



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, July 26, 2018
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Andy Caputi, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy, David Glassman, Lisa Rawson, Richard Penrose, and Stacy Pruitt.

Board Members Absent

Butch Hansen, Jim Durr, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Bill Weeks (City Representative), and Ed Holt (legal advisor).

Guest(s) Present

Michael Swinehart; Charlie Switzer; Stan Barnard; Commissioner Grove Robinson; 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.

Charlie Switzer commented that he only attended to observe. Warren Palmer had nothing to report. Commissioner Robinson arrived during the meeting and was recognized by President Entrekin. He offered his support working with BGEN Ferguson and looking at possible funding raising for Park projects. He also committed to seeking funds from the fiscal year 2019 Escambia County budget to support the Park.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting were presented. **Motion to accept the minutes as presented was made Richard Penrose. Second by Andy Caputi. The motion carried.**

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

- The Foundation received a \$300.00 donation from the Studer Group, raised on their "Jeans Day."
- Bricks sponsorship since the last meeting totaled \$750.00. Another \$118.00 was collected from merchandise donations during Blues in the City.
- The current balance in the Pen Air is approximately \$17,407.00. The current balance in the Bank of Pensacola balance is \$14,683.00.
- **Motion by Andy Caputi to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Stacy Pruitt. The motion carried.**

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

- Signal 88 reported two vagrants sleeping in the Korean War Memorial on July 16. They were asked to leave and did so without incident.
- Skopelo's Wine, Spirit, and Food Festival is scheduled for Sunday, July 29, 2018 will benefit Veterans Park.
- President Entrekin, Butch Hansen, and Bob Rivera had an approximately five minutes meeting with Bob Fernandez of the Marine Corps League regarding the issues with parking on the grass and sidewalks during Heroes Among Us events. The MCL has said they have three vehicles that need access but agreed those vehicles will get as close as possible to unload but will not drive on the grass or sidewalks. President Entrekin dispelled any rumors that the VMPF doesn't want the MCL in the Park.
- Jill Hubbs was expected to address the Board about her desire to rejoin as a Director. President Entrekin stated that she may arrive late.

Committee Reports

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- There was a recent retirement ceremony sponsored by Marine Corps Recruiting District 6. Coffee and donuts were set up under the kiosk which blocked other visitors' access to that facility. A large tent was erected with large stakes for the ceremony participants and guests. This risked damaging underground electrical and irrigation. No one involved with this event notified the Foundation beforehand.
- Representatives from Impact 100 visited the Park earlier today. All of their questions regarding our grant application were answered. Impact 100 asked for some additional information which Pete will provide.



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- Jim Murphy solicited input from Directors for the grant information requested by Andrea Krieger. The information provided lacked some depth and Andrea has provided us a one-week extension, to Monday, July 30, to submit the information before her official duties ramp up and she will not have time to work on our potential grant applications. Specific needs are volunteer totals, volunteer hour total, and photos of large volunteer groups.
- Provided a status update of the Gulf War Memorial and the need to move forward for it to be ready by Memorial Day 2019. **Andy Caputi made a motion to move forward on the concept presented by Stand Barnard for. Persian Gulf War Memorial and CW4 Garvey memorium plaque. Second by Pete McKanna. The motion carried.**
- Stan Barnard reported that fundraising for the Gulf War Memorial was progressing; he has \$20,000 to \$25,000 on hand. The artist's fee is \$32,000 and the total with installation is estimated at \$50,000.

Immediate Past President: Butch Hansen was not present.

Walk of Honor: Richard Penrose had to leave early and was not present.

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

- He is contacting local commercial paint shops regarding the possibility of one completing the Cobra painting.
- He contacted the Pensacola Sports Association marathon director to inform him we had chosen to hold our Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, November 12, partially to avoid a conflict with the marathon. The marathon director has offered to advertise our ceremony in his event literature.

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

- The website and kiosk are working well.
- He is preparing an email to a mailing list of 9,000 addresses to advertise the Walk of Honor.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt reported on the following:

- MATSG-23 has a new commanding officer onboard and he is supportive of future volunteer events.
- There is nothing further on his end regarding the Cobra project.

Finance and Marketing: A chairperson is still needed for this committee. Pete McKanna asked all Directors to help generate marketing ideas.

Merchandise: No report.

City: Bill Weeks was not present.

Legal: Ed Holt was not present.

Business from the floor: Immediate-Past Vice President Michael Swinehart suggested Board members include past members on significant emails as they are still interested in the Park.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:00p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 9, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:
James M. Murphy