



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

Executive Committee Members Present

Butch Hansen, Michael Swinehart, and Jim Murphy.

Additional Board Members Present

Peter McKanna, Paul Entrekin, David Glassman, and Lisa Rawson.

Guest(s) Present

Richard Penrose (applicant for the board); Warren Palmer (volunteer coordinator).

(Motions and actions taken are listed in red)

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

President Hansen recognized Richard Penrose who has applied for membership on the Board. Mr. Penrose introduced himself and answered questions from the members present.

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

Reviewed the status of Board membership. Four Board members' terms will expire in October; two of them, David Glassman and Michael Swinehart, have indicated they would like to remain as members. Roberto Rivera has indicated he will roll off the board and there has been no word from Joe Glover. Combined with two open seats, there are four expected openings; six applications have been received. New members will be elected during the second meeting of October and the new members will take office at the first meeting after Veterans Day. Applicants that have not yet attended a meeting will be invited to the next meeting to have an opportunity to introduce themselves. When the new members take office, elections will be held for Board officers. President Hansen has indicated he will fulfill his last year as a member but will not continue as President for the next year.

He presented a brief to City Council on Tuesday, September 26, detailing the accomplishments of the Board and our operating in the black this year. President Hansen and Peter McKanna recently met with the lawn contractor taking over landscaping on October 1. The contractor has indicated that intend to mow the grass at the Park on Sunday mornings; President Hansen prefers Thursday or Friday and Pete will speak with them again in an attempt to get this changed due to the number of visitors in the Park on Sunday mornings. If there is no progress in getting the day changed, President Hansen will contact the City Parks Department.

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners passed their budget which includes \$10,000.00 for World War II Memorial repairs and Global War on Terror Memorial engineering costs. The original request was for \$35,000.00.

He is considering scaling back security patrols at the Park but may not do so since the security company recently discovered a Park-wide power outage. For unknown reasons, Gulf Power has pulled the meter; the outage was ultimately repaired but the kiosk remained out for a few days as did the sprinkler system which caused some brown patches in the grass.

Recognized David Glassman to discuss the draft policy for the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower. Dave reported that the endeavor requires coordination with other Marine Corps groupd and Headquarters Marine Corps to ensure the Park Foundation and other groups are included in mishap notifications. Pete McKanna reported that the cost to remove the tiles currently under the Bell Tower and replace them with new, matching tiles is estimated to cost \$2,560.00.

President Hansen has not heard from the City Park Department regarding engraving of the kiosk signs discussed during the last meeting.

Will meet with Ed Holt to update the license agreement with the City to match the text with the current situation, particularly the new lawn maintenance contractor.



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The Wall South plaque project is moving forward. Nine plaques have already been sold leaving 13 more available. Dave Glassman presented a draft email solicitation and webpage to advertise the project/fundraiser. **Motion by Michael Swinehart to send the email as presented. Second by Jim Murphy. The motion passed.** Dave Glassman released the email immediately thereafter.

Dave Glassman reminded the Board members about the upcoming Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival which will benefit the Park Foundation, AHERO, and the Marine Corps League Veterans in Distress Fund.

President Hansen provided an update on planning for Veterans Day. Admiral Jerry Unruh is confirmed as the guest speaker. After the meeting, he confirmed to President Hansen that the Pensacola Children's Chorus will perform at the ceremony. Lisa Rawson discussed the essay contest and Jim Murphy will provide a point-of-contact for the Escambia County School District community involvement coordinator.

Pete McKanna reported that he and Warren Palmer met with Re-Entry Alliance Pensacola (REAP). The group will begin working in the Park on October 5, in preparation for Veterans Day. They will be in the Park each Tuesday and Thursday until Veterans Day.

He also reported that we are prepared to move forward with the painting project after Sherwin-Williams examined the site and determined the materials needed to do the work properly. Sherwin-Williams will provide the paint materials with a 50 percent discount and the Foundation will purchase the remaining supplies, particularly specific rollers needed to apply the paint. The total materials cost is estimated to be \$600.00. **Motion by Michael Shinehart to to spend \$600.00 on the materials for the project. Second my Jim Murphy. The motion carried.**

Minutes: The minutes were not presented for approval.

Treasurer's Report: Pete Frano was not present.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, to accommodate President Hansen's travel schedule at 3:30PM.

Submitted by:
James M. Murphy