

5/14 MEMORIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2023 / Rich Products, 1 Rich Way Buffalo

In-Person Attendance:

Pastor Mark Blue, Chairman
Steven Carmina, President, Carmina Wood Design
Diane Colgan, Senior Vice President, Tops Friendly Markets
Dr. Norm Lewin, Buffalo Arts Commission
Jonathan A. Dandes Rich Products

Online Attendance:

Mo Sumbundu, International Trade Manager

Meeting Hosts and Minutes: City of Buffalo Director of Policy Deirdre Quain and City of Buffalo Communications and Community Development Assistant Manager Angelica Morrison

TIMELINE & PROJECTED GOALS –

- Steve Carmina passed out a draft timeline and projected goals for the commission.

WEBSITE -

- Mo Sumbundu said the state is with the city of Buffalo's tech department to produce a website for the commission.
- It was expressed that the mission statement should go on the website, as well as a link / information on how people can donate.

SURVEY -

- Pastor Blue asked the group to submit a few questions that can be included in a survey about the memorial.
- It was also suggested that the commission use a professional survey company to construct and distribute the survey

BUDGET

- Jonathan A. Dandes said funding and a budget is needed to produce things like the survey. The group agreed.

APPROVED MISSION STATEMENT--- 5/14 Memorial Commission's Mission Statement

"The mission of the 5/14 Memorial Commission is to respectfully develop a living and lasting memorial that will honor the survivors and the lives lost during the racially motivated mass shooting in East Buffalo. The living memorial will embrace the wishes of the families, honor the legacies of their loved ones, and provide ongoing transparency and comfort to members of the community."

The 5/14 Memorial Commission will follow a process that will help accomplish this mission.

- The commission will be transparent as decisions are made.
- The commission will inclusively and respectfully involve members of the families.
- The commission will engage in public comment and input.
- The commission will provide periodic updates to the public.
- The commission will involve the Jefferson Avenue community and the community at large.
- The commission will fully vet the type of memorial and the site of the memorial.
- The commission will educate the public about race relations and civil rights.
- The commission will designate a person or persons who's accountable for communications the public.