

**POLICE MEMORIAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

**February 6, 2023 5:00 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 5:02 p.m.

**2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public participation.

**3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 2, 2023 MEETING**

Mayor Caggiano made a motion to APPROVE MINUTES FROM 12/5/22 MEETING, Second by Ed Krawiecki.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

**4. PBA SKETCH OF PRELIMINARY MEMORIAL PLAN**

Officer McGrane, President of the Bristol Police Benevolent Association, gave a presentation of the preliminary memorial plan for the current memorial for our fallen officers. The proposed memorial will have a polished granite half wall to the center stone with an up lit blue light. The top of the wall will have slots in it so kids cannot skateboard or sit on it. There will be two flag poles in the center of the memorial, the current memorial will be flipped around and inlaid in the center stone with the blue eternal flame cut through the center stone and the Bristol Police Department badge will be the center of the memorial. Once the memorial is completed we can decide on how we want to display the names of the fallen officers. The next step from here is to get consensus from the Chief and the PBA committee and then to come up with a plan on funding this project. We will definitely do fund raising and go out to vendors to see if they would like to assist with the memorial.

Chief Gould asked what would be illuminating their names. Officer McGrane said that the only lighting will be from the bottom of the monument. We can ask the granite company the best way to illuminate the names of the fallen officers.

Jason Morrocco said that the Blue lights on the monument can change color so if something happened in the Fire Department or EMS the light can be changed. Also, the wall starts low and then goes higher, the proposal is to remove the stairs and planter. The ramps will stay going up to the Police Department.

John Leone asked if there will be any benches. Officer McGrane said there is no plan for benches, flowers or trees. We want this to be maintenance free and viewable from the street.

John Leone asked if there is a timeline for this project. Officer McGrane said that once we get a price and figure out the funding, we are ready to get started. I would hope this project would start when the streetscape gets started so we can all work together.

Mayor Caggiano suggested that the three officer that perished in the 30's and 40's be on one side and the other two officers on the other side of the center monument.

Jason Morocco showed the plan to the Public Works Director, so when we do the main street streetscape we can give the Police Department a phasing list with costs for fundraising and what the city will consider their portion.

Jason Morocco thanked Ryan from Benesch for the rendering of the memorial.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Sue Tyler asked if you will be able to read the names on the monument that is flipped around in the center monument. Officer McGrane said you will not be able to read the names on the back side due to layout of the walkway.

Sue Tyler asked what the badge be made out of. Officer McGrane said it will be made out of stamped concrete.

**5. Discussion regarding the temporary Memorial of the cruiser and to take any action as necessary.**

Mayor Caggiano said at the National Law Enforcement Museum and Memorial in the room of the most recent fallen officers they have a running wall of pictures and a car door with all the signatures. So maybe an option would be to hang the car door somewhere in a city building.

Mayor Caggiano asked how the police cruiser move turned out. Jason Morrocco said that the Traffic Division moved the car into the Police Department basement and Napa in Bristol donated a cover for the car. Jason Morrocco wanted to thank NAPA for donating the car cover.

**6. Discussion regarding the Memorial and review of photos of current memorials.**

Paul Lemieux stated at the last meeting, Chief Gould suggested to make the memorial a Public Safety First Responder Memorial, (police, fire and ems). Paul agrees that this is the way to go. Chris Hayden gave a quote from England Monument for the three monuments. A discussion was held on several locations to put this memorial.

Chris Hayden moved to PROPOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: TWO AREAS IN PAGE PARK OR THE CORNER OF PARK AND MUZZY, Second by Mayor Caggiano.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

Sue Tyler asked if this has to go before the Park Board. Josh Medeiros will bring this to the Park Board meeting, then we can bring this to the community to get their thoughts.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chris Hayden made a motion to ADJOURN, Second by Attorney Ed Krawiecki.

VOTE: UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

The Police Memorial Subcommittee meeting for the 6th day of February, 2023, was hereby adjourned at 5:53 pm.

*Lisa Ziogas*

Recording Secretary

