



DUBLIN VETERANS COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 18, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

3:30-5:00 PM

1. Call to Order

Chairman Noble called the November 18, 2021 meeting of the Dublin Veterans Committee to order at 3:30 pm in person.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Committee Members Present: Jeff Noble (Chair), Charles Krumholtz (Vice), Mack Parkhill, John Reiner, Bonnie Gamary, Mike Kehoe, Sean Clifton, Tim Hansley, and Roger Ansel

City Staff Present: Dana McDaniel, Kirby Dearth, Lori Gishel, Deidra Wolf, Christine Nardecchia, and Kat Crowder

4. Approval of Minutes

Jeff Noble proposed a motion to approve the September 16, 2021 meeting minutes. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Veterans Day Comments

Jeff Noble recapped the Veterans Day event and remarked on how there was a good turnout of people.

Questions/Comments

Jeff Noble asked about the Grounds of Remembrance project and how the library put up the promotion for the QR code tour.

Kirby Dearth discussed the process of meeting with the library and installing simple guided illustrations of the QR codes that were implemented in the Grounds.

Jeff Noble then asked about the possibility of adding a Kiosk in the library. Kirby Dearth explained that would not be feasible because of library expectations.

6. Cemetery Project

Two guests, Chris Eder and Jeff Leger from IGS energy and from Leadership Dublin came to present on their Dublin Cemetery project.

Presentation

Chris Eder talked about the scope of the project, to tell the story of Dublin veterans by using technology. Chris then discussed how they will be identifying veterans, creating guidelines for interviews, and overall how they set a standard of care for telling veteran



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stories. He then spoke about using GIS technology and showed a demonstration of the story maps used for the project.

Jeff Lergger spoke about their process of contacting Parks & Recreation staff in the city to get proper guidelines for the project signs, plaques, and placements. He discussed how the work completed thus far serves as a framework for the future Leadership Dublin classes that will continue supporting the project.

As a final point, Chris spoke about what they would need to make this easy to use and more inviting for residents.

Questions/Comments

Sean Clifton asked if there was only one base option, could this be accessed online and if it could be linked to dublinveterans.com.

Dana McDaniel cautions that there are multiple cemeteries in Dublin with veterans.

Jeff Lergger comments that they have a list of who the veterans are and the families they would possibly need to speak with. Jeff Lergger also mentions how some of the grave markers would need to be replaced for this project.

Dana McDaniel mentioned how he could have Matt Earman come in to brief on advancing headstone replacement.

Jeff Noble then explains how there are students at Dublin High school that designed a veteran memorial to put at the entrance of the school. However, the problem is the costs of making the statute, they are currently looking for cheaper ways of doing it.

Bonnie Gamary discusses the purpose of the monument, to put youth in the shoes of veterans. Bonnie points out that the school is not solid on putting the monument at Dublin Scioto, they want to statue to be where people can see it and remember veterans.

Bonnie Gamary continues by saying the next steps are looking at how the design can be done and how can it be funded.

Jeff Noble points out that maybe the first question is asking where the best location could be for the most engagement.

Dana McDaniel questioned to what extent are these projects becoming public artwork. They should be included when the City shows off their public art work.



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Sean Clifton mentions that maybe this could establish a partnership with the Dublin Arts Council.

7. Veteran Needs Presentation

Presentation

Kat Crowder gave a presentation on veteran needs. The presentation gave an overview of statistics on national vs state (Ohio) veteran suicide rates and best practice research on how municipalities are connecting and organizing with their veteran populations. Kat Crowder then spoke on, suggested, useful programs that Dublin could adopt to help veterans in the City and how the City can reach out to Dublin veterans.

Questions/Comments

Jeff Noble asked how can we find those veterans?

Sean Clifton expressed partnering with non-profits to utilize a marketing campaign for veteran needs (like finding a job), opening an internship program for veterans with the City, and overall advertising "cool stuff" for veterans to do in Dublin could be beneficial.

Dana McDaniel then asked how to find those programs.

Christine Nardecchia stated that there are activities and programs for veterans; however, there is not a portal for finding such activities/programs.

How can we market to veterans?

8. 2022 Format

The Group agreed that the same schedule of the third Thursday every two months is good.

Term appointments will be discussed at the next January 20, 2022 meeting.

9. 2022 Meeting Schedule

The 3rd Thursday, every two months.

10. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,
Kat Crowder, City Management Intern