



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.  
Board of Directors Meeting, June 27, 2019  
MINUTES

**Board Members Present**

Paul Entrekin, Don Chipman, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Stan Barnard, and Dave Glassman.

**Board Members Absent**

Pete Frano, Jill Hubbs, Stacy Pruitt, Butch Hansen, Hosea Goodwyn (City Representative), and Ed Holt (Legal Advisor).

**Guest(s) Present**

Ashly Polanco (Mission 22); Robert Hulett (Humana); 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. President Entrekin invited guests to address the Board if they chose.

Ashley Polanco gave a brief presentation regarding her boyfriend's brother, Matthew (Wall-e) Womsley, an Air Force Veteran who took his own life. Ms. Polanco requested the Foundation's concurrence to conduct a walk in his honor, the Wall-e Walk, on Saturday, November 16. She has contact Mission 22 who has agreed to sponsor the event. President Entrekin referred Ms. Polanco to Ashley Lukasiewicz at the Wingman Foundation which has conducted a similar event in the Park and briefly discussed the Foundation's role in approving events and the permitting process managed by the City of Pensacola. Ms. Polanco already has 75 interested participations and is hoping to a minimum of 100 for the event. **Jim Murphy made a motion to endorse the Wall-E Walk. Second by Nancy Bullock-Prevot. The motion carried.**

Robert Hulett from Humana attended the meeting to observe how the Foundation operates while he considers potential future partnerships. President Entrekin thanked him and Humana for their recent support of the Gold Star Memorial Monument groundbreaking. Mr. Hulett stated that Humana is actively reaching out to Veterans.

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

- Presented minutes from the June 13 meeting. **Motion by Nancy Bullock-Prevot to accept the minutes. Second by Stan Barnard. The motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Pete Frano was not present.

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

- Past Vice President Andy Caputi has indicated the Blue Angels Association is interested in securing two full sections of Walk of Honor bricks which would be set aside for their members' use and inquired about the possibility of providing these sections at a discount. Different discounted donation amounts, and which sections could be used for this and similar groups, were discussed. **Motion by Pete McKanna to provide two sections (180 4"x8" bricks) for a \$10,000 donation which is a \$1,250.00 discount. Second by Stan Barnard. The motion carried.**
- He is waiting for documentation prepared by Ed Holt regarding the existing monument cut-outs which currently reside within Admiral Mason Park. He also discussed recognition for Ed Holt in honor of his considerable pro bono legal work. **Motion by Stan Barnard to present Ed Holt a Letter of Appreciation and a portrait (using image #7359 in the recently received images). Second by Nancy Bullock-Prevot. The motion carried.**

**Vice President's Report:** Don Chipman reported on the following:

- He discussed the responsibilities of the Events Coordinator position which President Entrekin has asked him to consider accepting. After the discussion, he accepted this position.

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

- Replaced of the faulty Wall South lights will begin July 1 and be completed by July 3. The manufacturer is flying in a crew to perform the work. They have discovered that the problem with the original lights were the glass allowed moisture intrusion due to the excess heat caused by reflection of the black granite.



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- The lights on the Korean War Memorial will be installed on or before July 15. He intends to have volunteers dig trenches for the conduit during the week of July 8. Smith Electric will be on site to install the conduit and the trenches will be filled back in the same day.
- There is a minor irrigation issues near the stage. The City will fix or replace the faulty valves.
- Stan Barnard asked about lighting on the Persian Gulf War Monument. Pete mentioned that the lights are easily adjustable.

### Committee Reports

**Walk of Honor:** Butch Hansen was not present.

**Technology:** Dave Glassman reported on the following:

- He discussed the new images and video from Lensea that were shared via email. He still needs to meet with Jill Hubbs along with Grayson and Destyn from Lensea, to build digital marketing with new material.
- Don Chipman asked about the possibility of hosting an events calendar on the website. That will be discussed further if there appears to be a need.

**Events Coordinator:** Don Chipman had nothing to report.

**Merchandise:** Nancy Bullock-Prevot reported on the following:

- She is working with Jill Hubbs regarding online ordering of Park merchandise.

**Marketing:** Jill Hubbs was not present.

**Fundraising:** Stan Barnard reported on the following:

- He owes less than \$2,000 toward the Gulf War Memorial and has \$1,600 in donations today.
- Wells Fargo will be giving the Foundation a \$5,000 donation. This may become an annual donation.
- President Entekin mentioned that during the last meeting, some fundraising ideas were discussed, specifically a golf tournament and working a Blue Wahoos game. There was additional discussion on these ideas.

**Military Liaison:** Stacy Pruitt was not present. Warren Palmer addressed an issue regarding Air Force volunteers from Corry Station not receiving Letters of Appreciation. Warren stated that Stacy delivered the letters to the Corry Station Volunteer Coordinator at the Corry Chapel.

**City Representative:** Hosea Goodwyn was not present.

**Business from the floor:**

- Warren Palmer discussed the recent Knights of Columbus flag retirement ceremony conducted in the Park. The K of C envisions more ceremonies in the future.
- Pete McKanna mentioned that Rolling Thunder will go nationwide next year and said it may impact the Park because it is a logical destination for such an event, possibly larger than the current Memorial Day ride to the Park sponsored by the Viet Nam Vets / Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:33pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:

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