



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.  
Board of Directors Meeting, December 14, 2017  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Paul Entrekin, Michael Swinehart, Butch Hansen, Jim Murphy, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Pete Frano, Jim Durr, Andy Caputi, Peter McKanna, Stacy Pruitt, and Lisa Rawson.

**Board Members Absent**

David Glassman, Richard Penrose, Bill Weeks (City Representative), and Ed Holt (legal advisor).

**Guest(s) Present**

Councilwoman Sherri Myers; sculptor Randy New, and Warren Palmer (volunteer coordinator).

(Motions and actions taken are listed in red)

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Entrekin called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and asked those present to observe a moment of silence for our fallen comrades represented at the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Entrekin welcomed the visitors, Warren Palmer had nothing to report.

Randy New presented the beginning model for a miniature Global War on Terror Memorial. Miniatures can be sold as a fundraiser. The initial cost is \$350.00 for a mold; each statue would cost \$100.00 with an additional \$50.00 for a wooden base. These miniatures would use a cold cast resin (plastic) that looks like bronze. The same size miniature would cost about \$900.00 if made from bronze. The first miniature could be used for promotional purposes to generate interest. **Motion by Michael Swinehart to spend \$500.00 for completion of the first miniature. Second by Butch Hansen. The motion carried.** Councilwoman Sherri Myers gave a presentation, with input from Mr. New, on her Unity Project, a proposal for a Triumph Gulf Coast funds grant to create and install monuments around Pensacola to highlight a diversity of the City's history. Councilwoman Myers stated that we "need more monuments that tell a more inclusive history of Pensacola." This topic led to a long discussion regarding the idea of moving the Jackson Square Confederate soldier monument to Veterans Memorial Park as part of a new Civil War Memorial; the potential for ringing Admiral Mason Park with monuments; and related topics about the purpose, appropriateness, and procedures for Veterans Memorial Park's involvement in this initiative. Mr. New also presented ideas for a Native American monument based around Alexander McGillivray, a Veteran of the Revolutionary War.

In light of the discussion regarding potential new monuments, Butch Hansen will distribute to the Board members a copy of the process to be followed for consideration of monuments/memorials for addition to the Park.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 30, 2017 board meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Butch Hansen to approve minutes as presented. Second by Peter McKanna. The motion carried.** Jim Murphy also reported receipt of a donation in the amount of \$2,500.00 from the Bear Family Foundation. Jim also reminded the Board members of the memorial service for AOAA Grosso scheduled for Tuesday, December 19, at 1400 at Barrancas National Cemetery.

**Treasure's Report:** Pete Frano reported on the following:

- The current balance in the checking account is approximately \$43,000.00 compared to \$38,000.00 at this time last year plus liabilities which had the Park approximately \$35,000.00 in the red.
- \$3,511.00 in online donations have been received since October 01, 2017 and a total of \$54,658.00 in donations since January 01, 2017.
- Pete also recently renewed the Foundation's liability insurance at a cost of \$1,445.00.
- Butch Hansen commented that an audit of the recent brick sales is still needed to verify which pledges were fulfilled.



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

- There are no new security issues.
- David Glassman submitted a written proposal for the tile layout resident. The proposal only covered memorial tiles and not any that might be sold as a fundraiser. Peter McKanna commented that the total costs of the proposal \$3,100.00 to replace the 154 existing tiles so that they all match.
- Bill Weeks was not present but Butch Hansen commented that there was no update from the City on the restroom project.

Committee Reports

**City:** Bill Weeks was not present.

**Events:** Wreaths Across America will be laying wreaths in the Park on December 16.

**Operations Officer:** Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- Stated that he feels the Board needs to appoint or elect a fundraising chairperson. This led to a discussion of the need, including the amount of time Pete spends on some fundraising aspects along with Park maintenance and planning. Butch Hansen stated that he would not be the fundraising chair but would continue researching grant opportunities.
- The brick fundraiser, to replace the sidewalk from the Park entrance and past the Wall South includes 18 sections which would be replaced one at a time as bricks are sold. Pete presented a few options depending on the size of the bricks chosen and the established sales cost, but total revenue from selling all the bricks would be as much as \$182,000 over time with new profits as high as \$137,000.
- Presented the Board with a report, Veterans Memorial Park Lighting and Structural Upgrades 2018, with a total estimated cost of \$79,690.00. Pete said a motion was needed to adopt the brick project to fund the existing lighting projects in this report and then fund World War II monument repairs. A brief discussion followed and no formal motion was made, probably because the discussion and late hour distracted the Board members.

**Technology:** Dave Glassman was not present.

**Finance and Marketing:** No report was given.

Michael Swinehart made a motion to skip the second December meeting and meet again the second Thursday of January. Second by Lisa Rawson. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, at 3:30PM.

Submitted by:  
James M. Murphy