

**City of College Park
Veterans Memorial Committee Meeting
March 2, 2022
In-person Meeting
7:00 p.m.**

Draft Minutes

Term Expiration	Members	Present	Absent
Honorary Member	Deloris Cass		X
6/30/2022	Mary Cook	X	
6/30/2022	Tom Davis		X
6/30/2023	Lisa Fischer		X
6/30/2024	Samuel Gamble	X	
6/30/2023	Joseph Ruth	X <i>Via phone</i>	
6/30/2024	Jeremy Dinges		X
6/30/2024	Ben Thomas	X	

Also present: Frank Pacifico, Asst. Director of Public Works

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Mary Cook.**
- II. Introduction of committee members to new member Ben Thomas.**
- III. Approval of October 18, 2021 Minutes**
Joe Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes as written from October 18, 2021, Samuel Gamble seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.
- IV. Review of this year's restrictions**
Frank Pacifico stated at this point in time there are no restrictions that he knows of but will speak with Director of Public Works, Robert Marsili to confirm. The application process to PG County for the Memorial Day permits to block traffic was started today, March 2, 2022, by the city events planner.
- V. Color Guard**
Samuel Gamble confirmed the color guard will be present. No practice run is scheduled. Mary Cook suggested adding a table to acknowledge and thank the color guard for always participating at the memorial events.
- VI. Wreaths**
The committee discussed announcing the presentation of wreaths and working with the Boy Scouts to bring up wreaths if the donor isn't present.

VII. Prayers

The committee will request that Lisa Fischer stand in for Ivy Christophers along with Tom Davis to recite a non-denominational opening prayer and a closing benediction. Joe Ruth will stand in proxy to recite prayers if either is unavailable.

VIII. Mayor's Role

The committee discussed the Mayor reciting the pledge of allegiance and offering remarks. Mary Cook will contact the Mayor to extend an invitation.

IX. Music

Ben Thomas will reach out to the different military Ceremonial Brass Bands to perform at the memorial program. He will provide an update at the next meeting.

X. Speakers

The committee discussed bringing back speakers to be a part of the memorial program. Samuel Gamble will ask around to see if he can get a speaker to participate. Joe Ruth added it may be difficult due to the 3-day holiday weekend. Ben Thomas will check with the ROTC Commander to see if he's able to speak at the ceremony.

XI. Signage & Logistics

The committee discussed:

- Signs previously used (20 in storage at Public Works)
- Lisa Fischer will be the point person for signage

XII. Promoting the Event

Lisa Fischer has headed this in the past and the committee will ask her to continue to be the point person for promotions.

XIII. Boy Scouts

The committee discussed the Boy Scouts role in the ceremony:

- Installed tulip plantings last fall (they should be blooming soon)
- Installing flags and distributing programs
- Distribute water, programs, and Buddy Poppies
-Joe Ruth will provide Buddy Poppies.
- Memorial table will be used to display photos/sentiments of veterans (past, present, or deceased)
- Mary Cook will add to the table, the memorial article from the "College Park Here and Now Newspaper" along with a photo of Tom Davis' wife

Doris, as an acknowledgement of her service as a former chair of the Veterans Memorial Committee

XIV. American Legion Lunch

The committee defers the arrangements to Tom Davis for preparation of the luncheon.

XV. Other Business

The city has the recording of the medley and TAPS, that will be used in case a live band can't be obtained. In the case of inclement weather, a sign will be used to direct traffic to the American Legion. The program will be taken care of by Mary Cook and the city clerk's office. The committee agreed to not hold elections for the seat of committee chair.

XVI. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at Davis Hall, 9217 51st Ave College Park, MD.

XVII. Adjournment

Samuel Gamble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ben Thomas seconded the motion. All were in favor. None were opposed. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.