

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, October 9, 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: Bob Jamison.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Going Home Dedication—Don Kearney handed out a draft copy of the program for the November 7, 2009, dedication. The keynote speaker has not been identified yet, but the Roling family is contacting a former general from Canton who has spoken at events in the past. Don will talk to Jodi Schwan to see if any of the congressional delegation will be present. The Board suggested that a call be made to the bishop's office to check on the correct title for Bishop Swain. The Convention Center has been secured as a backup site in case of bad weather. No construction has begun on-site. Henry Carlson has scheduled their crews to set the statue the day before the dedication.

Interpretive Center Concept Plan—Ron Mielke brought a rough draft of the design agreement requested at the last meeting. The agreement will be to design the Interpretive Center through schematic design. The cost of the services is a not-to-exceed cost of \$32,000. The department will need to amend the Capital Improvement Plan and ask for a supplemental appropriation to get the authority to spend the donated funds. The Board asked staff to check on the prior commitment passed by the Board in regard to construction funding for the center. Ron will check with the Chamber of Commerce to see when the next open Chamber appeals spot is. Ron asked the Board to look at the possible locations for the center identified in the feasibility study so everyone is ready to discuss at the next meeting. A motion was made to authorize the expenditure of \$32,000 from the Veterans' Memorial Park fund balance for the Interpretive Center schematic design. The motion was seconded. Motion carried. Ron Mielke abstained from the vote.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report—The total to date is \$664,581 with an unspent balance of \$114,875.

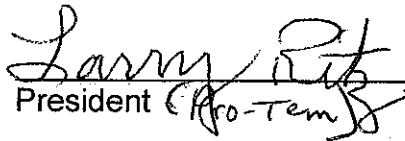
Eagle Sculpture—Tory handed out an exhibit produced by Jon Jacobson showing his recommended locations for the sculpture. The Board discussed the pros and cons of each location. A motion was made to accept the sculpture subject to the City approval process for placement of art in City parks. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input: The Honor Flight press conference held at the park was well attended.

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

The next meeting will be on **December 11, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:


President (Pro-Tem)