

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2010, 7:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Office

Members Present: Ron Mielke, Larry Ritz, Dwight Hahn, Dave Nordlund, and Bob Jamison (new member; appointment effective June 3, 2010)

Members Absent: None

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Don Kearney, Director

Others Present: Alan Wieskamp, TSP

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2010, special meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Flag Day Ceremony: Don Kearney reported that the bronze *Eagle* sculpture, donated by Les and Cheryl Heddleston, is ready for unveiling on Monday, June 14, 2010. Les Heddleston will be in attendance to assist with the unveiling. Mayor Mike Huether will also be in attendance to make a few remarks.

Interpretive Center: Alan Wieskamp gave a summary on the Interpretive Center. The center as proposed consists of 9,754 square feet. Estimated bid value of the building (with 10 percent contingency) is \$2,748,924.00 to build what you see with three pods. Additional architectural fees are not included in the cost estimate. If another pod is added, more restrooms would be recommended on the south end. Utilities are based on year-round usage. Geothermal is being proposed for this building. Exhibit installation costs will be \$1,120,000.00 in addition to the building construction costs. This would provide 5,600 square feet of permanent exhibit space. Ron Mielke mentioned that Board members should read and review the project. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report: There is currently \$131,596.03 in the checking account. The Board asked for an updated summary of anticipated expenses we may experience in the next few months so we have a feel for what we will have in the bank after the projects for this year are completed.

Harriet Kelly Donation Request: Harriet Kelly attended the February 12, 2010, meeting and asked the Board about donating to the park in memory of her late husband, who was involved in the early planning for the park. The donation options


of the Medal of Honor Garden plaque or the pergola column plaque did not suit her needs. Dwight Hahn asked if Harriet could contribute to cover the installation costs of the *Never Came Home* monument in the amount of \$4,000.00. Don will contact Jon Jacobson and ask him for his recommendations on how a recognition plaque could be installed near the monument. Don will bring a proposal before the Board at the next meeting.

No Public Input.

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

The next meeting will be held on **Friday, August 13, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.**, at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President