

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, February 12, 2010, 7:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Office

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

Members Absent: None.

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Don Kearney and Tory Miedema.

Others present: Bob Jamison; Jon Jacobson, Confluence; Alan Wieskamp, TSP; and Harriet Kelly.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Eagle Sculpture Donation: Don and Tory are checking with City staff to see if there are any available quartzite stones to use as the base for the Eagle Sculpture. The plan is still to unveil the sculpture at the annual Flag Day event at the park.

Merchant Marine Plaque Removal: The plaque has not been removed. The weather turned bad before Park staff got the word to take it out, and it is now under two to three feet of snow. Park staff will remove the plaque as soon as the snow melts.

Paver Marketing (in honor of/in memory of): The Board discussed a number of ideas to promote buying pavers in honor of active veterans. Ron Mielke and Susie Garry will work together to produce some promotional materials to get into publications that are mailed to active and retired veterans.

Dennis Quigley/Keeble MOH Plaque: The Board has not heard from Dennis since the last meeting. The Board asked Dave Nordlund to follow up on the request. They would like Dennis to make a written request to bring the item to the Board.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report: The total to date is \$677,831, with an unspent balance of \$119,275. Tory reminded the Board that the schematic design agreement for the Interpretive Center is being processed and will come out of

the unspent balance. The new paver area bid will also come out of that total. The bid will go out in the next few weeks.

Never Came Home Memorial: Jon Jacobson of Confluence presented an exhibit showing some concepts and locations for the memorial. The Board preferred the Option 1 location. Jon will bring a more detailed exhibit to the next meeting showing dimensions, layout, and other details. Dwight Hahn volunteered to work with Greg Allis to come up with ideas for wording on the plaque. A motion was made to endorse and fund this project subject to the final cost estimate and the additional approvals needed. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Interpretive Center Schematic Design: Alan Wieskamp of TSP lead the discussion on site selection for the Interpretive Center. The proposed sites recommended in the concept plan were discussed, as well as an additional location proposed by the Board. A motion was made to select Site C for the Interpretive Center (open area at the northwest corner of the parking lot next to the drainage way). Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Interpretive Center programming was also discussed. The concept plan recommended a 10,000-square-foot building. The Board thought that square footage was a good starting point. Alan and TSP will use these guidelines to start the schematic design. Alan will also discuss possible display configurations with Bill Hoskins of the Siouland Heritage Museums and invite him to the next meeting. A special meeting will be held Friday, March 5, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. to continue the schematic design discussions.

Public Input: Harriet Kelly asked the Board about donating some money to the park in memory of her late husband. He was involved in the early planning for the park. Don and Tory will get pictures and costs for the items in the park that are available for sponsorship.

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

The next meeting will be a Special Meeting on **March 5, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President