



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.  
Board of Directors Meeting, March 28, 2017  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Butch Hansen, David Glassman, Peter Frano, Peter McKanna, Joe Glover, Paul Entrekin, Jim Murphy, Michael Swinehart, Jim Durr, Roberto Rivera, and Bill Weeks (City Representative).

**Board Members Absent**

Paul Brown, Lisa Rawson, Ed Holt (Legal Advisor), and Jack Brown (Immediate Past President).

**Guest(s) Present**

Warren Palmer, Volunteer Coordinator; Terry Runyon, Viet Nam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club; Bill Cody, DigiPro; Ashley Lukasiewicz, Gold Star Wife.

(Motions and actions taken are listed in red)

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Hansen called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked those present to observe a moment of silence to honor and commemorate those we honor in the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Hansen welcomed the visitors and immediately began discussion on the date of the Memorial Day ceremony. President Hansen noted that he had presented a proposal before leaving town of moving the ceremony from Sunday to Monday (Memorial Day). He acknowledged appreciation for the participation of the Viet Nam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club in previous ceremonies and their indication that their motorcycle ride will occur on Sunday regardless of the day the Foundation holds its ceremony. He also stated that moving to Monday in the future may still be possible but felt more advanced notice was warranted. **Motion by Michael Swinehart to hold the Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday. Second by Peter Frano. The motion carried, 8-2.**

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14, 2017 board meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Paul Entrekin to approve minutes as presented. Second by Peter McKanna. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Treasurer's Report:** President Hansen noted that Paul Brown had submitted his resignation effective Friday, March 31, 2017, due to other commitments. President Hansen reported that the Foundation is currently positive approximately \$5,000 with a balance of approximately \$54,000. He also made a request for any interested board members to contact him about filling the Treasure position.

**President's Report:** President Hansen reported on the following:

- The recent Ciclovía event was a big plus for the Park and brought many visitors that may not have otherwise visited.
- There are security issues but some lights on The Wall South have been reported as inoperable. sked for an update on the hedge trimming project. Peter McKanna reported that the project is completed. Peter McKanna noted that several lights had become damaged due to water but all but one had been repaired.
- Reported that City Administrator Eric Olson told him maintenance of the Park, merged with Admiral Mason Park, was being budgeted by the City.
- Grants – No word has been received about the Gulf Power grant so it is anticipated that it was not approved. The Foundation has been included in a list of potential applicants for an Escambia County grant. President Hansen will attend an upcoming workshop for Impact 100. Letters of Intent are due by April 20, 2017, and the application deadline is in June. Adding restrooms to the Park will be the grant project.
- Skopolos at New World Landing asked if the Park/Foundation would like to be the beneficiary of a major fundraiser in July. President Hansen told them yes.
- President Hansen reported that he had been looking for a Pensacola connection to the 140 names being added to The Wall South and then told a story of a local couple and their connection.



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Committee Reports

City: Bills Weeks reported on the following:

- A forthcoming flood evaluation, not updated since before Hurricane Ivan, will change the flood plain of the Park two feet, from 7 to 9 feet. This will require any future structures to be built 2 feet higher than before/expected. Adding the 3 feet of mandatory freeboard, any future structures will have to have a first floor at least 12 feet high.

Maintenance and Planning: Peter McKanna reported on the following:

- Added to the discussion about damage to the lights on The Wall South. He said 1 fixture was destroyed and other fixtures will eventually burn out due to water damage.
- The hedge cutting project is complete. The entire exposed area above the Wall will have to be mulched or covered in stone and one smaller area needs sod work. He is awaiting a proposal on the mulch work from Wallace. President Hansen asked that he also secure a proposal for stone work which is a longer-term solution and one-time expense whereas mulch has to be replaced at some interval.
- The annual inspection of the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower found some rust on the structure which will have to be sanded and repainted.
- Some participants for the Memorial Day ceremony are still needed: singer for the National Anthem, Chaplain, Bulger, and Color Guard.

Technology: David Glassman reported on the following:

- Recognized Bill Cody to provide a mockup of bricks memorializing Marines lost in the Vengeance 01 (Nepal, 2015) and Pegasus 31 and 32 (Afghanistan, 2016) mishaps. This led to a discussion on future brocks and restrictions on what may be included (emblems, badges). Ashley Lukasiewicz, whose husband was lost in Nepal, indicated here concurrence with Mr. Cody's design and how the mother of two Marines lost in that mishap specifically requested the Combat Camera emblem be included.
- President Hansen noted that Panel 3S was missing from the locator in the kiosk and also mentioned that the new panel would have to be added to the locator. President Hansen also requested a price quote from DigiPro for adding the locator function to the Foundation website and asked that the 13 names included in the GWOT Memorial be added to the website description.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 3:30PM.

Submitted by:

James M. Murphy