



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, July 12, 2018
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Andy Caputi, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy, Butch Hansen, David Glassman, Jim Durr, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Lisa Rawson, and Stacy Pruitt.

Board Members Absent

Richard Penrose, Bill Weeks (City Representative), and Ed Holt (legal advisor).

Guest(s) Present

Jack Brown; Joe Herring; Stan Barnard; Robert Bender; Bob Rivera; and Warren Palmer (Volunteer Coordinator).

(Motions and actions taken are listed in red)

Call to Order and Welcome: President Entrekin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked those present to observe a moment of silence for the fallen represented in the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Entrekin recognized the visitors and asked if any had presentations. Mr. Joe Herring, CFO of the Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council addressed the Board regarding the Veterans Day Parade which his organization sponsors. The parade will be held on Monday, November 12, due to the marathon being held on Sunday. The Veterans Day ceremony guest speaker, who is yet to be named, will be invited to serve as the parade Grand Marshal. The Board will provide the name of the guest speaker once identified. The parade will begin at 8:00am. Mr., Herring is hoping for participation similar to last year, about 70 participating groups.

Stan Barnard distributed copies of a Desert Storm Blackhawk Incident story by Richard F. Dorr and a flyer with images of the proposed Gulf War Memorial and Gold Star Family Monument. Mr. Barnard has committed to raise \$50,000 by selling cabinets and other materials salvaged from homes during demolition done by his company to fund the Gulf War Memorial. He reported that he has also received a \$15,000 commitment from another donor. This led to a discussion by the Board about a future plaque engraving and how to appropriately commemorate those Killed in Action during that conflict. Butch Hansen reminded everyone that the Foundation Board does not approve monuments or memorials but is charged with reviewing proposals and forwarding recommendation to the City for approval or disapproval.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 28, 2018 meeting were presented. The minutes from the June 14, 2018 meeting are available from the meeting record. **Motion to accept the June 28, 2018 minutes as presented was made Stacy Pruitt. Second by Pete Frano. The motion carried.**

Treasure's Report: Pete Frano reported on the following:

- The current balance in the Pen Air is approximately \$19,000. The current balance in the Bank of Pensacola balance is \$15,000. The total balance is \$34,388.26.
- There was a brief discussion about the cost of internet service in the Park. Andy Caputi volunteered to contact Cox in an attempt to lower the rate or research other less expensive options.
- **Motion by Jim Durr to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Butch Hansen. The motion carried.**

President's Report: President Entrekin reported on the following:

- There were no new reports from Signal 88.
- Skopelo's Wine, Spirit, and Food Festival on Sunday, July 29, 2018 will benefit Veterans Park. He signed documents required for the sponsorship.
- Bill Weeks is interested in filling the open Board position made vacant when Butch Hansen was made an ex-officio member due to his status as a candidate for City Council. Jill Hubbs has also indicated interest in rejoining the Board in the second vacant position. Both will be invited to the next meeting to make presentations.
- There is a continuing issue with people parking on the grass and sidewalks during Hero Among Us events sponsored by the Marine Corps League. There was a lengthy discussion during about how best to approach the Marine Corps League about this. Later in the meeting, Bob Rivera reported that he spoke with the League and they will take corrective action immediately and it will not happen again.



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Committee Reports

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- The first section of Walk of Honor bricks was installed on July 10. It took less than two hours for the installation. At least 10 bricks have been sponsored for the next section. Richard Penrose is looking into a situation where we received two bricks with the identical inscription; it's unknown if this was an error.
- Andrea Krieger the Executive Director of Institutional Development at Pensacola State College has volunteered to write a grant proposal for the restroom facility. Very is extremely experienced in grant writing and knows some organizations that might be receptive to the project for a grant. She is a professional fundraiser but is offering her services as a volunteer effort.

Immediate Past President: Butch Hansen reported on the following:

- Impact 100 representatives will visit the Park soon as part of their review process of our grant application.
- Impact 100 is preparing to publish a book about their previous grant recipients and will visit the Park to meet with Board members and take photographs of the previous project. He will schedule this in conjunction with a Board meeting.

Walk of Honor: Richard Penrose was not present.

Vice President: Andy Caputi reported on the following: following:

- The Blue Angels are still willing to provide Sailors for painting labor but are unable to take the lead due to the scope of the project.
- He secured a storage space for the Foundation's yard equipment and a space for the trailer. The cost of both is \$82.00 per month; the cost for the rest of this calendar is \$400.00. **Motion by Andy Caputi to spend \$400.00 to fund the storage spaces for the rest of this year. Second by Pete McKanna. The motion carried.**
- **Andy Caputi made a motion to move the Veterans Day ceremony from November 11 to November 12 at 11:00am. Second by Stacy Pruitt. The motion carried.** Andy will inform the Pensacola Sports Association.
- He is in possession of the trailer registration.

Technology & Media Relations: David Glassman reported on the following:

- Led a brief discussion about an email he sent earlier in the week regarding Headquarters Marine Corps' interested and involvement in the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower ceremony. Due to HQMC's involvement and the desire to allow family members to plan their attendance, the event schedule for August 2018 will be postponed. HQMC recommended the first officially-sanctioned memorial ceremony be scheduled in 2019, and when rescheduled, it will be done allow at least six months' notice for family members and official attendants.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt had nothing further to report on the Cobra project.

Finance and Marketing: A chairperson is still needed for this committee.

Merchandise: No report.

City: Bill Weeks was not present.

Legal: Ed Holt was not present.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:27p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 26, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:
James M. Murphy