in Columbus, both in finance. He has always worked in corporate finance, including for a private defense contractor he met at his first banking job. He expressed excitement about serving on the committee, noting that while he has given financially to various organizations, this is his first time giving his time.

Mr. Owens explained this is the second year of his two-year term, and tonight's meeting would likely be his last meeting due to hard conflicts with the March and May meetings. He offered to contribute behind the scenes if possible. He has known Mr. Noble for about 12 years through Saint Brigid's School where they were coaches for track and field. He initially attended committee meetings as a spectator before joining, believing the dialogue was important and useful. He is a professor at Ohio State. When he joined the committee, his class schedule was different, but he now has an evening class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 PM, which creates a conflict with this meeting. He served in the U.S. Army from 1988 to 1994 as a prisoner interrogator, describing the thrilling work of sitting across from someone and convincing them to betray their country. He served in Desert Storm in 1990-1991 and two years later went to Somalia on a counterintelligence mission. He explained he never would have left the military, except that peacetime was boring. When he was stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, a small post housing the communications electronics command, chaplain school, and West Point prep school, the routine of retirement ceremonies, changes of command and standing at parade rest repeatedly led to his decision to leave. He noted the Army taught him the Russian language at the language school in Monterey, which while rusty now, has been helpful over the years.

Mr. Rozanski introduced himself as the Washington Township designated member of the group. He was raised by an ex-Marine who was at Pearl Harbor during the bombing and was officer of the guard for the atomic bomb when it took off, spending the entire war island hopping across the Pacific. He served with the 2nd of the 14th Armored Cavalry, spending his entire Army career in Germany guarding the Czechoslovakian border. He has two sons, including Captain Alex Rozanski who was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Honors last May for his actions in Iraq, and Captain Nick Rozanski who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2012. He has been in Dublin since 1978, has served as a mayor and council member of the City of Dublin, and is now

a trustee of Washington Township. He retired almost eight years ago but now has four part-time jobs, making any additional scheduling difficult. His career has been as a state-certified structural building inspector, which is what he does for the City of Upper Arlington.

- **Veteran City Employee Engagement/Recognition Opportunities – Sean Clifton, Vice Chair**

V. Chair Clifton introduced the topic by explaining that in discussions with staff last week, they learned that the City of Dublin recognizes Dublin veteran City employees at specific City functions but is not getting the turnout they would like. He proposed that the advisory committee discuss what they could do to better reach out to veterans within the City of Dublin and how to better support recognition events for veteran military members who are City employees.

Ms. Hunter explained that the City hosts a Veterans Day luncheon with City leadership where they invite all veteran City employees. Some committee members have attended the luncheon in the past, but turnout has been low in recent years, possibly due to scheduling issues. A staff member recently approached the City Manager at the event with an idea for creating a commemorative coin for City employees who are veterans, as this is significant in military culture. The City Manager wanted to expand the conversation and get the advisory committee's input on how to better engage veteran City employees, ensuring that they feel celebrated and appreciated. She emphasized that Dublin is dedicated to service, which aligns with the committee's mission, and welcomed any suggestions for improvement.

Mr. Noble commented that since some City employees do not live in Dublin, he would suggest honoring them with City of Dublin veterans' cards. This would enable them to have the same advantages as City resident veterans. Ms. Hunter indicated that they would consider that suggestion, as City employees might qualify even without residency. She noted the residency requirement for committee membership would prevent non-resident employees from joining the committee itself.

Mr. Noble suggested inviting veteran City employees to a committee meeting to honor them and allow them opportunity to share their thoughts. Chair Kehoe noted they would need to be released from work assignments to attend. Ms. Hunter indicated this could be arranged.

When asked about attendance at the November 2025 luncheon, Mr. Noble estimated about 20 people attended. He also recalled that a few years ago, the City took a photo of all staff veterans and posted it in the Dublin Community Recreation Center (DCRC); an updated photo might be appreciated. Ms. Hunter agreed this was a good idea. She noted that with about 500 full-time City employees, she would get the breakdown of how many are veterans to help inform the discussion.

Chair Kehoe suggested that in addition to a group photo, they could feature one veteran per month with their photo and bio at the DCRC and in the City's internal "Monday Morning Update" which goes to all staff members. Ms. Hunter agreed this would work well for both internal and external recognition, including on the electronic info board near the front desk in City Hall.

Regarding the commemorative coin idea specifically brought up by a staff member, Mr. Clifton expressed his preference for the idea of a more enduring recognition beyond just "a coin slap."

He suggested a veteran Employee of the Month program. He noted that he had not been aware the City had a veteran employee luncheon. He believes it would be beneficial for advisory committee members to attend the event. Ms. Hunter explained they have to be wary of quorum issues, which was the reason only the committee chair has attended. However, they may be able to make that event work similar to how Council members attend events like the Dublin Irish Festival (DIF).

Mr. Elliott suggested veteran recognition could include Memorial Tournament or DIF tickets.

Ms. Ratliff indicates she supports Mr. Noble's idea about giving veteran employees the veterans card. She tells every resident veteran she meets about how awesome the card is and encourages them to get it. The card would provide free access to City facilities and could be renewed annually, providing enduring recognition.

Mr. Greenfield suggested adding links on the Dublin Veterans website to military biographies not just for committee members but potentially for veteran employees and even citizens who want to share their military service. Ms. Hunter said she would discuss this with the City's communications and marketing team, noting that it would need to be voluntary.

Chair Kehoe encouraged members to share any additional ideas with Ms. Hunter or the committee via email.

- **2025 Veteran's Advisory Committee Report - Jeff Noble, Committee Member**

Mr. Noble provided a comprehensive review of the committee's activities, noting that last year's activities were fewer compared to previous years. Therefore, he would highlight several major accomplishments from the committee's recent history:

- The committee, under Mr. Clifton's leadership, recommended City Council make Dublin a Purple Heart City. They successfully relocated a stone World War II monument that had replaced a previous wooden monument. The monument had been in front of the 1919 building where it could not be seen due to a wall and parking lot. The committee advocated for its relocation, and it was moved to Dublin Veterans Park, where it could be properly viewed and honored.
- The committee developed the Dublin veterans' card, which Mr. Noble hoped everyone had obtained by now.
- In 2025, Dublin staff had suggested that committee members host veteran Park of Remembrance tours. Mr. Noble explained these would involve a veteran leading small tour groups through the cemetery to share information about the veterans buried there, essentially serving as a docent. He mentioned the community's well-known Headley family, which has 13 members buried there, all of whom have served. He noted this work revolves around Memorial Day observances across America.
- The committee provided feedback on Dublin Wellness initiatives after hearing a presentation about Dublin's future direction. This led to Mr. Clifton volunteering to lead a peer-to-peer support group at the DCRC, which Mr. Clifton will be addressing later in the meeting.

- The committee continued working with Mark Lehr, a school employee in a doctoral program who conducts research on veterans. Mr. Lehr has discovered 31 people interred in the cemetery who were not identified as veterans but should have been.
- Representatives from The Ohio State University (OSU) Student Veterans Association attended a committee meeting last year, with members from both the medical and university sides exploring potential collaboration opportunities. While no concrete outcomes emerged, Mr. Noble believes the dialogue was valuable.
- The committee experienced significant membership changes, losing Bonnie Gamary, Steve Dickman, and Tim Hansley, while gaining Ms. Ratliff, Mr. Elliott, and Mr. Greenfield.
- Mr. Noble also discussed the Defenders Den, an activity at the Dublin Irish Festival where he and Mr. Clifton serve on the organizing committee. The DIF activity hosts veterans and first responders in Dublin Coffman Park, providing water and cooling stations along with various activities. The pipes and drums group performed sets the last two years, and dancers performed the year before. The event has grown significantly, with 600 sign-ins representing about 1,600 total guests including families at the most recent festival. Mr. Owens and Ms. Gamary have also served on the Defenders Den committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Kehoe asked if there were any old business items that should be discussed. There were none.

STAFF COMMENTS

- **Update re. Request to Council for Ex Officio Member - Mara Hunter, Staff Liaison**

Ms. Hunter provided an update on the committee's previous vote to have Colonel Buck Bramlish serve as an ex officio member. She explained that this recommendation from the advisory committee now resides with City Council's administrative committee, which consists of three Council members who handle all board and commission memberships. They will make the ultimate recommendation to Council on whether to approve an ex officio member position on this committee.

Until Council approves that recommendation, Mr. Bramlish is unable to serve as an ex officio member; however, he is included on today's meeting agenda to provide his usual presentation. She clarified that while he would not be able to vote or participate in advisory committee conversations, he can continue to provide his updates as a standing agenda item if the committee wished to continue this arrangement.

Chair Kehoe added context from their preliminary meeting, noting that if Council were to approve adding an ex officio member to this committee, it would establish a precedent that would likely need to be extended to the other Council advisory committees. That factor could make Council reluctant to approve the request.

Ms. Hunter confirmed this was correct. She noted that Council's new Administrative Committee members were just determined at Council's January 2026 organizational meeting. The Administrative Committee must address other priority items, including filling a vacancy on the Architectural Review Board, so this topic might not come up for a few meetings.

Chair Kehoe asked about Mr. Bramlish's ability to attend and present even if not approved as an ex officio member. Ms. Hunter confirmed he could continue to present as a citizen or guest speaker, speaking during his designated time and then returning to the audience.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- **Veterans Mental Health, Angela Douglas, The Ohio State University, Clinical Research Center for Psychedelic Drug Research and Education**

V. Chair Clifton thanked members for agreeing to amend the agenda to add their guest speaker, Angela Douglas, The Ohio State University (OSU). He explained that a Veterans Mental Health proposal will be scheduled on the Veterans Committee March 2026 agenda for consideration. The proposal focuses on the CHAMPS peer support mental health work with community veterans. As an introduction to the proposal, he invited Ms. Douglas to share about her recent clinical research studies at OSU. The decision to add her to this agenda was due to her availability for tonight's meeting and due to their close collaboration at OSU.

Ms. Douglas introduced herself as a clinical research coordinator at the Center for Psychedelic Drug Research and Education at Ohio State University. As an Army veteran who served as an intel officer in the 1st Calvary Division for five years plus eight years in the Reserves, veterans mental health needs are an issue close to her heart. After 15 years working with nonprofits, she changed careers upon seeing psychedelic treatment developments for PTSD. She earned an MPH, which enables her to run clinical research at OSU.

The Clinical Research Center for Psychedelic Drug Research and Education was founded in 2022 by Dr. Alan Davis, who brought 15 years of experience running one of the first psychedelic research centers at Johns Hopkins. Founded under the College of Social Work, the center has grown from three to about 20 people, focusing on transdisciplinary research with two current trials. They are wrapping up their veteran PTSD trial for treatment-resistant cases. While findings are not official, she can share that 68 percent of participants achieved full remission with two psilocybin treatments. The results are very encouraging. Their next trial, starting this week in partnership with James Cancer Research Center and Center for Tobacco Research funded by Pelotonia, focuses on end-stage lung cancer patients suffering from major depressive disorder. The Center recently received a grant from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health for statewide psychedelic crisis intervention training targeting behavioral health professionals, law enforcement first responders, and emergency department professionals. She added that when Mr. Clifton contacted them about his CHAMPS peer support mental health work for community veterans, they jumped at the collaboration opportunity, recognizing their need for tangible community engagement beyond clinical trials and education.

V. Chair Clifton described the intersecting spheres of influence within Dublin. Previously, City staff provided information to the Veterans Committee about a City mental health initiative,

which includes corporate leaders and academia. He was interested in understanding the study's progress and felt there was a gap in the veteran demographic that should be addressed. He has relied on the expertise at OSU's CPDRE office to learn more about the potential of coordinating with Dublin's veteran committee on a broader effort with the veteran community.

Ms. Hunter suggested having Molly Steiner from City Recreation Services present on the Dublin Wellness Alliance (formerly Community Health Needs Assessment) at the next committee meeting. Although this subject was reviewed at the annual September 2025 joint advisory committee, new members likely are not familiar with the initiative. The effort involves mental and health awareness partnerships from community members, citizens, and businesses.

- **Franklin County Veterans Service Commission and Legislative Updates - Buck Bramlish**

Before beginning his presentation, Mr. Bramlish addressed the ex officio discussion, stating that based on what he heard, he did not think it made sense to go forward with pursuing the ex officio membership. He emphasized he was there simply to help and provide perspective when asked, noting if the committee wishes not to pursue that further, he would understand.

Mr. Bramlish provided a Legislative Update, explaining he would review Ohio's legislative process and discuss the format for future updates. He distributed handouts showing the complex legislative process, acknowledging it was difficult to read but would walk them through it. Using House Bill 22 as an example, Mr. Bramlish explained the legislative journey. The bill, which authorizes a homestead exemption for surviving military spouses, was introduced to the House and assigned to the House Ways and Means Committee. He explained that committee chairs typically allow bill sponsors to introduce bills, but many bills die in committee without further action. If a chair decides to proceed, they schedule proponent testimony, followed potentially by opponent testimony. Multiple hearings may occur before a vote.

Mr. Bramlish emphasized this is when committees like theirs can influence legislation - when bills are sitting in committee without movement. If members feel strongly about a bill, they can contact committee members who might speak to the chair about advancing it. He cautioned about getting too deep into advocacy, as that could require registering as a lobbyist.

He explained that if a bill passes out of committee, it goes to the House floor for a vote. If approved, it repeats the entire process in the Senate. If it passes unchanged through the Senate, it goes to the governor who can sign it, veto it, or let it become law without signature after 10 days.

Mr. Bramlish provided summaries of three bills as examples. House Bill 22 creates an enhanced homestead exemption for surviving spouses of uniformed service members killed in line of duty, equal to all taxes on the homestead, continuing until the spouse dies, remarries, or cohabitates. It includes provisions to reimburse local taxing units for lost revenue. House Bill 40 would double the homestead exemption for veterans who are 100% or totally disabled. House Bill 267 would require employers to post veterans benefit and service information. He noted that this would benefit veteran City employees.

He offered to track bills if the committee identified ones of interest, suggesting they send requests through the Veterans Committee chair. However, he noted Dublin likely has staff who already track legislation and questioned whether he should duplicate those efforts. He praised Dublin's effort to run the advisory committees properly and professionally.

Mr. Noble reinforced the importance of tracking legislation by asking how many members had used Franklin County Veterans Service Commission services. [Mr. Clifton and Mr. Greenfield confirmed they had utilized the Commission's services]. Mr. Noble warned about proposed bills that potentially could eliminate property tax funding for the Veterans Service Commission, noting the Commission might not exist without that tax revenue.

Mr. Bramlish confirmed the Commission provided over \$5 million to about 6,500 veterans in financial struggles last year, more than three other Ohio counties combined. While Franklin County says they would find a way to fund the Commission if property taxes were eliminated, Mr. Bramlish indicated he prefers having a guaranteed funding mechanism. He noted that as an independent agency, if the Commission requests funding, the county must provide it; they can review but not revise its budget.

Discussion continued about other legislative priorities, with Mr. Bramlish mentioning their success getting a requirement for studying state veteran homes in Central Ohio into an omnibus bill. He stated that it is unfortunate that Central Ohio lacks state veteran homes when many veterans live there. He noted that these are the kinds of legislative issues he will continue monitoring.

Ms. Hunter indicated they would have further discussions with the chair and vice chair about how to proceed with legislative tracking and Mr. Bramlish's involvement.

MILITARY ROUNDTABLE

Chair Kehoe opened the roundtable for additional comments and agenda suggestions for the year, noting he and Mr. Clifton had met with staff the previous week to discuss ideas.

V. Chair Clifton stated that the first "change of command meeting" was going relatively well. He announced he would be speaking at a Senate public hearing next Wednesday at 11 AM at the Statehouse regarding House Bill 96, which introduces a particular plant medicine into the medical community for research on TBI, PTSD, and treatment-resistant depression. He invited committee members to attend. He also mentioned a CHAMPS Peer Support Group event on Saturday at the Upper Arlington Library from 1-3 PM, featuring a documentary screening followed by a panel discussion with practitioners, providers, and therapists discussing challenges and successes of veterans facing PTSD.

Mr. Greenfield presented the idea of hosting a veterans or military ball within Dublin and possibly inviting surrounding communities. Veterans and their spouses would attend, similar to the Marine Corps balls he has heard about. He described attending a military ball long ago, where everyone wore dress blues, and a military band like the 555th Army National Guard band performed. He suggested making it a formal event. He emphasized the need to gain more involvement from military families and spouses, noting they have not been a focal point within the City of Dublin.

Mr. Noble discussed the Military Roundtable series he hosts in Dublin, which involves nine one-hour talks held throughout the year at the Community Recreation Center at 1:00 pm on the fourth Monday of each month (except May due to Memorial Day and August when the Community Recreation Center closes). Currently, he has two speakers scheduled but needs seven more. He invited committee members to participate for or to suggest people they know with stories to share. He also suggested the committee consider moving meetings out to the outer hall, as Ms. Hunter confirmed the acoustics are much better there compared to the echo chamber of the current room.

Mr. Ansel and Ms. Ratliff indicated they had no items to share.

Mr. Elliott sought clarification about the proposed property tax legislation and its potential impact on Veterans Service Commission funding.

Mr. Noble explained that the Commission is currently funded by property tax, and the proposed legislation could either eliminate the portion funding the Commission or eliminate property tax entirely. That would require replacement of the funding through sales tax or other means. He expressed his personal view that while property tax is difficult for many, eliminating it would be foolish as it would need to be replaced in some manner. He noted that homestead exemptions provide some assistance to elderly residents who have paid taxes for years.

Mr. Owens expressed gratitude for the return to the 3:30 PM meeting times and noted that he would be rotating off the committee soon. However, after his night classes end in a few years, he might consider applying for reappointment to the committee to offer the value of his accumulated experience.

Mr. Rozanski raised the critical issue of cemetery capacity, stating that there is no capacity left in Dublin cemeteries. If veterans had wanted to be buried there, he is hopeful that their families already have purchased grave sites. He explained that Washington Township trustees voted to open dialogue with the City of Dublin to locate land for a new cemetery or addition to the present cemetery. The City owns a small piece of property adjacent to the current cemetery, but the remaining land is owned by a developer. The property has been passed between developers with escalating prices making purchase unfeasible for cemetery purposes.

He explained that all grave sites have been purchased for quite some time. While the columbarium walls were built and are being filled, once full, there is nothing more. Much of the open ground in the cemetery is owned by families who cannot be found or are saving sites for future relatives. Mr. Rozanski personally owns eight grave sites for himself and immediate family members.

He recalled when Dr. Carpenter died, it took almost six months to find someone willing to sell their site for him to be buried in the cemetery, and the purchaser paid over \$2,000. A friend of his recently had to go beyond Grove City to find available cemetery sites for himself and his wife.

Mr. Rozanski emphasized this is a real problem and urged committee members with City Council connections to encourage their participation in finding a solution. He noted that Ohio legislation mandates townships' primary duty is maintaining roads, and their second duty is to supply burial sites for residents; that is a duty they cannot currently fulfill.

He described a near-miss opportunity when they thought they had identified ideal land adjacent to Karrer Park on Avery and Rings Road belonging to Saint John's Church. The plan was for a state-of-the-art natural cemetery with areas for scattering ashes, urns, burial sites, and walking paths on 11 acres. However, long-lost relatives appeared claiming ownership rights, preventing the purchase.

Chair Kehoe asked if they could have a future speaker from the City address this topic. Ms. Hunter agreed to look into it, noting they had discussed it before.

Discussion continued about existing options, with Mr. Noble recalling previous conversations about adding to the columbarium area in Dublin Cemetery.

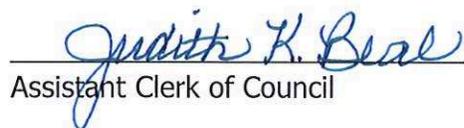
Mr. Rozanski explained that even the sites in the cemetery next to Saint John's Church and Davis Cemetery are bought out by old families. He mentioned there are a few small family cemeteries within Dublin of which most people are unaware, noting Mr. Noble's comment about the Grounds of Remembrance cemetery, where no one has been buried for perhaps 100 years. Ms. Rozanski compared it to the Brown-Harris cemetery near the OSU Medical Center that was plowed under in the 1920s or 1930s with crops grown over it until recently uncovered during the hospital's construction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.



Michael Kehoe, Chair



Assistant Clerk of Council