



Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 5, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, Councilmembers Morton, Boyle, and Ott

Absent: Councilmembers Bennest and Johnson – **MOVE TO EXCUSE**
(Whalen/Morton) – **Passed 3/1** (Ott)

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, City Engineer Howlett, and City Clerk Bolam; Management Consultant Pete Lewis

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Speaker	Comments
Rob MacDonald	Parking lot at top of Triangle Park has a street light, which causes people to believe the park is open after dark – requests that a sign indicating the park is closed after dark be made visible under the street light

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes – Approval of the minutes of:
 - 1. August 21, 2017 – Regular Meeting
- B. Claims Approval:

1. Approval of the checks/vouchers numbered 62051-62122, and voided check number 62041, in the amount of \$490,696.07.
2. Approval of the payroll disbursement of 8/20/2017 and payroll related checks numbered 61972-61977, and 62046-62050 in the amount of \$159,843.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to approve the Consent Agenda. **Passed 4/0.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Ordinance – 2017 Budget Amendment #1

Director Garrison introduced the first budget amendment for this fiscal year.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:13 pm; there was no public comment; the Hearing was closed at 7:14 pm.

B. Ordinance School Impact Fees

City Engineer Howlett introduced the proposed changes to the school impact fees.

Mayor Perry opened the Public Hearing at 7:17 pm; there was no public comment; the Hearing was closed at 7:18 pm.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Ordinance – 2017 Budget Amendment #1

Director Garrison was available for questions.

Speaker	Comments
Clerk on behalf of Susan Johnson	Written comment included with these minutes.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, to adopt the attached Ordinance amending the 2017 Budget as outlined in Exhibit A and Exhibit B.

Councilman Morton commented that, while the numbers are not where they would like them to be, they are factual and this is a needed action.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen commented that our revenue streams and growth patterns have been disappointingly low – this is a fact of life.

The motion was voted on and passed 4/0.

Mayor Perry added appreciation to staff for the intense scrutiny of the budget line items.

B. Ordinance School Impact Fees

City Engineer Howlett fielded questions.

Speaker	Comments
Rob MacDonald	Confusing to have different amounts for SFR and MFR – don't want to see a whole lot of apartments come in cuz it's such a low rate – schools always need more money – kick it up
Michele Lilley	Do they ever lower this number knowing development is coming to make it look more appealing? Howlett showed the full spreadsheet and that it is a look ahead at the next 6 years It is true that a levy is coming – agrees with Mayor Pro Tem Whalen
Rose Hatch	Has a problem with the disparity between SFR and MFR amounts – last year daughter had 2 classes with not enough room for desks – all about fair and equitable – same impact regardless of whether the family lives in a SFR vs MFR – don't want to hurt development, but there must be some equity
Jacquelyn Whalen	MMC treats duplex as a SFR, not MFR – wants to make sure the school district collects for 2 units for duplexes It would be great to invite a school district representative be present for these discussions.

Some further Council discussion ensued.

COUNCILMEMBER MORTON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Boyle, to approve the attached ordinance modifying Section 13.42 of the Milton Municipal Code regarding School Impact Fees. **Passed 4/0.**

C. 9/11 Memorial

Mayor Perry opened the floor for citizen comment.

Speaker	Comments
Clerk read aloud written comments received	Nine written comments included with these minutes.
Michele Lilley	Really appreciates the letter session – people have a lot of valid, different points – seems like the theme is to put the memorial in the trees – consider reducing possibility of vandalism by locating it by city hall – supports the Park Board's recommendation – amazing idea to cut it and share with other communities
Richard Cosner	Haven't been involved before now – likes the plan and the location of the park – the trees is going to create a lot of issues – need to dig down 4-6' which will affect the root system – other mitigation avenues exist at the top of the park

Rose Hatch	Saddened to see so much conflict, but it's an opportunity to step back and look for other options, including other locations (mentioned several) – when there's so much conflict, maybe it's time to step back
Mary Tompkins	It would be an honor for our city to have this memorial – evident that community is behind it, since the community contributed the funding – has been going on for quite a few years – respects everyone's opinion; compromise necessary
Heather Popp	Addressed items from last meeting – “popular opinion” is in question – objects to memorial in the park – sending a notice to properties within 500' is a requirement for a process type 4 permit
Rob MacDonald	Been no lying or deceit on part of 911 Memorial Committee – there's been obstacles – where are the positive opinions – how to compromise/where's the middle ground between the solid oppositions – kids playing, trees, Oak Street is not conducive
Katrina Asay	Appreciates council willingness to be part of the decision and allowing the community to be part – saw on facebook all the negativity and harsh emotions that are coming out – 911 brings these – likened to Pearl Harbor for this generation – opportunity to harness emotions and create something that future generations can come and learn of the act of war that was waged against us – regrets and appreciates that council has to take into account all the different sides – will support Council's decision whether she agrees with it or not

Director Peretti answered that staff would need time to respond regarding the permit type process that would be followed for this.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen would prefer a full council for discussion of this topic. He has talked to a lot of people about this over the last 4 years and hasn't run into anyone who wasn't aware of it. Supports the memorial at the top of Triangle Park, standing in the shadow of the same flag as the existing memorial, with easy access to utilities. Does not want to give so much space elsewhere in the park. Thanks to everyone who has contributed opinions. To take in all the considerations, like the concern of the trees, is deserving. Main purpose is to identify the location so things can move forward.

Speaker	Comments
Clerk on behalf of Susan Johnson	Written comment included with these minutes.

Councilman Morton has spent time thinking of people's comments from last meeting and visiting the locations visualizing how it would look and be received. Spoke to many people and asked opinions – almost no one objected to the memorial, just the location. Serious concerns with the tree location, including potential root damage. With knowledge of construction, there's no way to locate it there without serious damage. Most of those he spoke with didn't have a problem with either location. For some of the other reasons that have been mentioned, he supports the location of the memorial at the top of the park.

Councilman Boyle wishes for a full council for this discussion – it is emotional. Appreciates the time people have taken to speak their opinion. Wants more time to reflect. Another concern he has is the need to move the Arlington Oak, and probably the apple trees. Taking into account the citizens' emails, the Park Board's recommendation, the Council's past action – supports it where the Park Board recommends.

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilman Morton, to move this to the 9/11 Council meeting with the hope of having all six council present.

Councilman Ott commented of his emotional reaction based on gulf war experience – thankful the VFW Memorial is already there and built. We can't make memorials for everything that happens. Agrees with the need for all councilmembers to be present. Grateful to the young people out there today securing our freedom to discuss this tonight.

The motion was voted on and passed 4/0.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Management Consultant Lewis provided a brief report on regional and world economic changes. Referred to handouts related to PSRC's Regional Economic Strategy Meeting, and agencies who opposed PSRC's Conditional Certification of Comprehensive Plans, resulting in PSRC stepping back a bit. Pierce County opposed rural designations and growth ceilings for funding opportunities, leading to discussions with the Port and transportation committees, working together for all communities, not just the metro centers. Opportunities for Milton are growing as part of these various groups and committees coming together.

Council asked questions regarding what they can do to spur development in the various areas of Milton. Ideas included:

- Go to state representatives for tax deferred options
- Buy space on I-5 billboards "Milton wants your business"
- Planning Commission working on the sign code for each district
- Spray parks and other recreational development has economic repercussions

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Chief Hernandez

- Back-to-school in full swing – met with new principal – extra patrols for beginning of school year
- Fire on Pacific Hwy – limited damage – officers put fire out

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Boyle

- Milton Days was amazing – favorite one – participant in parade, and emcee (thanks to Councilman Bennest for partnering) – very fun – thanks to city staff and police – high attendance and people stuck around
- Saturday, September 23, Fife Boosters Drive for your School event

Councilmember Ott

- Requested police fleet update looking at the next couple years

- Milton Days – without the volunteers it's not possible – gets better and better

Councilmember Morton

- Milton Days was awesome – weather perfect – thanks to everyone involved

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

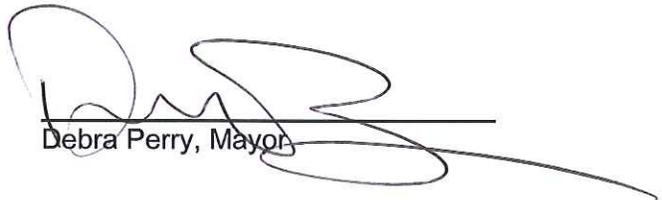
- Reflecting on large-scale events hitting across the nation (fires, flooding, hurricanes) – appreciates the helpful spirit that he has seen

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Milton Days – overwhelming report is this was the easiest one to pull together – debrief has already happened – favorite part was the Public Works guys sliding down the hill
- Ribbon cutting event at new business, Reign Dental, in response to Dr. Shin's retirement

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk

From: sUSAn Johnson
To: [Debra Perry](#); [Katie Bolam](#); [Robert Whalen](#)
Subject: SEPTEMBER 5TH MEETING
Date: Monday, September 04, 2017 12:33:32 PM

I wish the following email to be read at council:

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I am currently in Florida visiting family. Will be unable to make council on September 5th. Have had a great visit with family.

I believe in transparency and wish to let you know how I would vote if present at council.

1. I do not support the 2017 budget amendment #1. I did not approve the original 2017 budget. I felt the consultant and professional services were too high, for one reason.

The total expenditures were projected to be more than our projected revenue which results in a lower end of year projected balance.

I saw that the budget still not include audio or video of our council sessions which I have pushed for since on council since 2015.

2. I love the design of the 911 memorial. However, I wished the piece was not as high and that a portion would have been designed to be put in the ground or had been approved to be cut to represent both towers. The base design is so meaningful and honors those lost at the Pentagon, New York, and Pennsylvania.

At last month's council meeting re the location of the monument, I suggested that trees (akin to Italian junipers) be placed along Milton Way to form a type of amphitheater from the tennis court up towards 15th. and we keep the monument up by the veteran's memorial at the upper level of the park.

The parks board approved a location in the tree line. I appreciate the hard work this board does for our city.

However in this case, I have concerns about the location because of the trees and the potential for vandalism.

Also, I think about how the park is used during Milton Days. Both ends of the park have activity, vendors at top and kids games at bottom and I would hate to see disrespect to the monument as people move up and down with the festivities of Milton Days. I am also concerned about the upkeep of the monument if in the treeline. It is important to keep our monuments in pristine condition.

I am proud that the City of Milton has agreed to accept a 911 monument.

My friend's daughter worked at the Pentagon at the time of the attack. I am so glad she was not injured or killed by this horrible attack because her office was not far from the point of impact.

We are a strong nation and this 911 monuments and the others throughout our country show that in times of attack, we will come back in force and become even stronger against terrorism. And, we always honor our heroes and the citizens who have died as a result of terrorism.

sUSAn J F Johnson

Position 2

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

911

August 21, 2017

Dear Mayor Perry,

I saw on facebook this morning that there is going to be a meeting tonight regarding the 911 tribute.

I have been meaning to write this letter for a long time. I don't want it at all, I think its totally the wrong feeling, message and energy.

All one has to do is watch a video of the towers free falling and with an open mind know that it was a controlled demolition free fall and so what are we celebrating the twisted piece of rusty ibeam for? Celebrating that the top one percent that run the world have succeeded in the largest deception in US history?

Apart from all that if it was a memorial like the man in edgewood puts up of the twin towers the way they looked whole...now thats the right energy and memorial.

I dont want to go to the meeting tonight and be shunned for a view that isn't always what the mainstream liberals want.

I have lived here all my life and this is the way I feel and hopefully you will consider my opinion.

Thank you

Katie Bolam

From: Kassandra Stringer <kassandrastringer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 8:34 AM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 9-11 memorial

Dear Mayor Perry,

While I understand the want to build a memorial for those we loved and lost during 9-11, we do not need another memorial. Our community does not want this.

I have lived in this area for almost 6 years and the one thing I have noticed is there is limited activities for children. And now that I have children, having to drive to another area to do something fun with my kids is ridiculous. Instead of building a 40 foot monument that no one is going to look at anyway, spend the money on renovating Triangle park. We need a wade pool, a spray park, something for our kids to do in the summer. The grounds are dry and with so many trees and a run down play area, it's a wonder anyone goes there at all.

9-11 is one of the most important events in our nations history, but build a plaque. Our kids need a place for good memories.

Good luck. Just something else to think about.

Have a great day!

Katie Bolam

From: CARYN CHOATE-DEEDS <PTLATTITUDES88@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 6:54 PM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 9-11 Memorial

To whom it may concern

I live directly across the street from Triangle Park. I would highly encourage the new 9/11 display to be down the bottom, near the trees. It is such a high structure, I think that it would be detrimental to the park as a whole if it was displayed elsewhere. A display that is so tall and so alone in the park would not only be bad for the park but also not honor what occurred in on 9/11. I am not pleased that it is joining our community in the first place. But I also know that this community exists beyond myself as well. It is important to others and I respect that. But I also believe that the park is big enough to contain multiple honorariums within its confines. If the display MUST be in the park, please place it at the base.

Sincerely,

Caryn Choate-Deeds
1300 15th Ave
Milton

Katie Bolam

From: abby meyer <ajcmeyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 03, 2017 5:56 PM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 911 Memorial

Hello my name is Abby Meyer and I live at 1009 Gary Street in Milton. I attended the last city council meeting where there was much discussion regarding the 911 memorial. At that time the discussion was on whether to have the memorial placed up on the hill or down among the trees. There seemed to be a consensus that putting it in the trees is hiding it. This got me to thinking about a recent trip to Washington DC. While in DC our family walked through two huge rock walls and hidden between them was the most breath taking memorial of Martin Luther King Jr. It literally took my breath away. The area was a quiet and peaceful place to reflect on the work of this amazing man. I appreciated having the privacy of being able have a moment to show my respects. I really do feel the same can be said for the 911 memorial in Milton. Having a special spot in the tree area will give people the privacy and the quiet away from the cars driving by and will then create an atmosphere of respectful tribute.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts.

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Abby Meyer

Katie Bolam

From: Stephanie Reid-Simons <simonssays37@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 11:25 PM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 9-11 memorial comment

Madame Mayor, I am afraid I won't be able to make it to the Council meeting on 9/5.

I ask that you please read this letter at the meeting:

Dear Mayor and Milton Council Members,

Learning more about our city via the process surrounding the 9/11 memorial has been instructive. No matter what your perspective on where the memorial should or should not be located -- or if it is placed at all, pending completion of fund-raising -- we should be able to look back as a community and say that the path has been clear and fair to all concerned. We should be able to say that time has been spent efficiently and effectively.

We cannot say that in this case here. Some people get more time to talk than others, and more leeway when they lack specifics. Disagreement is diminished, or painted as unpatriotic, when in fact it is a foundation upon which our country was built. Officials say one thing in public and something different in private.

When the topic of the 9/11 memorial is on the agenda for a meeting, it should be clear why. More importantly, the timing should be clear. In this instance, it is not clear why the topic needs to be discussed the day after a holiday weekend, and the night before school starts.

Because the timing is so difficult, it's important for me send this email, and to make sure everyone understands: This 9/11 memorial will be one of dozens in Washington state alone. It will not be an economic boon to our community. It will not be good for traffic. It will not bring joy to our city's defining park. Multiple cities, including our state's capitol, have rejected 9/11 memorials.

We have spent more time on this topic than on economic development. I hope our mayor and council and well-compensated advisors will focus on the things that everyone can agree are most important. Milton's best days are ahead of us. But only if we focus on the things that make our city unique.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Stephanie Reid-Simons
1506 23rd Ave.
Milton

Katie Bolam

From: Cheryl Reid-Simons <2whowrite@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 9-11 Memorial

I would like the following letter read into the minutes of the City Council Meeting this evening, September 5, 2017.

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am sorry I cannot attend this evening's meeting. But as it is the night before school begins, I want to be with my family.

I have already expressed my concerns about the placement of the 0-11 Memorial in Milton Community Park. I do, however, want to address some issues raised by the Council at the last meeting where this was discussed.

First, I and others did not turn out to argue again the Memorial when it was initially discussed for the simple reason that we didn't know about it. It's true that we could have spoken up soon after the sign went up in the park. But I never imagined we would be talking about something 36-feet tall. I was assuming it would be something reasonably sized, like the artifacts on display in Tacoma and Federal Way.

Second, I feel as if we have been deceived about the limitation set by the New York Port Authority. Most people in this community believe the City had to agree not to cut it or to place it horizontally. I know this because I've received Facebook comments to that effect. It's what I believed, based on what the 9-11 Committee told the press. It's not true. It is reprehensible that this committee lied to the community with absolutely no consequence.

Councilman Whalen at the last meeting suggested that placement in the trees would take up more "useful" park space because kids are more likely to play down there than up on the hill. As a parent, I assure you that's not true. My kids always played up on the hill, not in the trees where I couldn't keep an eye on them or ensure there weren't people who could harm them hiding. I can't imagine sledding down the hill in the snow or sliding down the dry grass in the summer in the shadow of death. This memorial should be somber and reflective. If placed on the hill it will change the nature of the park from a place of joy and activity.

Councilwoman Johnson said the Vietnam Memorial is out in the open. Having lived in D.C. I can assure you that's not entirely true. The back of that memorial is oriented toward the street. It's not 36-feet tall. People aren't playing tennis or street hockey or basketball in its shadow. You can kneel beside it without traffic whizzing by behind or in front of you.

I could go on in my reasons for not wanting it placed at the top of the park. But I suspect your minds are made up. Clearly, since you asked the Park Board to make a recommendation but immediately raised objections to their well-thought-out decision, you've known where you want it from the beginning. So I will now turn to more practical and fiscal matters.

I urge the Council not to allow any physical work to begin on installing the memorial until the committee has secured all funds required, plus a 10 percent contingency. If construction begins before all funds are secured – and placed into an account with city oversight – we could have a partially constructed memorial blighting our park if the committee runs out of funds. In that case, the city would be under pressure to pony up whatever is needed to complete the project. When we do not have funds to fix potholes, it would be fiscally irresponsible to spend our precious tax dollars on a controversial memorial.

And finally, I urge the city to maintain control over all signage related to the memorial. This will help preclude the embarrassment of misspellings as we have on the Veteran's Memorial signage related to the non-existent video surveillance.

Katie Bolam

From: Sandy Hockett <sand2fly@live.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Debra Perry
Subject: 9/11 Memorial Rod

Hello Madame Major,

I understand I can let you know this way of my interest in the placement of the 9/11 Memorial. I love our design for the Veterans Memorial and visit it often. In fact I was happy to donate funds for its construction. I am also proud to know that Milton has the opportunity to create a 9/11 Memorial. My feeling is that we leave the Veterans Memorial as is. That is to say that it is its own place of honor and let the same be true with the new 9/11 Memorial. I would like it voiced during the discussion in the upcoming meeting that for me, I like the idea to nestle the beam among the trees as a solemn reminder. "We will never forget". Thank you, Sandy Hockett
Sandy

Katie Bolam

From: cathyppop1@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, September 04, 2017 10:43 PM
To: Debra Perry
Cc: Tom Boyle; Susan Johnson; Bryan Ott; Tony Bennest; Todd Morton; Robert Whalen
Subject: 9/11 Memorial Comments

Mayor Perry, please read this into the minutes. Thank you.

Mayor and Council,

I would like to address some of the issues raised by the City Council at the August 21 meeting regarding the 9/11 memorial and provide important context for the entire issue.

Councilmember Ott complained about the amount of time this decision has taken. The delay is not the fault of the City Council, the Park Board, or concerned citizens. The delay is the responsibility of an uncommunicative Memorial Committee. Councilmember Ott also commented that any concerns should have been brought up in 2013. Had I been informed that this discussion was happening at that time I would have voiced my concerns and objections. I had always trusted that the Council would not take action that would so adversely affect me without my receiving notice.

When Chief Hernandez requested a fence around the parking lot the Council and Mayor said that the neighbors would need to be asked if they had any objections. Later in that same meeting it was stated that it was important that Council be consistent.

Before the vote was taken to approve the fence the Mayor assured the Council that all neighbors were fine with it.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen found it odd that people who objected to the memorial being in the park didn't object to it being in the lower spot. To be clear I do not think the memorial belongs in the park. The Park Board said it could be in the park and recommended the lower spot. As a reasonable person I believe in compromise. I still will not be happy that it is in the park.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen stated that the upper location was the only viable location. It seems foolish to task a citizen committee with making a recommendation without making them aware that only one area was acceptable. They were only shown one design. If there were no options why have them spend two years working on it?

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen stated that he will see the memorial everyday, he will not see it everytime he walks out his door or glances out his window. I can only assume that if you do not understand why I do not want to be forced to see the artifact multiple times a day it doesn't mean as much to you as it does to me. It is not a matter of crying in public but of crying multiple times a day.

He stated that he didn't want to put more traffic on Oak but The Six Year Transportation Improvement Program shows that the traffic at Milton Way and 15th is going to get much worse. I find it disrespectful to the piece to put it on such a busy corner.

I moved by a park to celebrate life not death. Children play at the top of the park contrary to what you may believe. Mayor Pro Tem Whalen has stated that the Park Board's preferred location is used at Milton Days. It is not.

Concerns were raised about vandalism in the lower spot. It was pointed out that the skate park has been vandalized numerous times. Visibility does not make a location immune to vandalism. The skate park is in a highly visible location on Milton Way.

I have been told by many people that a compromise would be reached but when the committee cannot accept getting 90% of what they want it seems compromise is not in their vocabulary.

Jack Chandler was given extra time and allowed to interact with Council so he could share the history from his perspective even after he had given a presentation on July 17th.

I would like to share my history with this project. I learned of the plans in an article in the Signal in 2015. I began attending City Council, 9/11 Memorial Committee, and Park Board meetings. At the first Memorial Committee meeting I attended I was told there was an agreement with New York that said the beam couldn't be cut, couldn't be in the ground and had to be at the top of the park. At another committee meeting we asked to see the agreement and were told that the agreement was at the city. An inquiry to the city revealed that they did not have the agreement. When the Park Board asked to see the agreement, Jack Chandler admitted that there was no agreement with New York and that the rules were made by the committee.

As stated in a Seattle Times article on December 12, 2015 the piece can be cut as long as every piece is put on public display not in someone's backyard.

The Park Board asked to have several designs to consider. Jack Chandler agreed to get designs to the Park Board.

The Park Board attended a committee meeting on May 18 to see designs and were told that designs could not be given to them because the committee did not have a quorum. Jack Chandler stated that they could not set another meeting because they did not have a quorum.

I saw several designs that were submitted to the Committee but every design that didn't adhere to the Committee's arbitrary rules was rejected.

After May 18th I could not find out when the committee meetings were in spite of the fact that they are held in a public building.

The Park Board asked the committee multiple times about plans. The Park Board finally decided to start trying to come up with plans on their own. They brainstormed and came up with several ideas.

The Park Board decided that the piece should be cut, and possibly shared with another community that was unable to get their own piece.

The Park Board visited the park at least twice to decide on the best location for the memorial, measuring spaces and deciding on the most appropriate location.

When a Councilmember at the July 17th meeting asked if the Park Board had seen the presentation the Mayor stated that they had and had not taken any action or given any suggestions at this point. Later she asked Jack Chandler for clarification. He said that yes members of the Park Board had been at a Committee meeting, which was also not accurate as there was only one Park Board member at the meeting.

I am appalled that this decision suddenly has to be made at a time when it is difficult for many people to be at a meeting. First it was scheduled for a meeting that was listed as cancelled on the city website then put off to the meeting the day after Labor Day and the day before the first day of school a time that is difficult for many people with children in school to come.

Catherine Popp