

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, August 14, 2009, 7:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Office

Members present: Dave Nordlund, Dwight Hahn, Lawrence Ritz, Ron Mielke, and Rich Crawford.

Members absent: None.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney and Tory Miedema.

Others present: None.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Interpretive Center—The Board would like to have some exhibits made to help with marketing the fund-raising campaign for the Interpretive Center. A motion was made to have department staff secure a proposal from TSP to develop a concept plan and associated exhibits. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. Ron Mielke abstained from the vote.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report—Total donations to date amount to \$659,781 with an unspent balance of \$110,070.

New Paver Area—Tory Miedema provided a handout showing the new paver area and four different paver layout options. The different options were produced to try to better match the percentages of paver sizes sold. The Board has already given approval to the department to construct the new paver area. The Board left it up to staff to choose the option that best fit prior paver sales.

Going Home Dedication Plaque Wording—Don Kearney provided a draft of the wording for the plaque done by Sondra Jonson, the artist who created the sculpture. The Board liked the wording, but wanted to change the final three words from "we live by" to "by which we live." A motion was made to approve the plaque wording with corrections. The motion seconded. Motion carried.

Going Home Dedication Bench Sponsorships—The sponsorship of the three benches surrounding the *Going Home* sculpture was discussed. It had been decided at an earlier meeting that one bench would be sponsored by the Roling

family, one by the Veterans' Park Memorial Board, with the third one unidentified at that time. A motion was made to allow the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation sponsor the other bench. The motion seconded. Motion carried.

Eagle Sculpture—The Board was asked by Mike Billion if there was interest putting an Eagle sculpture in the park. The donor would like to give the sculpture to an organization for public display. There would be no cost to the recipient. The Eagle sculpture is made of bronze and is 6 feet tall with a 5-foot wing span. The donor would like to dedicate it in memory of his father, who was a veteran. The Board asked Larry Ritz to let the donor know that park policy does not allow for personal recognition other than the pavers. A motion was made to have the Board look at the actual sculpture and have Jon Jacobson make a recommendation concerning including it in the park and where it might fit. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input: None.

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be **October 9, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President