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MEMORIALIZATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

Date: 03/23/2021

Time: 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

City Staff: Jesse Moos (JM)

In attendance: Steph Aman (SA), Ellenor Barish (EB), Kerri Connolly (KC), (RL), Sara Marx (SM), Mary Jo Rossetti (MJR).

Absent: David Guss (DG) Will Mbah (WM) Robert LaPointe (RL)

Agenda:

Meeting was called to order at 6:04PM

The January minutes were **unanimously approved**.

Old Business

JM answered questions from the January meeting, (10 minutes)

- **West Branch Library**, JM has spoken to Library Director Cathy Paintigini about opportunities to name assets at the remodeled WBL, she is currently not interested at the time, but if that changes she want to speak the Library Trustees before getting the MC involved in the process.
- **New SHS**, lots of new rooms to be named in the High School, MC will focus our April meeting to try and match nominees to assets.
- **Re-naming existing assets**, Section 2-309.14 G, states that the MC does not have the ability to rename any City asset and only has the authority to name new assets. EB asked what mechanism exists to rename a school? JM will follow up with the Legal Dept.

New Business





Online Conflict of Interest Training (2 Minutes) JM reminded the members that they need to complete their online training by 3/31/2021 and email certificate of completions to John Long.

Discussion on Memorial Benches (5 minutes) JM lead this discussion on the relationship between Public Space & Urban Forestry (PSUF) and the MC in regards to how memorial benches are approved. PSUF receives an application and then works to determine proper location and then sent to the MC to ratify the vote. Still some work to be done to flesh out roles and responsibilities. JM hopes to have an updated policy by the next meeting in April. KC brought up the questions of equity and access to paying for a bench install and how this isn't something everyone can afford. JM mentioned that proposed Ryan Sullivan memorial was paid for through a gofundme campaign.

MJR asked about using QRcode's for dedications design. JM will look into this.

Additions to the Proposed, Not Yet Vetted Recommendation List

JM presenting Former Alderman Tom Taylor (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

JM presenting SHS Administrator Leo Desimone (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

JM presenting Charlene Harris Ward 4 School Committee (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

JM presenting Lizzie "Maud" Carvill -Community submission- (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

JM presenting David Wendell Jones Sr & Margaret Jones -Community submission- (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

MJR presenting Ryan Sullivan (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

SM presenting Ruth Veletta Jones (5 Minutes) **unanimously approved.**

KC presenting Squaw Sachem "Queen of the Mystic" **unanimously approved.**

Adjourned at 7:22 PM

Next meeting date: April 20th 2021

