

Memorial Park Stakeholders Meeting

April 2, 2019

Attendees: Steve Fixler, Mark and Cindy Combs, Jim Montgomery, Dan Danielson, Bob Williford, Don Westlake, Don Cavalli, Susan and Jim Vroman, John Laramy
Wheaton Park District – Mike Benard, Rob Sperl, Steve Hinchee

Summary of items discussed

- Budget Overview
- Bandshell Revisions
- Material Changes
- Tree Removal Plan
- Memorials
- Programming Plans – Existing vs. Proposed

Feedback Received

Will the truss in the new design be attractive to birds such as pigeon? Park district will work to address and discourage this use during initial construction.

Trees on west union along the street would be nice. Park district will work with the city to encourage planting in the parkway.

Is the diagonal parking along Hale by city proceeding? Previous concerns were mentioned to city staff by the park district. They felt that public input had been received and plans are proceeding. Further comments should be addressed directly to the city.

Is a flag pole included in the design for the memorial area? Where is it? It is not shown in the rendering but is located on the east side of the sidewalk.

Will the doughboy be rededicated? What year was it installed? 100th anniversary of park district is 1921. Memorial park was the first park acquired. Park district will have to look into when the doughboy was originally dedicated. There will be rededications of the overall park in 2020.

Would you consider one weekend night vs two for the new music performances? Park district will consider with additional feedback.

One comment objecting to fencing being up for the entire weekends of concerts. This is a city requirement for alcohol sales and is labor intensive to take down just during the day. The park will remain open to the public throughout the day via the sidewalk entrances.

Object to 4 days in a row of music those 6 weekends throughout the summer. Wednesday and Thursday municipal band and Friday/Saturday concerts. What types of music will be allowed? A variety is expected of family friendly acts.

Municipal band wants a week delay to construction for last scheduled concert. Park district needs to allow contractors the ability to start on August 5.

Will the park be fenced off throughout construction? What is the schedule and staging? Once we have a contractor, they will determine what specific property needs are.

When is the work on Hale beginning? The Downtown Wheaton Association has been providing good updates.