

**POLICE MEMORIAL SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2023 4:00 P.M.**  
**City Hall West Meeting Room**  
**131 North Main Street, Floor 2**

**PRESENT:**

Mayor Jeff Caggiano  
Chief Brian Gould  
Jason Morrocco  
Josh Medeiros  
Chris Hayden  
Ed Krawiecki  
John Leone  
Susan Tyler  
Paul Lemieux  
James Pelletier

**ABSENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Lemieux called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Greg Klimek, 218 Castle Road, spoke about his idea of creating an annual softball game where all proceeds would go to the families of our fallen officers.

**3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE 12/5/22 MEETING**

Mayor Jeff Caggiano made a motion to APPROVE MINUTES FROM 12/5/22 MEETING, Second by Paul Lemieux.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

**4. UPDATE FROM THE PBA REGARDING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMORIAL**

Officer Mark McGrane, President of the Bristol Police Benevolent Association, informed the committee the Bristol PBA has been creating a plan to redo the current memorial for our fallen officers prior to the tragedy on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This memorial is currently located in front of the Bristol Police Departments. Officer McGrane spoke about their preliminary idea of expanding the memorial by adding two monuments on each side of the original monument to honor our fallen and future fallen officers along with a wall surrounding the memorial. The plan includes creating an area of pavers with seating and lighting to create an eternal light to honor our fallen officers.

Mayor Caggiano asked Officer McGrane how this project will be funded. The PBA has spoken with a construction company who is willing to contribute to the new memorial. At this time, the PBA does not have a quote on how much the memorial will cost. Officer McGrane spoke about doing a fundraiser, utilizing donations and speaking with the City of Bristol for help with funding.

Mayor Caggiano stated Svigals Partners out of New Haven has reached out and would like to help out with the memorial.

Jason Morrocco stated due to the current renovations at City Hall, Public Works has a preexisting plan to move the current monument. Benesch Engineering has offered to survey the front of the Bristol Police Department to assist in creating a memorial.

Sue Tyler has asked Officer McGrane to create a sketch of a preliminary memorial plan to present at the next meeting.

## **5. REVIEW THE IDEAS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC**

The Committee discussed ideas submitted by the public as well as suggestions offered by the committee.

- Contacting Giamatti Center to add on to current first responder memorial.
- Creating a City Square for fallen officers at intersection of Hope and North Main and Hope and Riverside.
- Reflection pond or pool outside of City Hall
- Renaming of Green in downtown Bristol

Chief Brian Gould stated he would like to see the memorial subcommittee work alongside of the PBA on updating the current memorial and also create a space to recognize all first responders in the city.

Mayor Caggiano discussed with the committee about out of scope ideas to remove from list.

- Renaming of schools
- Renaming of streets
- Creating a memorial on Memorial Boulevard
- Pigeon Hill property off of Shrub Rd
- Creating various gardens. Could potentially be worked into street scape however this idea is not within scope of the committee.

Sue Tyler stated how annual events that the community or private organizations can host are out of scope for what the memorial subcommittee is looking to achieve.

## **6. DISCUSSION REGARDING TEMPORARY MEMORIAL AND CRUISER**

Chris Hayden has been in contact with auto body shops regarding preserving the police cruiser with hand written messages on it. Chris stated the shop he has spoken with states there is no way to resurface the car and save handwriting.

Ideas on preserving messages from police cruiser.

- Have a photographer take inch by inch pictures of police cruiser and then create a mural with messages.
- Take pieces off the car to preserve and display inside police department rather than car as a whole.
- Transpose messages from car to engrave on memorial.
- Reach out to other law enforcement agencies who have preserved vehicles in the past.

Discussion was held regarding moving the police cruiser out of winter elements.

Public Works will be moving the police cruiser inside on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> 2023. Remaining memorial items will be put against benches in front of the police department.

There will be a press release to notify the public of the car being moved inside for preservation.

## **7. DISCUSSION REGARDING POLICE MEMORIAL**

Mayor Caggiano discussed how events created by the public in honor of the fallen officers should continue to coordinate with the Police Department Administrative office.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Paul Lemieux made a motion to ADJOURN, Second by Sue Tyler.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Police Memorial Subcommittee meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2023, was hereby adjourned at 4:47pm.

*Jacqueline Morelli*  
Recording Secretary

911 Memorial at Edgewood LL



Charleston SC P.D. Monument



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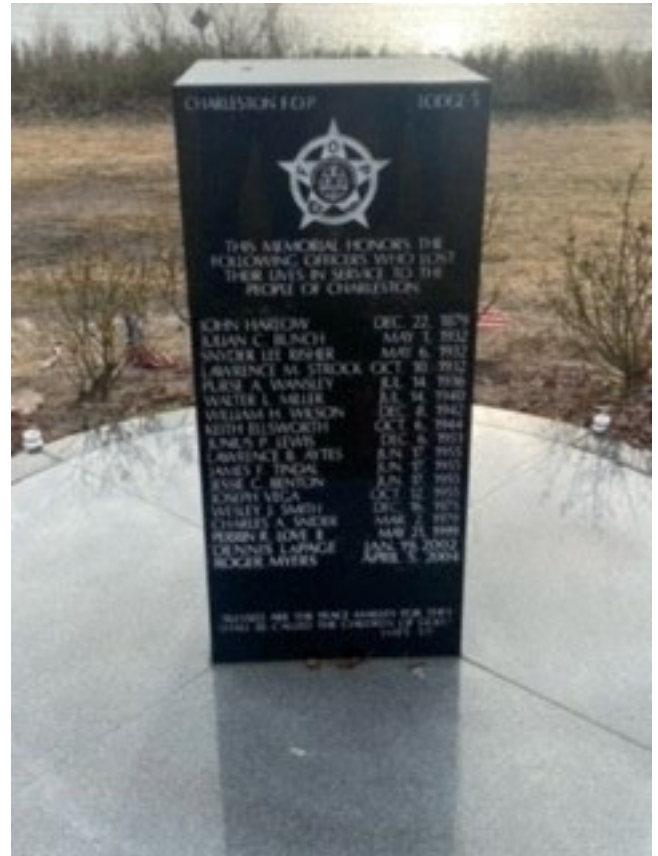
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