



MEETING MINUTES

Pursuant to a notice duly filed with the Town Clerk of Concord, a Public Forum of the Permanent Monument Subcommittee (PMS) of the Concord250 Executive Committee was held in the Goodwin Forum of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street on January 17, 2024.

Members Present: Gary Clayton, Christa Collins, Joe Palumbo, Polly Reeve, Tooley Rogers

Guests Present: From Sasaki Associates – Joe Hibbard and Ponnapa “Gift” Prakkamakul; and about 45 members of the public

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM; a quorum being present.

1. Gary gave an introduction briefly explaining the status of the three foci of the PMS – the 250 Tree Planting Project, the research into documents relating to veterans of Concord, and the Memorial Park conceptual design for Parcel 1693, which is the purpose of tonight’s Public Forum.
2. Joe Hibbard then showed the PowerPoint prepared by Gift. The presentation lasted about half an hour detailing the sections of the memorial to be placed on the site. There were clear illustrations from different perspectives. These illustrations were complemented by the scale model of the memorial, examples of two of the stories to be placed on the memorial glass stela, and an example of the last 400 years of the timeline – all laid out on display in the Goodwin Forum.
3. Joe P. and Polly then led the attendees in an activity that asked them to write down their reactions – “I like...”, “I wonder...” and “I suggest...” regarding different aspects of the memorial. This took about 45 minutes as attendees walked around viewing the memorial model and timeline section, discussing the memorial, and finally placing their comments on large sheets of labeled paper hanging on the wall. There was an overall favorable reaction to the presentation and the memorial concept with good feedback on specifics.
4. After several questions and answers, Gary thanked everyone for coming and said that the subcommittee would look at the results and find ways to share them with the public.

Next meetings: February 5, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM Public Forum Goodwin Forum, Concord Free Public Library

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm, as the Library was closing.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Tooley Rogers