



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, August 8, 2019
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy, Dave Glassman, Stacy Pruitt, and Butch Hansen.

Board Members Absent

Don Chipman, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Stan Barnard, Jill Hubbs, Hosea Goodwyn (City Representative), and Ed Holt (Legal Advisor).

Guest(s) Present

Bob Rivera; George Pilling; Matt Rumble and Mike Arena with Scott and Orion (Healing Paws for Warriors); 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 to reflect on those represented in the Park. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the moment of silence. He welcomed the guests and asked if any wished to address the Board.

George Pilling stated that he met a gentleman named Douglas Taylor in Cairo, GA, who has a Vietnam-era Huey on a trailer which he often takes to military-themed events. He is interested in participating in any events the Foundation may sponsor. Mr. Taylor asks event sponsors to cover his fuel and hotel costs and charges \$10.00 for a tour and photos with the aircraft. Mr. Pilling shared Mr. Taylor's contact information with the Board.

Dave Glassman introduced Matt Rumble and Mike Arena who distributed brochures about service dogs and their non-profit, Healing Paws for Warriors. The give dogs 180 hours of training with a Veteran to help reintroduce Veterans to environments they may avoid due to their individual conditions. The Veterans who received these dogs then return to the non-profit as volunteers. The cost to sponsor a dog's training is \$5,000; sponsors are allowed to name the dog they sponsor using a military-themed named. Pete McKanna briefly discussed a conversation he has had with a sculptor regarding a possible future Military Working Dog Memorial.

Secretary's Report: Jim Murphy reported on the following:

- Presented minutes from the July 25 meeting. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Glassman. Second by Stacy Pruitt. The motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: Pete Frano reported on the following:

- The current balance is \$40,239.91. There have been no expenses except routine bills.
- Received a \$1000.00 donation from Gordon Properties.
- The next large expense will be paying for the new lights on the Korean War Memorial.

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

- He has still not heard from Ed Holt regarding the agreement with the City to formalize the Foundation's use of existing memorial cut-outs.
- He has not heard from Andy Caputi regarding the Blue Angels Association's desire to acquire a section of Walk of Honor bricks at a discounted cost.

Vice President's Report: Don Chipman was not present.

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- Wall South lights have been repaired and the Korean War Memorial lights have shipped and will be installed on August 13.
- He spoke with Bill Kimball at the Parks and Recreation department. Three to five new park benches will be installed in the Park before Veterans Day.
- Distributed copies of a new Walk of Honor brochure.
- The fall clean-up is scheduled for 8:00am on October 19.
- The City approved new irrigation heads to cover areas not currently being watered.
- He is trying to contact the group responsible the Minuteman Memorial regarding a broken light fixture.



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- The metal structure supporting the two new plaques at the Park entrance will be powder coated next week. The plan is to fill the surrounding area with black dirt and rose bushes.
- Briefly discussed the proposed Braille plaque.
- The Operation SHUFLY plaque in front of the Wall South is cracked and will be replaced.
- He is still waiting for a quote from GLYMCO for the work needed on the Purple Heart Monument.

Committee Reports

Walk of Honor: Butch Hansen reported on the following:

- A total of 365 bricks have been sponsored and eight are pending the next shipment order. He met with the Naval Academy Alumni Association which is interested in securing a section to honor their deceased members. There was a brief discussion of location and cost based on the decision made for the Blue Angels Association.
- The City Council is set to vote on an ordinance limiting use of electric scooters in the City. Under the draft ordinance, the Park will be excluded from approved areas.
- The Hawkshaw development has been formally approved and construction will begin soon. Construction must be completed within 30 months of the approval. Butch provided a description of the approved development.

Technology: Dave Glassman reported on the following:

- He met with Grayson, Destyn, and Jill Hubbs to create content for the Walk of Honor advertising campaign. The campaign will run from not later than October 1 to November 18.

Events Coordinator: Don Chipman was not present.

Merchandise: Nancy Bullock-Prevot was not present.

Marketing: Jill Hubbs was not present.

Fundraising: Stan Barnard was not present.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt reported on the following:

- He gave certificates of appreciation for businesses to Pete McKanna and letters of appreciation for individual volunteers to Bob Rivera for distribution.
- He will facilitate approximately 100 volunteers for the fall clean-up on October 19.

City Representative: Hosea Goodwyn was not present.

Business from the floor:

- Warren Palmer is working on a list of groups that may want to volunteer in the Park.
- President Entekin reminded the Board that the vote on new Board members was delayed until October. He currently has two applications but there are three empty seats and a fourth effective Veterans Day. Dave Glassman mentioned that retired Army Colonel Sean Hallenbeck may be interested in serving on the Board.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 4:54pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:
James M. Murphy