



Board of Public Works and Safety

Agenda Item

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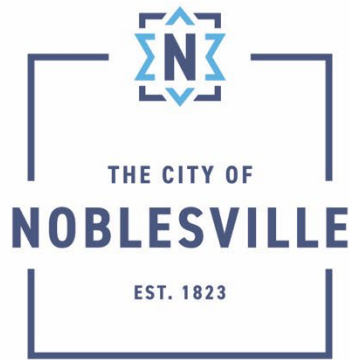
MEETING DATE: April 23, 2024

- Consent Agenda Item
- New Item for Discussion
- Previously Discussed Item
- Miscellaneous

ITEM #: 3

INITIATED BY: Evelyn Lees

- Information Attached
- Bring Paperwork from Previous Meeting
- Verbal
- No Paperwork at Time of Packets



April 15, 2024

TO: BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

FROM: EVELYN LEES

RE: Proposed tour of Civil War Veterans' graves

Kevin Yaney requests to conduct a tour of Civil War Veterans' graves at Riverside Cemetery on July 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. His request is detailed in the following pages. We met to discuss his proposal, and I believe the tour would be of interest to a number of citizens. Legal has provided a waiver to be submitted by Mr. Yaney and the other attendees. The waiver also is attached. Mr. Yaney will collect the waivers and forward them to my office to keep on file.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.



Riverside Cemetery – Civil War Walking Tour Proposal

Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety
16 S 10th St,
Noblesville, IN 46060

Proposed by Kevin Yaney
136 S. 9th St, Ste 18
Noblesville, IN 46060

Re: Riverside Cemetery – Civil War Walking Tour

April 12, 2024

I am asking the board members to vote to allow me to conduct a Civil War Walking Tour in Riverside Cemetery on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. I want to offer this as a free event that is open to the public.

My interest in doing historical walking tours began last summer. I have written three Civil War historical fiction novels. I was speaking to a group of business leaders in Muncie to promote my books when I was approached by the curator of the E.B. Ball Center who was looking for historical speakers to lead a talk at Beech Grove Cemetery. Beech Grove is one of Indiana's oldest and largest cemeteries. I agreed to speak for free if they would allow me to sell my books, which they did. At the end of the speaking session, I led a group of people through their Civil War Veterans' GAR Cemetery. It was so well received, I decided to try an event in Noblesville. Last Veterans Day, I led a walking tour of Civil War monuments and graves at Crownland Cemetery on Monument Street. I have been asked to do it again next November.

I would like to do something similar in Riverside Cemetery this summer. There have been 75 Civil War veterans laid to rest in Riverside. Noblesville has more Civil War Veteran graves than any other location in the county. I would like to make people aware of some of the people who lived and died in our community and their contribution to our freedoms. Their stories will surprise you.

In the past, I have provided an online sign up for my events. I would plan to use it again and would include any waivers the city needs from individuals participating in the event. These registrations come to me via email and the waivers can be forwarded to you as needed for your records.

Some of the street parking is restricted at the present moment due to construction. However, there should be ample parallel street parking on a Saturday morning and the public parking at the Levinson Garage is four blocks from the cemetery.

I would ask the board to consider my request. I would manage and operate in the same manner in which I have at other walking tours. I am offering my tour for free and would request that I be able to sell my books and wares to anyone who is interested.

Photos of past walking tours in cemeteries are available at www.fourthofjulybook.com/about-the-author/

Respectfully submitted:
Kevin Yaney

**City of Noblesville
General Liability Waiver**

I acknowledge and agree that participation in the following July 6, 2024 Tour of Civil War Veteran Graves at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville, Indiana (“Program”) for the real property located at 201 – 207 South 5th Street is entirely voluntary. In consideration for my participation in the Program (and for the services rendered by Noblesville to me under the Program), I hereby agree to release, hold the City of Noblesville, their officers, directors, agents and employees (collectively, “Releases”) harmless and indemnify Releases from any and all damages or claims of any nature whatsoever arising out of my participation in the Program. On behalf of myself, my estate, assigns, and heirs, I do hereby indemnify and hold the Releases harmless and indemnify Releases from any damage or liability incurred by Releases or third parties as a result of my participation in the Program, for any costs or expenses including but not limited to damage to property, hospital and medical expenses, death, legal and defense costs (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys’ fees) as well as settlements, judgments, fines and penalties of any nature whatsoever which may be incurred as a result of my participation in the Program.

I have read this General Liability Waiver and understand all of its terms. I sign it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance. I affirm under penalties of perjury that I am 18 years of age or older or that I am the parent or guardian of the minor participant.

Participant

Date

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