

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Board Meeting
Friday, February 8th, 2008 7:30 AM
Parks and Recreation Office

Attendees: Dwight Hahn, Lawrence Ritz, Bob Jamison, Rich Crawford, Ron Mielke, Dave Nordlund, Don Kearney, Tory Miedema.

Approval of Minutes: Dwight made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Ron. Motion carried.

Unfinished business:

1. **Eternal Sentry Update** – Don told the board that the Eternal Sentry sculpture was recommended for approval by the Visual Arts Commission and the Parks & Recreation Board with one stipulation. That stipulation was that the metal plate on the back of the sculpture be removed to better reveal the artistic value of the piece. The DAV was supportive of the condition and checked with the sculptor about stipulation and he too agreed that the piece would be better if it was secured to the quartzite base vs. the bronze plate for support. Don mentioned that he thought the piece would go to the City Council for final approval in March.
2. **Going Home Update-** Rex Roling has raised the original \$110,000 for the sculpture, with commitments for another \$30,000. Split rock Landscaping will be donating the landscape material. After reviewing the contract with the artist, it was found that the installation of the sculpture and a warranty were not included. The artist was contacted and agreed to work with Jon Jacobson and Henry Carlson Construction to install the sculpture and warranty the workmanship. Rex is still shooting for dedication on Memorial Day 2009.

New business:

1. **Fund Raising Report-** The total to date is \$602,136 with an unspent balance of \$55,746.
2. **Avenue of Flags-** Don mentioned that he had been working with Amy Farr and Candy Hanson on this project. In order to accept the money the SFACF needed to have an application processed. Don is working with Amy to get the application submitted to include the notation that Sioux Falls Construction has agreed to install the footings and sleeves. The recognition for the donation was discussed again. The board agreed to stay with their original decision to allow one plaque for the recognition of the Avenue of Flags. Ron made a motion for the plaque to read "Avenue of Flags sponsored by supporters of the Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Military and Veterans Affairs Committee." Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. **Forgotten Heroes Historical Marker**- Don presented the historical marker application form for the "Forgotten Heroes" marker, and also provided an exhibit showing three possible installation locations in the park. The board would like the names of the individuals involved in the accidents removed from the marker, consistent with the theme of the park. They would also like Jon Jacobson to consider some locations along the interior walkways where this marker, and future items, may be placed. Park staff will contact Bruce Blake to see if he would revise the marker. The application would then be considered at the next meeting. Staff will also contact Jon to see if there are any places along the interior walkway where these types of markers could be placed without detracting from the park.

4. **Other** – The board discussed snow removal at the park so people could use the park in the winter time and also see the pavers. Don shared the department's procedures for snow removal in the park system. In summary after the department fulfills their commitments to the street snow removal process the department only plows those parking lots and walks where business takes place during the winter time like our office, Sertoma Butterfly House, etc. The next priority is the perimeter sidewalks around our parks and then the bike trail. The interior walks are not completed as a general rule throughout the winter. The committee asked that Don come back to the board with the reasons why we plow Yankton Trail Park, Costs for a contractor to do the snow removal and what it would take for park operations crews to plow a path into the park and one row of parking stalls. Additional items for discussion include the museum concept and events for the 2008 season.

With no further business before the board Dwight made a motion to adjourn. Rich seconded. Motion Carried.

The next meeting will be on **April 11th, 2008 at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Department Office located at 100 East 6th Street.

Approved:


Chairman