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Hello Alder Saso,
Please send this to all involved city groups and boards. Our Wauwatosanet website does not provide email address or contact information for commissions, non-staff or elected officials such as Patricia Stone, Board of Zoning Appeals Chair. I could not find the Veteran's Memorial Committee on the website so ask you to send this to your contact there.

WPCD (Wauwatosan Commission for Persons with Disabilities) is concerned that the selected site for the Veteran's Memorial may be challenging or even inaccessible for people with mobility issues. It is a small area with minimal street parking. Considering that veterans themselves have mobility issues it is a greater point than might be raised for other site uses.

We also question the location from the standpoint of holding ceremonies at the site, such as might be done on Veterans or Memorial days. Traffic, parking, and space for participants and attendees could be a challenge even if all were able-bodied.

The U.S. Access Board publishes and enforces specific accessibility standards for outdoor developed areas, such as trails, picnic facilities, and viewing areas. While technically mandated under the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) for federal lands, state, local, and private entities frequently use these rules as best-practice guidelines for ADA

compliance.

We recommend they be considered for sites such as the Veteran's Memorial as well.

WCPD is available to connect city staff and planners with certified ADA professionals for recommendations and site reviews. Doing so prior to site selection is strongly recommended to ensure compliance and the comfort of all visitors.

We honor our veterans, especially those who have paid a huge price for serving our country. Please ensure that everything possible is done to allow them, their families, and all who wish to respect them in person are able to do so.

Thank you Alder Saso, for bringing this to the attention of our commission.

Best regards,
BJ Ermenc on behalf of
Wauwatosa Commission for Persons with Disabilities

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