



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, August 23, 2018
MINUTES

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Lisa Rawson, Bill Weeks (City Representative), and Ed Holt (legal advisor).

Guest(s) Present

John Owens (Treasurer, Special Forces Association #44); Arianne Pearce and Gus Silivos (Skopelos); Chris Comeau (Wingman Foundation); Dave McDuff and Tritessa Osborne (Lamar Advertising); Jill Hubbs (prospective Board member); 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 those represented in the Park, especially recent posthumous Medal of Honor recipient, Tech. Sgt. John Chapman, and the recently deceased Bob Brandon, a former Fat Albert pilot. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Entrekin recognized the visitors and asked if any had presentations. Arianne Pearce and Gus Silivos presented the Foundation a check for \$3,115.00 which was raised during the recent Skopelos Wine, Spirit, and Food Festival.

Chris Comeau told that Board that he previous 5K had a goal of raising \$5,000 for the Wingman Foundation and actually raised over \$13,000. This success has resulted in the group being asked to conduct another event and it will be held on October 20. The run will start and end at the Park and go through downtown Pensacola.

Richard Penrose introduced Dave McDuff and Tritessa Osborne. Dave discussed options and associated costs for billboard advertising. Many options and combination of options were discussed at length but no action was taken to move forward at this time.

John Owens discussed a group of bricks sponsored by the Special Forces Association #44. The bricks were not installed as requested. All the bricks were supposed to be installed together and one brick, representing a recently deceased Green Beret, was not installed in section one. Pete McKanna will speak with the installer about reinstalling that section. Richard Penrose there were one or two other bricks with spelling errors that needed to be re-engraved and reinstalled as well.

Jill Hubbs was asked to present a short biography, discuss her desire to become a Board member, and her previous service on and resignation from the Board. She discussed her motivation to serve on the Board, including the fact her father is on the Wall South and remains MIA in Vietnam, and the family issues, specifically gaining custody of her grandchild and the 2014 flood that impacted her home, that led to her previous resignation.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting were presented. **Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made Pete McKanna. Second by Dave Glassman. The motion carried.** Jim Murphy reminded the Board members that a Chief Petty Officer Selectee history and heritage training event is scheduled in the Park at 4:00pm on September 4.

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

- The current balance in both accounts, with the donation from Skopelos, is \$30,872.00. **Motion by Richard Penrose to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Stacy Pruitt. The motion carried.**

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

- Signal 88 made two recent reports. One was a person sleeping in the Korean War Memorial. That person left the Park when asked by Signal 88. On August 20, another person was removed from the Park and committed under the Baker Act by Pensacola Police.



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- Discussed the need to vote on Jill Hubbs' application. A long discussion ensued which included Board Members Expectations and the possible need for a statement to applicants regarding participation on the Board. **Jim Durr made a motion to accept Jill Hubbs' application to the Board. Second by Stacy Pruitt. The motion carried.** Discussion continued regarding Board composition,
- Seeking a status on the Gulf War Memorial proposal, Butch Hansen stated no action had yet been taken by the Mayor's office.
- Discussed a gift for Skopelos in recognition of their support to the Park and Foundation. There was consensus that one of the framed photos of the Park would be an appropriate gift which could hand in the restaurant.
- There was a brief discussion of the marketing proposal from Tommy Guidroz. There was no motion to move forward with his proposal. Discussion continued regarding potential marketing / advertising options.
- President Entekin was surprised by the number of emails and telephone calls he receives from potential donors who have experienced difficulty ordering Walk of Honor bricks on the Park website. Paul has this issue for action and will discuss it with Dave Glassman.
- Received an email from the owner of the Clever Oger whose father, a retired Marine Corps colonel, is interested in helping get the Cobra painted with support from a group her belongs to, the Yacht Club Marines. He is interested in how much the painting will cost. His daughter has volunteered to perform engagement to raise the funds.

Committee Reports

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- Would like to discuss the landscaping contract with the Mayor's office because he has found there work not up to the standard of the previous contractor.
- The chimes in the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower were repaired on August 22.
- Home Depot is scheduled to make a site visit to the Park on August 24 as part of their grant review. The representative has our wish list of equipment and a decision should be forthcoming in one to two weeks.
- He, Jim Durr, and Warren Palmer met with Billy Walker regarding the possibility of getting a Huey to replace the Cobra. The process is worked through the Government Services Agency. No definitive action was taken on this initiative.
- Andrea Krieger from Pensacola State College will have our grant material ready for submission by the end of August.
- Andy Caputi mentioned that he had met with the National Naval Aviation Museum regarding the process for artifact restoration and received a verbal commitment from that Foundation to lessen the requirements levied on us for the Cobra.

Walk of Honor: Discussed earlier in the meeting. Nothing significant to report.

Vice President: Andy Caputi reported on the following:

- The larger storage unit for \$85.00 per month was no longer available when he tried to reserve it.

Past President: No additional information was reported.

Technology: No report was given because Dave Glassman had to depart early.

Military Liaison: No report was given.

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

Merchandise: No report was given.

Public Affairs: No report was given.

City: Bill Weeks was not present.



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Legal: Ed Holt was not present.

Business from the floor: Andy Caputi mentioned that the Director of National Naval Aviation Museum mentioned to him that a to-be-retired Blue Angel F-18 may become available.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:30p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:

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