Lemonade Day is back this Sunday, May 3

Lemonade Day is returning to Salem/Keizer this Sunday, May 3.

The event was held locally for the first time last year and promptly broke national records.

More than 1,000 children were able to experience success by selling a combined total of more than \$30,000 in lemonade in four hours.

Based on that success, the program has spread to Portland and Eugene this year.

The idea of Lemonade Day is to teach youth how to start, own and operate their own business, a lemonade stand.

Stands were all over the area last year; for more information on the program and this year's locations, visit http://salem-keizer.lemonadeday.org/.

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"Those two are significant to the community," Price agreed. "But they are inappropriate in a memorial. Those two panels could be placed anywhere in this community."

Jill Bonney-Hill, KPIC chair, suggested Ryan Hill would be fine with the kiosks being left as is.

"I think Ryan would like it," Bonney-Hill said. "This is the city he was raised in. Marie and the Japanese are also about Keizer and where we came from. Ryan is a part of that. I think he would feel blessed to be part of that."

Councilor Roland Herrera, liaison to KPIC, talked about the balance.

"Everyone is trying to do the right thing," Herrera said. "I could see (the kiosk) being moved to a more visible place. We need to look at all the options. A lot of work was put in by the group previously. It bugs me to hear it called inappropriate. I think a memorial would be a good thing to do, but we have to be sensitive about how we do it. We're trying to work out what's the right thing to do without dishonoring anyone. Marie and the Japanese have a lot of meaning to this town."

Price offered to buy the first tree if it's decided trees will be added to create a separate, solemn area for reflection in the park. He also suggested having a memorial to the 138 Oregon soldiers lost in conflict since 9/11.

After Price left, discussion continued.

"I don't see why they can't be all in the same place," Gottfried said. "It would be different if this (kiosk) came in after the memorial went into effect. I don't have an issue with them being together."

Bonney-Hill nodded in agreement.

"I don't have a problem, either," she said.

Erica Hedberg opined it wouldn't be appropriate to move a kiosk that was already there before the park was rededicated to honor Hill.

"I don't think that's something we want to say," Hedberg said.

Bill Lawyer, Public Works director for Keizer, said the meeting was the first he'd heard some details.

"When (the park naming) took place, there was no discussion at the Parks Board or council level about it becoming a memorial park," Lawyer said. "That was not ever intended to become a memorial park for memorializing people, or at least that was never voiced. This is the first time I've heard (Price) clearly state the post-9/11 memorial."

Lawyer pointed out Hill is the first Keizer resident to die while serving in active duty.

"There is nothing at the park itself that denotes that," Lawyer said. "It was mentioned during the dedication ceremony, but there's nothing at the park."

KPIC member Anita Zahniser suggested a plaque with that information be dedicated.

Following discussion, KPIC members unanimously approved a motion recommending to the city council KPIC wants the kiosk to stay unchanged but is okay with discussing additional recognition.

