

Public Safety Officer Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday – May 13, 2015/ 4:30 to 6:30 pm

111 Union Square SE

Meeting Minutes

I. Recap / Information on Property Selections

Staff provided information and visuals for each of the three property selections for recommendation to the BCC – Tingley Beach, Arroyo del Oso and McGrane Public Safety Complex as a basis to discuss the memorial criteria. Staff relayed information on the meeting with COA Cultural Affairs to discuss the possibility of using Tingley Beach as a memorial site. While the Bio Park Foundation supports having the memorial at Tingley, the Cultural Affairs Director, Betty Rivera, does not support the ideas as this site had recently undergone a Master Plan process as part of the Bio Park. She posits that the memorial is not compatible with the current site and plans for further development. The committee voted in the majority to keep the property on the final list for consideration since this was only one person's opinion. The committee thought that there could be some advocacy to place the memorial at Tingley if the BCC chooses this as their final site

II. Sample Memorials (visuals)

County staff provided a Power Point of memorials throughout the national that honored a variety of groups. These images were used to help provide some context for developing criteria for the memorial.

III. Discuss and Develop Memorial Criteria

The committee discussed location, how much and what type of visitation is desired; experience- What is the desired tone of the memorial; style/materials- the expectations for the aesthetic style; and components. The consensus was to have the memorial material consist of concrete, granite, marble or natural stone conducive to the site, have columns (round or hexagon) with names inscribed of those being memorialized-- no wall; have the memorial interactive, inspiring individuals to walk through the memorial; have a focal point; include a water element if

feasible, with lighting a necessity; and the setting be a place of reflection that creates intimacy.

IV. Other Business

The committee was informed that the intent of staff was to present their recommendations to the Bernalillo County Commission at the June 23rd Commission meeting. Committee members would like to attend the meeting to provide comment on the memorial. Staff will inform the committee once the approval to move forward is given. The committee also expressed their desire to continue on through the design phase of the memorial.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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