

5/31 Memorial Committee Meeting 1

Wednesday, February 23rd, 4 – 9 p.m., and Thursday, February 24th, 4 – 9 p.m.

Objectives:

- Build trust, cultivate relationships, and understand each other’s perspectives.
- Share information about similar memorial work done elsewhere.
- Discuss and come to preliminary consensus on a vision for the 5/31 memorial.
- Share ideas about elements that could be included in the 5/31 memorial.

Proposed Discussion Agreements:

- **Open-mindedness:** Listen to and respect all points of view.
- **Acceptance:** Suspend judgment as best you can.
- **Curiosity:** Seek to understand rather than persuade.
- **Discovery:** Question old assumptions, look for new insights.
- **Sincerity:** Speak for yourself about what has personal heart and meaning.
- **Brevity:** Go for honesty and depth but don’t go on and on.

Agenda (Wednesday, February 23):

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
4:00 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who are we, and why are we here?• Exercise(s) to help get to know fellow Committee members, their perspectives, and their stories.
5:15 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What do memorials mean to us?• Conversation about memorials that we have visited and/or know that particularly move us and why.
6:30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner break.
7:00 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personas exercise.• What do we want these personas to think and feel at the future 5/31 Memorial and after visiting?• Conversation about what we want the memorial to achieve, accomplish, and provide.
8:15 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussion about community and stakeholder engagement.
9:00 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourn.

Agenda (Thursday, February 24):

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
4:00 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How will we know if we have been successful in creating a 5/31 Memorial for all?• Discussion about vision and metrics.
5:30 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dinner break.
6:15 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National panel discussion.• How have memorials come together in other communities?
7:15 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Debrief panel discussion.• What are the most important lessons learned for our work on the 5/31 Memorial?
8:15 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next steps and planning for upcoming 5/31 Memorial Committee meetings and community engagement
9:00 P.M.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourn.

Proposed 5/31 Memorial Committee Meeting Dates:

Propose 4 – 9 p.m. over two days to avoid business hour conflicts.

- March 30 – 31
- April 27 – 28
- May 25 – 26
- May 31 (Commemoration)

Enclosed Pre-Meeting Materials:

- 5/31 Memorial Committee Remote Participation Policy
- Options for a Memorial and the Future of Building 2 – Survey Results
- December 2 Memorial Mission Statement and Renderings