



City of Highland Park

PLACE OF REMEMBRANCE SITE CONSIDERATIONS

April 3, 2024 Place of Remembrance Meeting

Brainstormed on 2/27/2024

Updated at the 4/3/2024 meeting

SITE CONSIDERATIONS

- Honor, remember, reflect
- Reflect a new beginning
- Reinforce HP united, resilience and strength
- Accessible
- Opt-in
- Trauma informed
- Parking
- Last for decades
- We don't want this site to define HP
- Consider two memorials
 - Consider small markers; unique artwork
- Multicultural esthetics and sensitivities taken into account
- Identifiable of the incident; reflective of the community's resiliency

SITE OPTIONS

1. Rose Garden; east/north of Rose Garden
2. Port Clinton Plaza
3. SWC St. Johns & Central
4. Sunset Park (north side), ~1 acre
5. Ross property
6. Central between First and Second

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1. Rose Garden; east/north of Rose Garden
2. Port Clinton Plaza

ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES OF EACH POSSIBLE SITE

1. Rose Garden; east/north of Rose Garden

Positive

- Opt-in
- Owned by city/PDHP
- Close to transportation
- Already established
- Positive feedback, particularly by victims

Concerns/considerations

- Limited on-site parking
- Consider options for temp memorial during construction
- Rose garden landmarked

- Private
- Close to city hall/appearance of security
- Proximity to shade, restrooms
- Electricity/water/infrastructure established
- Meets DOJ trauma informed site

2. Port Clinton Plaza

Consider this site as a small marker; complimenting the Place of Remembrance

Positive

- Owned by City
- Close to transportation
- Proximity to shade, restrooms
- Electricity/water/infrastructure established
- Open gathering area
- Accessible
- Family friendly/restaurants

Concerns/considerations

- Potential retraumatization regardless of the remembrance
- Virtually unavoidable
- Will define City's business district
- Very impactful to adjacent businesses
- Coordination with Port Clinton Associates
- Direct eye site to shooting location
- Impactful to children
- Contrary to downtown vibrancy and goal of silence, reflection, solace
- Limited space

3. SWC St. Johns & Central

Positive

- Owned by City
- Close to transportation
- Proximity to shade, restrooms
- Electricity/water/infrastructure established
- Accessible
- Family friendly/restaurants

Concerns/considerations

- Too small
- Potential retraumatization regardless of the remembrance
- Virtually unavoidable
- Will define City by the tragedy, including commuters
- Very impactful to adjacent businesses
- Impactful to children; on school bus route by running and cycling route
- Contrary to downtown vibrancy and goal of silence, reflection, solace
- Too close to train
- Busy street corner

4. Sunset Park (north side), ~1 acre

Positive

- Owned by PDHP
- Proximity to shade, restrooms
- Accessible
- Well known to the community

Concerns/considerations

- Site being considered for alternate use, PDHP in partnership with HP Hospital
- Limited access to electricity/water/infrastructure
- Limited access to transit
- Currently limited access for people with disabilities
- Insufficient parking

- Proximity to hospital/sirens
- Impactful to children

5. Ross property

Positive

- Close to transportation
- Proximity to shade, restrooms
- Electricity/water/infrastructure established
- Accessible
- Family friendly/restaurants

Concerns/considerations

- Shooting location
- Privately owned
- Cost consideration
- Potential retraumatization regardless of the remembrance
- Virtually unavoidable
- Will define City's business district
- Very impactful to adjacent businesses
- Impactful to children
- Contrary to downtown vibrancy and goal of silence, reflection, solace

6. Central between First and Second

Positive

- Owned by City
- Close to transportation
- Electricity/water/infrastructure established
- Accessible
- Family friendly/restaurants
- Reflective of positive memories of July 4th parades along Central

Concerns/considerations

- Too impactful to downtown businesses and residents
- Traffic management from a safety perspective
- Potential retraumatization regardless of the remembrance
- Virtually unavoidable
- Will define City by the tragedy, including commuters
- Very impactful to adjacent businesses
- Impactful to children; on school bus route by running and cycling route
- Contrary to downtown vibrancy and goal of silence, reflection, solace
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Other sites discussed but removed from consideration include other parks such as Brown Park, Olson Park.