



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK FOUNDATION OF PENSACOLA, INC.
Board of Directors Meeting, May 9, 2019
MINUTES

Board Members Present

Paul Entrekin, Andy Caputi, Pete Frano, Peter McKanna, Jim Murphy, Nancy Bullock-Prevot, Stan Barnard, and Dave Glassman.

Board Members Absent

Jill Hubbs, Stacy Pruitt, and Hosea Goodwyn (City Representative).

Guest(s) Present

Katherine Ford (Junior League of Pensacola), Destin Patera (Lensea), Dotty Dubuisson, Norm "Frenchy" LaFontaine, 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 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.

Katherine Ford reported that their recent event in the Park provided the best location with the best visibility of any Evening in White event they have held. The Junior League raised \$13,500 to support their charitable works in the community. Katherine will provide Dave Glassman with photographs from the events for use on our website.

President Entrekin recognized Dotty Dubuisson and noted that she was instrumental in forming the current Foundation. Dotty complimented the Board on the condition of the Park and its community impact.

Dave Glassman introduced Destin Patera who was present to field questions about the content planned for a marketing strategy to be discussed later in the meeting.

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

- Presented minutes from the April 25 meeting. **Motion to accept the minutes by Andy Caputi. Second by Stan Barnard. The motion carried.**

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

- The current bank balance is \$70,524.07.
- During the loan funding proposal discussion, available funds were discussed. After removing earmarked funds, for the Gulf War Memorial, the Gold Star Memorial Monument, and the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower projects, the Foundation has \$23,873.86 available for other expenses to be used for other purposes.
- **Motion by Stan Barnard to amend the previous action to direct Walk of Honor donations only to the existing projects and allow it Second by Dave Glassman. The motion carried.**

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

- Submitted the final quarterly report to Impact 100 on May 8. All commitments for the grant have been fulfilled.
- The last loose end remaining for Memorial Day is a military detail which Stacy Pruitt is handling.
- Stated he would entertain a motion to approve the loan funding proposal discussed at the last meeting. **Motion by Nancy Bullock-Prevot to approved the proposal. Second by Dave Glassman.** Significant discussion ensued including concerns by Dotty Dubuisson that having access to a line of credit could hinder attempts to win grants as the line of credit would necessarily be reflected on the Foundation books as an asset. **After the discussion, Nancy retracted her motion and the issue was not voted on.**
- French LaFontaine will be featured WEAR's Angels in our Midst on Monday, May 13, to recognize all he has done in the Park with a focus on the recent Cobra project.

Vice President's Report: Andy Caputi reported on the following:

- The Park looks great and is a focal point on Bayfront Parkway.
- Many Park events include portions of Admiral Mason Park and we need to decide about trying to annex part or all of that Park. He would like to see some clarity on the issue of what spaces the Foundation can and cannot use where the two Park abut.



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- Made a motion to change the recommended donation for the challenge coins from \$10.00 to \$15.00. Second by Nancy Bullock-Prevot. The motion carried.

Operations Officer: Pete McKanna reported on the following:

- The April 27 clean-up event was a success.
- The Cobra lettering has been delayed due to Doug Kirby having knee surgery.
- All the lights funded by the Impact 100 grant have been installed and are working.
- The new flagpole lights were installed earlier in the day (May 9). Recommends seeking donors for granite plaques to cover the old lights fixtures, similar to the bricks that were installed in front of the Wall South. Jim Murphy recommended engravings discussing the two flags directly over the location the plaques will be installed; the U.S. flag and the POW/MIA flag. Jim will prepare potential inscriptions.
- New lights were added to illuminate the Cobra.
- Everything is set for installation of the Gulf War Monument on May 16 or 17.
- Provided an updated list of existing projects including World War II Memorial lighting replacement, World War I Monument lighting replacement, Korean War Memorial lighting replacement, and World War II Memorial structural repairs.

Committee Reports

Walk of Honor: Butch Hansen was not present.

Technology: Dave Glassman reported on the following:

- Briefly discussed the May 17 Memorial Placement Ceremony at the Marine Aviation Memorial Bell Tower. He discussed specific areas in which he needs Board members' support.
- The Gold Star Memorial Monument groundbreaking is scheduled for 5:15p.m. on Thursday, May 30.
- Destin Patera is looking to partner with the Foundation to help in fundraising. A long discussion ensued and Destin explained more of what services and content are included in the ad campaign strategy. President Entrekina recommended further discussion between Destin, Grayson Berry at Lensea, and Jill Hubbs in her role as Marketing chair.

Events Coordinator: This position is vacant.

Merchandise: Nancy Bullock-Prevot had nothing to report.

Marketing: Jill Hubbs was not present.

Fundraising: Stan Barnard reported on the following:

- Reported that he saw 10 vehicles parked at the Park this morning but only two people in the Park. Andy Caputi said the vehicles are likely owned by people working in Aragon.
- New flowers were planted under the crepe myrtle trees at the Park entrance.
- Andy Caputi briefly discussed the potential for a future Impact 100 grant although the Foundation missed this year's submission deadline.

Military Liaison: Stacy Pruitt was not present.

City Representative: Hosea Goodwyn was not present.

Business from the floor: There was none.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at 3:30p.m.

Submitted by:
James M. Murphy