



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, August 9, 2018
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Andy Caputi, Jim Murphy, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, David Glassman, Jim Durr, and Nancy Bullock-Prevot.

Board Members Absent

Lisa Rawson, Richard Penrose, Stacy Pruitt, Butch Hansen (ex-officio member), Bill Weeks (City Representative), and Ed Holt (legal advisor).

Guest(s) Present

Stan Barnard; Frenchy LaFontaine; Robert Bender; Robert Link; Jill Hubbs; 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 to honor those we represent in the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Entrekin recognized the visitors and asked if any had presentations. Robert Link addressed the Board regarding the recent damage done to the Global War on Terror Memorial. Mr. Link was accused of causing that damage and has been barred from entering the Park. He said he is a 100% service-connected disabled Veteran and does not remember his actions that led to his arrest. He is interested in the Foundation helping facilitate him being allowed back into the Park. This led to a brief discussions including the fact that the Foundation did not bar him from the Park; that was done by the judicial system. It was later discussed that any action by the Foundation would be pre-mature considering Mr. Link's court case has not yet been discharged.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the July 26, 2018 meeting were presented. **Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by David Glassman. Second by Nancy Bullock-Prevot. The motion carried.** Jim Murphy reported that the NAS and Corry Chief Petty Officers are scheduled to conduct their annual event in the Park but this year's will be a history and heritage training event and not a Park clean-up as in past years. That event is scheduled for Tuesday, September 4, beginning at 4:00pm.

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

- The balance in the Bank of Pensacola account is a little over \$17,000. Total funds in all accounts, between the Bank of Pensacola and Pen Air is \$33,878.50.
- He has made changes to the authorized users in the Cox account and Vice President Caputi will attempt to get a lower rate or seek a cheaper alternative.

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

- There were no reports from Signal 88.
- The recent Wine, Spirit, and Food Festival at Skopelos was well-attended. There was no word yet on the amount of funds the Foundation would receive.

Committee Reports

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna has nothing to report.

- President Entrekin noted that he was happy with the recent Pensacola News Journal article covering the Walk of Honor project.
- Stan Barnard took questions regarding the status of the Gulf War Memorial. He reported that fundraising was going well and he is selling reclaimed building materials from his facility on Old Palafox. Mr. Barnard also distributed copies of the draft maintenance agreement created by Ed Holt. President Entrekin agreed to accompany Mr. Barnard when he presents the memorial plans to Mayor Hayward.

Immediate Past-President: Butch Hansen was not present.



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Walk of Honor: Richard Penrose was not present.

Vice President: Andy Caputi reported on the following:

- Several landscaping tools are still being stored at people's homes. Adding these items to the storage locker will necessitate purchasing shelves for the current space or moving into a larger unit. The Board currently funds a 25 square foot space; the next larger unit is 75 square feet. The cost of the larger unit would be \$85.00 per month as opposed to the current \$35.00 per month. **A motion to upgrade the storage space from the 25sf unit to the 75sf unit was made by Pete Frano. Second by Nancy Bullock-Prevot. The motion carried.**
- A complete inventory of Foundation property, including items for sale, needs to be conducted. Nancy-Bullock-Prevot agreed to assist in that inventory.

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

- Provided a review of Walk of Honor advertising coming to the Park website which will be mimicked in a forthcoming marketing email blast.
- Tommy Guidroz gave a presentation by video link regarding a Walk of Honor strategic marketing initiative. This project would require a monthly investment of between \$500.00 and \$1,000.00 for the first three months. Mr. Guidroz provided information on multiple options, each with a different level of needed investment by the Foundation. After a lengthy discussion, the Board's consensus was that a written proposal was needed for ensure complete understanding of the options and costs.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt was not present.

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.

Business from the floor:

- Jill Hubbs was given the opportunity to address the Board regarding her desire to rejoin the Board. She discussed the family situation that led her to resign previously and also that she continues to support the mission of the Foundation because her father is on The Wall South and remains missing in Vietnam. She confirmed that she can attend two meeting each month.
- Warren Palmer reported that he was meeting with a representative from Home Depot on August 10 regarding a possible grant.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:20p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 23, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:

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