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Subject: [External] Wauwatosa Veteran's Memorial BOZA SUPPORT & Comment

I write in support of the proposed Veterans Memorial location and the variance allowing this project on the City-owned remnant at Harwood and Milwaukee Street.

As a member of the Wauwatosa Design Review Board, I confirm the applicant developed their initial concept in direct response to our recommendations. Our dialogue on materials, built structures, and plantings resulted in a design each stakeholder can be proud of.

This memorial design is unique in our City — one of the few reflective, inward public spaces built for contemplation and remembrance.

Its location is not incidental. Districts read as distinct places only when their edges are marked; without a legible threshold, one neighborhood blurs into the next and residents lose the mental map that tells them where they are. This site sits at the northern edge of the Village District, and the memorial gives that edge a physical, permanent marker — a gateway rather than an unremarkable pass-through.

This strengthens the layers of our Village character and places a symbol of patriotism and service — intrinsic values Wauwatosa citizens hold — at a gateway of urban importance. We are fortunate to have this memorial in this place.

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