

MONUMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 - 10:00 A.M.

Via Zoom

Special Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alderman Swarnjit Singh, Alderwoman Tracey Burto, Alderman Grant Neuendorf.

OTHERS PRESENT

Susy Hurlbert, Carrie Szymanski, Brian Long

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Alderman Swarnjit Singh at 10:03 A.M.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

ELECT CHAIR PERSON FOR MONUMENT COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Alderwoman Tracey Burto to nominate Alderman Swarnjit Singh for chair of the monument committee, the motion was seconded by Alderman Grant Neuendorf. It was unanimously voted on 3 to 0.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Presentation by Susy Hurlbert and Carrie Szymanski.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Documents were sent to the committee for review by Susy Hurlbert President of the Norwich Rotary Club and Carrie Szymanski President of the Norwich Rotary Club Sunrise. Susy gave presentation on rotary clock project that they intend to do to beautify the Norwich. The conversation started

with a suggestion of adding a two face Howard clock in Norwich (seen in documents sent to the committee). Susy Informed the committee that the clock would cost \$20,000 for the clock alone and instillation would cost 4 to 5 thousand. Susy explained that she has spoken with members of NPU on helping in some capacity with the instillation fee. Susy suggested three locations for the placement of the clock. 1) Howard T. Brown Park entrance 2) in front of town hall on triangle in roadway 3) rose garden. Chairman Swarnjit Singh mentioned that city hall already has a clock face on the building. Alderman Grant Neuendorf agreed that out in front of city hall might not be the best location. Alderman Grant also mentioned that the clock might not be as visible to citizen in the rose garden that it would be better suited in Howard T. Brown, or a different location suggest the new roundabout. He was reminded by committee members that the Christmas tree is placed in that location. Alderwoman Tracey Burto suggested that placing the clock at the rose garden would take away from natural beauty that the rose garden provides. Chairman Swarnjit Singh agreed that Howard T. Brown Park would be a suitable location for the placement of the clock. Brain Long (City Enginner) also expressed that Howard T. Brown Memorial Park being good location. The committee was in consensus on the location.

Carrie Szymanski presented an additional project to the committee. Carrie suggested an expansion to the peace pole monument that has some dedication to Bonnie Hong. The expansion would consist of a educational description plaque about peace pole and languages written on it, permanent benches and a kindness garden. They want this to be real community project and involve various civic and cultural organization. Chairman Swarnjit Singh mentioned that some planning would need to go into placement of the garden.

B. A motion was made by Alderwoman Tracey Burto to give favorable recommendation and send both Rotary Clock and Kindness Garden project to Public Works & Capitol Improvement Committee and Harbor Management Commission for review and feasibility. The motion was Seconded by Alderman Grant Neuendorf. The vote was unanimous 3 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Tracy Burto, Seconded by Alderman Grant Neuendorf and voted unanimously by the committee. The meeting Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.