



Special Meeting
Monday, September 11, 2017
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Perry called the Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Pro Tem Whalen, Councilmembers Morton (arrived 6:10pm)
MOTION TO EXCUSE TARDY (Whalen/Bennest) **Passed 5/0**, Johnson, Bennest, Boyle, and Ott; Newly-appointed Councilmember Hutson took his seat at 8:00 pm.

STAFF PRESENT

Police Chief Hernandez, Finance Director Garrison, City Attorney Cameron, Public Works Director Peretti, City Engineer Howlett, and City Clerk Bolam

INTERVIEWS TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY FOR POSITION #6

Council elected to conduct interviews in 10-minute segments consisting of up to 3 minutes for an introductory statement, followed by the remainder of the time in question-and-answer format. Interviews were conducted in the order that applications were received, and Mayor Perry was elected to read all the questions:

- Mark Hutson
- Steve Whitaker
- Bruce White
- Mary Tompkins
- Penny Tesch

Mayor Perry recessed Council to Executive Session for the evaluation of candidates at 7:08 pm for approximately 30 minutes. Council was called back to session at 7:46 pm.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Perry opened the floor to nominations.

Councilmember Ott nominated Mary Tompkins
Councilmember Bennest nominated Steve Whitaker

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen nominated Mark Hutson

Mayor Perry closed the floor to nominations.

Mayor Perry asked for a roll call vote for each nominee.

Mary Tompkins:

- Councilmember Boyle – no
- Councilmember Bennest – yes
- Councilmember Ott – yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – no
- Councilmember Johnson – no
- Councilmember Morton – no

The vote was opposed 2/4.

Steve Whitaker:

- Councilmember Boyle – no
- Councilmember Bennest – yes
- Councilmember Ott – yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – no
- Councilmember Johnson – no
- Councilmember Morton – no

The vote was opposed 2/4.

Mark Hutson:

- Councilmember Boyle – yes
- Councilmember Bennest – yes
- Councilmember Ott – yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – yes
- Councilmember Johnson – yes
- Councilmember Morton – yes

The vote was in favor 6/0.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Perry thanked all the candidates, encouraging those not elected to volunteer for one of the City's several committees.

Newly elected Councilmember Hutson took the Oath of Office and immediately joined Council for the remainder of the meeting.

Mayor Perry led the assembly in a moment of silence in honor of the anniversary of September 11.

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Project Acceptance – 15th Ave Water Tank Painting

City Engineer Howlett explained this project and need to close the project out.

COUNCILMEMBER OTT MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Morton, to accept the 15th Avenue Reservoir Recoating Project as complete and release the retainage to the Contractor subject to proper releases from the State of Washington. **Passed 7/0.**

B. Contract Award – Demolition of the Jovita Blvd and 94th Ave Water Tanks

City Engineer Howlett explained the locations and need for these demolition projects.

COUNCILMEMBER HUTSON MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to authorize the Mayor to award the construction contract for the Water Tank Demolition Project to Dickson Company in an amount of \$134,671.46 and authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents to execute such contract. **Passed 7/0.**

C. 911 Memorial

Mayor Perry referred everyone to the available paper packets of citizen comments and a petition, and Council elected to take a brief time to read through them all silently.

Speaker	Comments
Written comments received	Written comments included with these minutes.
Petition of signatures received	Petition included with these minutes.

MAYOR PRO TEM WHALEN MOVED, seconded by Councilmember Bennest, to approve the most-recent proposed design by Creative Comfort, in the location near the top of Milton Community Park near the existing Veteran’s Memorial.

Councilmember Boyle listed observations he’s made in favor of this location:

- Ease of construction
- Security
- High profile

And in opposition:

- Potential to overshadow the existing memorials (VFW and Hope)
- No mitigation for privacy for grief or buffer from noise
- VFW is brilliant – shields road noise
- Relocation of Arlington Oak
- Topography issues on slope
- ADA access

He said he was surprised at the Park Board’s recommendation, and he’s in favor of the main reason, providing for somber reflection. He would need mitigation measures to support the upper-Park location.

Councilmember Johnson read a prepared statement, which included historical facts of 9/11 events, concerns related to the location within the trees, and encouragement that any motion include buffer trees in the uphill location.

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen said that further development near and around the Memorial can happen in later time, while approving the base design.

Councilmember Ott expressed his opinion to keep the memorials all together. Appreciates the procedure followed for this subject matter. This is a memorial we can be proud of. And he supports to the motion.

Councilmember Hutson referred to the citizen comments and the signed petition, saying the community has expressed its support and he is happy to represent the community by supporting the motion.

Councilmember Morton commended the design and various components, stated his concerns regarding the lower tree location due to damage to those trees, and said he supports the motion.

Councilmember Boyle added that there has been no stated opposition to Council's 2013 action to waive the permit fees associated with this project, further indicating community support.

Mayor Perry asked Council if they want to change their protocol and allow for citizen comment – Council denied this.

Mayor Perry called for a roll call vote:

- Councilmember Hutson – yes
- Councilmember Boyle – no
- Councilmember Bennest – yes
- Councilmember Ott – yes
- Mayor Pro Tem Whalen – yes
- Councilmember Johnson – yes
- Councilmember Morton – yes

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Hutson

- Looking forward to serving on Council

Councilmember Boyle

- Looks forward to helping with the building of the memorial

Councilmember Bennest

- Announced he is resigning from Council effective immediately due to the negative impact on his business – reminded everyone that it is easy to criticize Council; it is not easy to sit on Council

Councilmember Ott

- Requested info on a stop light in Fife Heights

Councilmember Morton

- Requested info on the lights between 23rd and 28th – noticed they are not registering vehicles, at least in the evenings
- Street light on 23rd between Emerald and Alder that is flashing

Councilmember Johnson

- No report

Mayor Pro Tem Whalen

- Requested Milton move to a line-item budget, not rolled-up within each department
- Recommends that on October 1 regarding the fire station the city move forward with a 90-day eviction notice

Council as a whole welcomed and congratulated new Councilmember Hutson, and wished Councilmember Bennest well in his resignation from Council.

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Director Peretti

- AMI meters have met with good progress
- Storm culverts across 70th replaced
- Catch basins cleaning project about 43% complete – will play into decant facility

Director Garrison

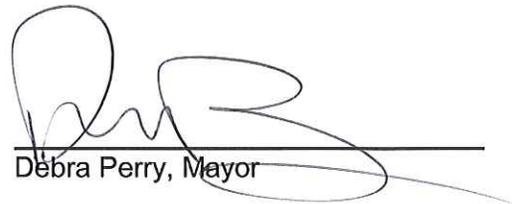
- Annual stormwater bills have gone out
- Call for budget has gone out to directors with a 9/25 due date to finance, and 10/2 due to date to the Mayor

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Interesting PCCTA meeting hearing from WASPC Policy Director regarding body cameras, public disclosure, officer recruiting and training, etc.
- Asked Council for interest level in studying the issue of safe injection sites – Council expressed interest in studying the issue

ADJOURNMENT

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



Debra Perry, Mayor

ATTEST:



Katie Bolam, City Clerk

From: mwfederalway@comcast.net
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11memorial
Date: Thursday, September 07, 2017 8:13:01 PM

Hi my name is Michelle Wright

And I have family that lives in Milton and when I heard about 9/11 Memorial I was very excited I was there when they brought it to Milton from New York .

And the placement for where they want to put the memorial is best by the Arlington oak tree it's a beautiful spot.

There along with the Veterans memorial behind it please take in consideration that this is a remembrance of what happened on 9/11

Thank you for your time

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

From: Teresa Cosner
To: [Debra Perry](#); [Katie Bolam](#)
Subject: 9/11 Memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 8:54:48 PM

Mayor, and Council,

The Council approved the design and put the location back in the hands of the Parks Board. The Parks Board made a recommendation to Council without considering all the facts in the construction and future maintenance of the Memorial. Based on additional input, several Council Members have publicly voiced their opinions of where the Memorial should be.

While the Parks Board has been forthcoming in making the Board available through meetings, and Parks Board members attending the 9/11 Commission Meetings regularly. The comments made about the Parks Board starting their own plans are inaccurate and lead residents to think that the Commission has been sitting idle. The Parks Board was only looking at other designs during their review of the project. There have been hurdles and additional obstacles that the Commission needed to overcome before presenting plans to the Parks Board and Council, in addition to that the Commission lost a vital member of the design team when the original designer stepped down. Once Vernonn came on board as the new Architect and started assisting the Commission the plans became more and more complete, and finally approved by the Council this summer. The Council has gone back and forth on the location for several weeks now, wanting to see more information, wanting more visual information, wanting to have the full Council present to vote, so the delay has not been the Commission or the Parks Board.

Granted one residence doesn't like the location and has garnered several friends to support their view point. If it's that critical to Council to get public input then add the measure to the November Ballot and let the citizens decide where it should go, other than that, let's make a decision and move on.

By the way, during the last meeting on 5 Sep 17, Ms Heather Popp asked a question, and the response appeared a little heated and rude. Granted we all have our opinions of the situation, we should remind ourselves that being civil is a part of government, we shouldn't let our personal feelings get involved when responding back to constituents during citizen comment. It would be nice to hear an apology to Ms Popp for the situation, assure her that her comments were taken seriously and a proper response to her question is forthcoming.

I support the current design and planned location. If you place the Memorial in the tree line I suspect that the design will have to change, and again, further delay this important community project that has a lot of support. The only thing in question is the location, not the Memorial, everyone has pretty much said they want it- question is where is the best place for it? If you don't believe the issues being mentioned, talk with the Certified Architect on the project, he has been at every meeting, and available to answer all your questions, just ask!

Respectfully,

Teresa Cosner
7th Ave

From: Robin Piatt
To: d.perry@cityofmilton.net; [Katie Bolam](#)
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 1:15:51 PM

I am in support of the 9-11 memorial artifact being placed by the Veterans Memorial.

We fought for this country!

Royal Piatt

From: Jim Mickelson
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 911 memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 1:48:05 PM

Mayor Perry,

I strongly support placing the 911 memorial next to the VFW in the Arlington Oak.

It does not need to be in the trees. It needs to be visible so we never forget.

Jim Mickelson
Business Owner
City of Milton

From: Ralph Starr
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9-11 Memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 2:21:01 PM

I strongly support the 9-11 Memorial and the ideal place would be in Triangle Park. Placement in the upper Northern corner of the park directly behind the Veterans Memorial. This is a site that will be seen by the passing vehicles and encourage individuals to stop, spend time in the Park and get to see more of what Milton has to offer. It will be a positive image for the City of Milton. Lets get this going and not waste another year or two delaying the building of a National quality 9-11 Memorial.

Not a Milton resident but take pride in the community efforts to bring about recognition in the state and nation.

Ralph Starr

From: Tammy Baldwin
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11 Memorial Needed!!!
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 2:25:45 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
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The community needs the 9/11 memorial please don't delay installation of this cherished peace.

Thank you

Tammy Baldwin
VP, Branch Manager

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From: Sheila Goodfellow
To: dperry@cityofmilton.net
Subject: Support for 9/11 Memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 4:14:22 PM
Attachments: [CK logo_small.png](#)
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I strongly support the 9-11 memorial in Milton!!! Appreciatively, Sheila

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Sheila Goodfellow - Community Relations Director
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From: Betty Westby
To: [Katie Bolam](#)
Subject: 9-11 Memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 7:10:00 PM

I support the 9-11 memorial being placed adjacent to the Veterans' Memorial and the Arlington Oak in Milton.

I first saw the piece of metal from the Twin Towers at Fife last year and I will never forget the feelings that washed over me. So many feelings. I remembered those that lost their lives. I remembered those firemen who risked their lives to save others. I remembered those who had lost loved ones that day. We live far removed from New York City and the attack but this actual piece serves as a close-up reminder of a nation coming together that day and what a great nation we live in.

I think the perfect spot for the memorial is adjacent to and becoming part of the present one. The news tonight said that they didn't think it should be located close to the road. I think that close to the road is perfect. It will be a constant reminder of how precious our freedom actually is.

I anxiously wait for the monument to be put into place.

Sincerely,
Betty Westby
21606 - 42nd Ave E
Spanaway, WA 98387

253-875-9727

From: Richard Cosner
To: [Debra Perry](#); [Katie Bolam](#)
Subject: 9/11 Memorial
Date: Friday, September 08, 2017 11:53:20 AM

Mayor, Council, (I know that this might take longer than 3 minutes to read but there are several key points to mention and not a lot of people have talked about them, nor did the Park Board consider during their meetings.)

As previously stated I am for the current design of the Memorial, and the current publicized location next to the Veterans Memorial.

I believe that putting the Memorial in the trees will permanently harm the trees, roots, and could cause potential hazards to the public visiting inside the tree line. Not to mention the additional maintenance requirement to keep the stainless steel, brass, and other metals in prime condition because pine needles are very acidic and will corrode many of the features in the design. The Park Board location has issues with water, grass, and flower beds as well, because, again, pine needles are acidic and when they fall into water, grass, and flower beds they increase the PH levels and will cause damage to plants, cause the water to discolor and become toxic. This is why you don't see a lot of grass or flowers under pine trees, the needles are acidic when they decompose and allows the tree to maintain the resources under it's canopy for it's own growth. You could use Gypsum, or "Soil Sweetner," to reduce the PH but that will only help the grass and flowers, it won't help the other elements in the design.

The other issue is that the tree roots will be damaged during construction, the root extends to the edge of the tree canopy and when you look up from the Park Board location you see nothing but pine canopy so construction will damage any root system in the area. Construction must dig down to bring in cement, waterlines, electrical lines, forms, and bring the site level with ground, if not a few inches above ground, so the ground will have to be excavated and backfilled during construction. The Park Board is only looking at the surface of the trees, under the trees there is an intricate root system that can be damaged during construction, and possibly kill the tree weeks, months, and even years after construction, and once the tree starts to die that could signal the potential for limbs to fall, damaging the memorial, or worse yet injure/kill a visitor to the memorial.

Another issue that the Park Board has not considered is who is actually going to maintain the memorial- just like the Veterans Memorial, it is dependent on a base of volunteers that care for the memorial on a regular basis. These volunteers are part of the older retired population from Milton, Edgewood, Fife, and Federal Way. Public Works has very little to do with the memorial, the volunteers do all the maintenance minus some sprinkler issues. They cut the grass, edge, feed, clean, pressure wash, clean out the fountain, and ensure the Veterans Memorial and Arlington Oak is in tip top shape for the public to share. If you place the 9/11 Memorial in the trees, these volunteers will have to travel with the all the equipment into the trees from the top of the hill in order to maintain the memorial there, and back to the storage shed next to the Milton Community Center on top of the hill. This will add to the maintenance hours required to maintain both memorials fit for public viewing. If it is placed at the top of the hill where there is already electricity, and water, the volunteers can easily maintain the 9/11 Memorial with the Veterans Memorial and Arlington Oak-

again a fact that the Park Board did not taken into consideration.

As for the Arlington Oak, the Arborist that is currently caring for the tree states it can be moved without damage. However, the Apple Tree will probably have to go but the City was already talking about removing it anyway? With the addition of the 9/11 Memorial in the first proposed location, the area will be beautified, and maintained weekly, just as with the Veterans Memorial and will take away the current unmaintained dead brown grass area which to me is more unsightly than a beautifully designed and significant memorial that encompasses Tacoma, Fife, Milton, Edgewood, Federal Way, Seattle, and the Pacific Northwest. Remember all the communities had a hand in all this, to include the Fife School District students.

The Milton Council has already approved the design, what is not approved is the location. My suggested compromise is that the Council place the 9/11 Memorial as originally planned and add trees along Milton Way. A 15-20 foot tree will not only blend the Memorial into the background immediately, but it will add to the beauty of Milton Community Park and make an unused area of the park- useable.

When Mnt St Helens erupted it devastated vast forests, and caused extensive damage to rivers, lakes, and land. The USFS, and USDA all partnered in getting a forest re established because they knew how important it was to quickly grow it back. They chose beautiful pine trees that grew quickly, and after 37 years they have a tall forest once again. Although planting a 24-36 inch pine tree won't grow as fast for us here, the Parks Board, or the 9/11 Commission can purchase more mature trees that are already at a 15-20 foot height and vary the tree species so that it will blend the artifact into the background. Communities do similar actions all the time, paint cell towers green to blend into the trees, add tree outlines on water towers to hide the massive structure, paint or cover signal boxes with beautiful paintings(Federal Way), this can be done here as well without losing sight on why this needs to be done, and why this needs to be in Milton Community Park because- the Community does care!

Richard Cosner

7th Ave

From: jjs4025@aol.com
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11 memorial
Date: Saturday, September 09, 2017 10:20:59 AM

would want the memorial to be located right along side the war memorial for everyone to see.

Jerilyn

From: Robert Weilbacher
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9-11 Memorial
Date: Saturday, September 09, 2017 10:42:30 AM

Seems to me that the best location for the 9-11 Memorial is the corner sight on Milton Way and 15th St. The opposition wanting it in the woods is ridiculous. No one would know it is there and the trees would have to be removed for at least a 50 foot diameter. If not on the corner I would start looking for another community, who I'm sure would welcome it with open arms. It would be a great asset for that corner, which is not used anyway. So lets get off the ball and get this project built.

Robert Weilbacher

From: richieonly
To: [Katie Bolam](#)
Date: Saturday, September 09, 2017 1:58:32 PM

Please put it on top of the park. Thanks

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Gwen Adams
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9-11 Memorial
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 7:20:33 AM

D. Perry,

The Milton VFW has a wonderful memorial on 15th Ave. in Milton. This memorial is to honor all the men and women who served in the American Armed Forces. Many of those who served didn't make it home. They need not be forgotten.

On 9 Sep 2011 the City of New York had citizens who went to work that day thinking their day would be an ordinary day in their lives. The City was attacked that day and many of the people in the twin towers area paid the ultimate price. They died as a result of the terrorist attack. These people also need to be remembered. They never got to go home. The memorial to those individuals needs to be with the memorial to those who served their country. People want to see this piece and get a feeling of what happened on that day in Sep 2011. Make it visible to the public.

Sincerely, Tim & Gwen Adams

From: Philip Lynch
To: [Katie Bolam](#)
Subject: 9-11 memorial
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 10:22:08 AM

September 10 2017

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to support the efforts that have been made to create the 9-11 memorial. I think it would be a great addition to the existing veterans' memorials at the site in Milton.

When my wife and I first saw the artifact at the street fair in Fife we were both moved to tears. It is a fantastic piece of the world trade center and a stark reminder that we should "Never Forget". We both dug deeply into our pockets for the fund raising efforts.

I understand there are opponents to the effort. There will always be the "not in my back yard" point of view. But it needs to be somewhere and I cannot think of a more patriotic and honored location than adjacent to the veterans' memorial.

Thank you

Philip M. Lynch

21606 42 Ave. East

Spanaway WA. 98387



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From: Norman Hann
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 3:11:21 PM

I think the beam from 9-11 should be at the vetrans memorial not in the middle of the park!

From: CenturyLink Customer
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11 Memorial
Date: Sunday, September 10, 2017 5:19:21 PM

Dear Mayor Perry and Members of the Milton City Council,

My name is, Dr. Peter Kilburn and I am a proud member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11401, which represent the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood. I am one of the fellows who volunteer to spend a couple of hours a week doing grounds maintenance and picking litter at the Veterans Memorial in Milton. I have participated in the last several "Milton Days" parades as a flag bearer in the lead element of those parades. I participate in the VFW activities at and around the Memorial and outreach activities with the various Retirement Facilities in Milton. I am a retired general surgeon and former U.S. Army Reserve Colonel. I have been Commander of a 700 soldier U.S. Army Hospital at Ft. Lewis and have been deployed overseas in three combat deployments as a trauma surgeon. My last deployment in 2003 was as Commander of a Forward Surgical Team in Iraq. I have been the three state area Army Reserve Command Surgeon and was appointed as an adviser to the Surgeon General of the Army.

Nine/Eleven is a date that changed our world. Thousands of lives were lost and millions of lives were changed. Our public transportation safeguards have been and are ever changing. Our Police, fire, military and rapid response units have been changed. We cannot hide that--we should not hide that. The City of Milton along with those of Fife and Edgewood have been honored to receive an artifact--a living symbol, of that tragic day of 9/11 2001. A wonderfully planned and thought out design has been purposed to highlight that one of a kind living artifact.

A great honor such as this does not deserve to be hidden away in the woods or in a children's playground. It deserves the enduring respect of a fitting display. The most logical location for this National Treasure is on "Memorial Hill" in Triangle Park near the Veteran's Memorial and the Arlington Oak.

I commute 18 miles round trip from home to Milton. I am a resident of Federal Way, but because of the fine people in VFW Post 11401 and the people of the cities of Fife, Milton and Edgewood, I choose to volunteer here. I cannot vote in your election, so I have no bias or prejudice and am not worried about "offending" anyone. My support for the 9/11 Memorial placement is based on logic and common sense.

Respectfully,

Dr. Peter V. Kilburn

I feel it is disrespectful that the 9-11 piece has not been finalized and has a home. It is disrespectful to all the lives lost that day.

It is not wrong to be reminded of a day that brought so much pain, so much hurt and so much loss. What is wrong is that we don't remember that day. We all know we were, we all felt their loss, we all felt helpless; and we all healed together, we all raised up as one county and made a promise this would not happen again and never to forget.

The 9/11 memorial would be a place for people to come stop and reflect. It would be a local place for children to take a field trip and be educated on that day. A place for people to come from other cities and states. JBLM is right in our back yard this would be a place for military personnel to come and remember, reflect, and find peace. So many people joined a branch of the military because of this act and tragedy it is our duty to keep it alive and remember those whose lost their lives that day.

It is time for it to be where people can view it.

My fear is that if it is put in the tress we would lose so much of our park and the potential of vandalism would be hidden by the rest of the tress left. Its proper home is next to the Veterans memorial; where people can transition from the wall, Arlington Oak and the Memorial.

Let's make Milton a destination of hope and reflection. Get people to come here visit the park and leave here knowing we are a strong community that they would want to live in and raise a family. This has the potential to have people stay eat and shop as our communities grow.

From: Stephanie Reid-Simons
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11 memorial comment, for 9/11/17 meeting
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 8:15:29 AM

Madame Mayor, I must be at work in Seattle and won't be able to make it to the Council meeting on 9/11/17.

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

Dear Mayor and Milton Council Members,

On this solemn day of remembrance, I ask that you remember - that we ALL remember - that the vote you take tonight is NOT a test of patriotism.

Voting for or against a particular location for a 9/11 memorial does not make you a great American. Rather, it is hearing from your diverse community - and truly listening to what people are saying - that reflects your commitment to our values as a nation.

The debate over this 9/11 memorial, not unlike similar debates around our country and even in our state capitol (which decided against installing a 9/11 memorial), can get emotional. We all love this country. We all mourn those who died on that terrible day. This is true whether or not our city or any other builds a memorial to the attacks.

Whatever you vote, please remember that.

Even the official 9/11 Museum in New York, at Ground Zero, has been controversial. Victims' families have been frustrated at the tourist-y nature of the experience, described by Pulitzer Prize winning architecture expert Philip Kennicott this way: "Striving for catharsis and epiphany, they have created an oversized pit of self-pity, patriotic self-glorification and voyeurism, where visitors are allowed to feel personally touched by the deaths of people they didn't know."

Are we certain we are not doing the same?

Stephanie Reid-Simons
1506 23rd Ave.
Milton

From: Lillie Torres
To: [Debra Perry](#); [Katie Bolam](#)
Subject: Tonight's Special Meeting
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 9:54:42 AM

Dear Madame Mayor,

I am writing in regards to the September 11th memorial that is proposed for the top of Triangle park. Please read this email at tonight's special meeting.

I personally feel as though the 9/11 memorial should be located nestled in the trees where the Parks Board had suggested. I believe that as the Parks Board, their opinion should be heavily weighed.

At the last meeting, there seemed to be a tone from one of the Councilmen that opposition to the location or the idea of the September 11th memorial was somehow unpatriotic. That sentiment could not be further from the truth. I was 17 on September 11th, 2001 and I can tell you every detail of that day. And every year, on this day, I remember what it means to me to be an American and just how thankful I am for the luxury of being born in this country. I do not oppose the September 11th memorial because I do not love this country or the people who die for her freedom. I am not in favor of the memorial because I DO remember that day. And I cannot imagine having to look at the memory of that day, every day.

I appreciate that this topic is being discussed and I hope that citizen feedback and participation continues to be encouraged and appreciated.

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Lillie Torres
510 12th Ave Ct

From: lilley4@comcast.net
To: [Debra Perry](#)
Subject: 9/11 memorial
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:36:27 AM

Dear City Councilmembers,

I regret that I cannot attend the meeting tonight but I have volunteer responsibilities with Fife High School that conflict. I ask that you read this letter as my citizen comment into the minutes.

To honor the spirit of diverse people coming together, I ask that you consider the feelings and opinions of the diverse constituents who have come to your meetings, written letters and expressed their concerns about the placement of this memorial. PLEASE do not make a decision based on your personal desire or that of your friends. The American, patriotic thing to do is to listen to the people – all of us. And it's also to compromise.

It's very clear not everyone will be 100 percent happy with the placement of the memorial. If vandalism is a concern, the police station is the obvious spot. The skate park is a prime example that simply placing it on a busy street corner will not protect it from vandalism. But placement by the police station would. It would also satisfy many who don't feel the park is the right place for it.

My husband and I made a significant donation to this Memorial. As donors, I want to assure you that we do not want it placed in the park. We would like to see it placed at the police station, which seems most appropriate and safe to us. If it is to be placed in the park, we would hope you would consider taking the time to consult with an arborist to ensure that its placement will harm neither the native trees in the park nor the Arlington Oak. After all this time, a few more weeks to ensure that it does no harm is surely not too much to ask.

Thank you,
Michele Lilley

Milton resident

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

Petition to let the City Council know where you stand on the issue of the 9/11 Memorial

Petition summary and background
 The piece of the World Trade Center has been laying in storage for far too long. The Park Board seems to want it placed in the lower area of the park in the trees far away from Veterans Memorial and the Arlington Oak. The 9/11 Memorial Committee has said they would prefer it to be located on the upper N.E. corner of the park at Milton Way and 15th Ave. This site was approved by City Council back in July 2013. It only seems right that the 9/11 memorial be located near the Veterans Memorial and the Arlington Oak. To get this project moving we are asking that the public email the city hall. Attention to the Mayor at (d.perry@cityofmilton.net) or the city clerk (kbloam@cityofmilton.net). The 9/11 memorial will be on the City Council meeting agenda Monday September 11, 2017 at 7pm at Milton City Hall 1000 Laurel St. in Milton. Let the City Council know where you stand on the issue of the 9/11 Memorial. This could be the last chance to have this artifact located in Milton.

Action petitioned for
 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to vote on the 9/11 Memorial.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
Mensa Bekaert	Mensa Bekaert	406 25 th Ave P Milton WA	near vets memorial	9/8/17
Jennifer Reich	Jennifer Reich	607 28 th Ave, Milton	near Veterans Memorial Arlington Oak!	9/8/17
Suzanne Kneid	Suzanne Kneid	607 28 th Av. Milton	Thank you	9/8/17
Ronald Tracy	Ronald Tracy	607 28 th Av Milton	NEAR VETS MEMORIAL THANKS	9/8/17
Elexence L. Schaefer	Elexence L. Schaefer	607 25 th Ave Milton	Close to Vets Memorial so can be visible	9/8/17
Mary B. Huppel	Mary B. Huppel	607 25 th Ave Milton	very good	9/8/17
Paris L. Vester	Paris L. Vester	607 25 th Ave Milton	A Veterans memorial park	9/8/17
Virginia Wood	Virginia Wood	607 28 th Ave #103	needs to be there	9/8/17
Jasmin Simmons	Jasmin Simmons	607 28 th Ave Milton	Triangle Park	9-8-17
Ruth Enticknap	Ruth Enticknap	607 28 th Ave Milton	Milton Day and 15th	9-8-17

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BETTY J. HOYT	Betty J. Hoyt	607 28th Ave A303	NEAR VETERANS MEMORIAL	9/9/17
Kathleen Dall	Kathleen Dall	P.O. Box 152 Milton WA 98354	Put it near Vet's Memorial!	9/9/17
Lisa Asplund	Lisa Asplund	91 Highway Ave Milton 98354	Please Near Memorial	9-11-17
Margaret East	Margaret East	607 28th Ave #606	near Veterans Memorial	9/11/17
Diana Ober	Diana Ober	2429 163rd St E	Near Veterans Memorial	9-11-17
RICHARD WARDER	Richard Walden	307	I support it	9-11-17
Becky Helman	Becky Helman	104 Meridian East, Milton	would love to see the memorial	9/11/17
Amy Mollenberg	Amy Mollenberg	104 Meridian East, Milton	would love to see this happen	9/11/17
Kevin Jones	Kevin Jones	900E Madison St Milton		9/11/17
Zak Knight	Zak Knight	1283 Meridian NEE		9-11-17
Wayne Meyer	Wayne Meyer	9418 28th St E, Edgewood,		9-11-17
William Halliburton	William Halliburton	22512 177th SE WA.	EXCELLENT IDEA.	9-11-17
Ken Myrtag	Ken Myrtag	25020 96th Ave Graham WA	Love to see	9-11-17
Brooks Ambrose	Brooks Ambrose	4503 Samson Pkwy WA	would love no see support	9/11/17
Vincent Santig	Vincent Santig	1420 Meridian E Ste 2	do what the committee asks	9/11/17
Gail Legitar	Gail Legitar	1420 Meridian E Ste 2	do what the committee asks	9/11/17

