

From: Kansas Veterans Action Committee

Date: July 10, 2009

Subject: Clarification of "Veterans Memorial Park Update 07-07-2009"

I have had some questions asked of me concerning the City's Proposal to the Veterans that I sent out a few days ago so will attempt to make a few things a little more clear in this email and I am also attaching the latest "Veterans Memorial Park Update 07-07-2009 (rev 3)" that contains the terms of the proposal offered by the City.

Other than the original (and unchanged) position on this park issue by KSVAC, I am only reporting the facts of the proposal offered by the city. It is up to you to let me know what YOU think and which way you want me to proceed by telling me either YES to accept the City's proposal or NO to reject it.

KSVAC's position is and has always been:

- o To reserve Wichita Veterans Memorial Park for memorials that honor men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces.
- o To honor and protect the ground made sacred by the memorials to the sacrifices of the men and women in service to the United States of America presently located in Veterans Memorial Park.

In other words: "That no one who has not served in the U.S. Armed Forces deserves to be memorialized in Veterans Memorial Park. **Period.** It has nothing to do with what color, race, creed, religion, height, language, how brave they fought for their military or anything else. All anyone has to do to deserve being memorialized in Veterans Memorial Park is to serve in the U.S. Military. **Period.**"

1. This proposal was offered by the City of Wichita. While KSVAC managed to get some concessions from the City added to the proposal, the proposal **was not presented to you as an endorsement of KSVAC to accept it** but only to let you know what was going on with our talks with the City and the Vietnamese Community and to get your opinion whether to accept or reject it so that I can represent you fairly in our talks with the city.
2. I, John Wilson am the only person recording your vote. No one else has access to your vote email to me and I will not make them available to anyone else.
3. If you have taken a poll on another web site that does not count. I do not have access to that poll and it does not count as a vote on this issue. If you do not tell **ME**, either in person or by email, which way you want to vote then it does not count.
4. People who I have worked with for years on various Veterans issues (and who I have great respect for) have voted one way or the other. I have absolutely no hard feelings if your position differs from mine. The only reason I need your votes is so I can fairly represent the majority of Veterans on this issue.

5. You are **only** voting on the proposal offered by the City, **not** the petition that has been circulating by KSVAC.
6. I have to have your vote by Wednesday morning July 15th as my next meeting with the City Manager is that afternoon.

I hope this clarifies the issue and answers any questions you may have. If not or if you want to know what I think about something you are welcome to email me.

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