



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.  
Board of Directors Meeting, May 9, 2017  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

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

**Guest(s) Present**

Terry Runyan, Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets MC and Warren Palmer, Volunteer Coordinator.

(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 those we honor in the Park especially three troops recently KIA: Sgt. Joshua P. Rodgers, 22, of Bloomington, Illinois; Sgt. Cameron H. Thomas, 23, of Kettering, Ohio; Senior Chief Special Warfare Operator Kyle Milliken, 38, of Falmouth, Maine. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence.

President Hansen welcomed the visitors and commented on the great success of the recent project to replace mulch above The Wall South. He also mentioned that he was recently at the Park and spoke with a Gulf Breeze High School student completing an extra credit history project. President Hansen commented that this was exactly the type of thing we are trying to do at the Park.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 25, 2017 board meeting were presented for approval. **Motion by Michael Swinehart to approve minutes as presented. Second by Jim Durr. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Secretary's Report:** Jim Murphy had nothing new to report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Frano reported total assets of \$53,781.85. Donations to reflected includes \$16,700 received year-to-date; an additional \$250.00 was received before the meeting from Grace Lutheran Church.

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

- Nothing to report regarding Park security.
- Received a call from Bill Kimble and will be setting up a meeting to discuss Park grounds maintenance.
- Impact 100 credentials were verified and the grant submission is under development. Eric Olsen said the City had no issues with the restroom project, will endorse the grant proposal, and the City is willing to help sustain the restrooms.
- Spoke with a representative from Skopolos regarding the previously discussed fundraiser in July. The person who made the first contact with the Foundation is longer employed at Skopolos. The owner will call President Hansen to discuss further.
- Briefed the Appleyard Group consistent with the discussion held during the last meeting. The group is very knowledgeable of the Park history and were involved in much of it.
- Met with the HER Foundation about their upcoming 5K run fundraiser on May 20, 2017. The start/finish line will be at the Park.
- Discussed the status of current Board members. There are presently two open seats and two more will become open this fall when current members' terms end. He wants to discuss this after Memorial Day but well in advance of when those terms end to decide on a way ahead.



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Committee Reports

City: Bills Weeks commented during the President's Report and had no further items to discuss.

Events: Paul Entrekin, as Master of Ceremonies for Memorial Day, discussed the following:

- Reviewed the proposed program for Memorial Day. There was a brief discussion of the schedule but no objections noted from the Board members present.
- After a brief discussion, it was decided the Essay Contest recognition portion of the ceremony will be allotted no more than 10 minutes.
- All 140 names recently added to The Wall South will be read.
- There will be three wreath layings during the ceremony.
- President Hansen will send invitations to the local military commanders, vice commanders, and senior enlisted leaders.

Maintenance and Planning: Peter McKanna reported on the following:

- The mulch project went very well and he recognized the area NJROTC units that assisted. Since the mulch project was finished so quickly, the NJROTC cadets contributed more time assisting Tom Andrews with his ongoing project to professionally power wash the Park.
- The area around the flag pole needs to be repainted/recoated. He will research the amount of materials needed and the cost.
- All of the bronze statues in the Park need to be cleaned again. The last cleaning was about two years ago. The project cost is \$1,800.00 for all bronze in the Park to be professionally cleaned by GLMCO. area for memorial tiles below the Marine Corps Aviation Bell Tower Some was mapped to see how many could be sold and placed there. **Robert Rivera made a motion to fund the statue cleaning. Second by Michael Swinehart. Motion carried unanimously.**
- Working with a local restroom engineer to finalize plans for the project. He expects to have a final proposal before the next meeting.

Technology: David Glassman reported on the following:

- Demonstrated a video presentation currently under development which highlights the Park master plan. The presentation will eventually be given to Mr Cohen.
- Showed the Board the information sent to the Next of Kin of the Marines to be memorialized at The Bell Tower in August.

Finance and Marketing: Roberto Rivera had nothing new to report.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for May23, 2017 at 3:30PM.

Submitted by:

James M. Murphy