

Meeting Minutes
Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, April 10, 2009, 7:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Office

Members Present: Ron Mielke, Dave Nordlund, Dwight Hahn, Lawrence Ritz, and Rich Crawford

Members Absent: None

Parks and Recreation Staff Present: Don Kearney and Tory Miedema

Others Present: Bob Jamison and Rex Roling

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Interpretive Center: The Board asked if the Interpretive Center was proposed in the CIP. Don said the design was put in the year 2014 at \$144,000. This will allow Park staff to introduce the project and have a placeholder for the project. The project can be moved forward or back in the CIP, depending on the success of the fundraising effort. The operational impacts of the Interpretive Center are not needed for the CIP at this time. It will be good information to have if the question comes up with City Council and for our future planning needs. Tory will work with Alan Wieskamp and Ron Mielke to develop the numbers.

New Business:

Fundraising Report: The total to date is \$642,206, with an unspent balance of \$92,478. The Board asked if it would be possible to get the Veterans' Park video on to any of the mainstream TV channels. Don said he will talk to Jodi Schwan and staff to explore the possibilities.

Reconfiguration of Current Paver Area: Tory presented a proposal to reconfigure the current paver area. He handed out an exhibit that showed the changes. The proposal will switch out some 8 x 8 pavers with 4 x 8 and 12 x 12 pavers to be able to place the current backlog of orders prior to Memorial Day. This proposal will also balance the leftover spaces to match sales, making it possible to fill the first paver area completely before starting a new one. A motion was made to approve the proposal. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

New Paver Area Material Selection: Don handed out spreadsheets showing the estimated prices of each option discussed previously, a summary of the pavers sold to date, and revenue and expenses for paver sales from the park's inception. The Board discussed the available options and the pros and cons of each. Rich suggested that he thought switching to the limestone was an opportunity to improve upon what we currently have. There were concerns expressed about people being

upset about moving their paver after it was originally placed, the inconsistency of the use of limestone in the park, and the possibility of price changes being necessary to switch to limestone pavers. After considerable debate and discussion of the positive and negatives of using limestone versus concrete, a motion was made to continue to use concrete pavers moving forward with the understanding that we would continue to replace the pavers on a complaint basis. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Keeble MOH Plaque Wording: Tory presented the Keeble MOH plaque wording submitted by the contractor and the citation from the Department of Defense website. Parks staff has reviewed and confirmed that the wording and spelling is identical. Rich agreed to work with Susie Garry to finalize the itinerary for the Flag Day celebration and Keeble MOH dedication. A motion was made to approve plaque wording submitted by the contractor. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

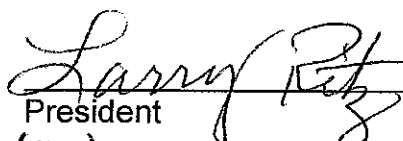
Going Home Sculpture Update: Rex said the fundraising is complete, and the statue will be ready in time for a Veterans' Day unveiling. Rex provided dimensions from the artist for the base, and they will be passed on to Jon Jacobson. Rex would like the unveiling to happen on November 7, 2009, at 1 p.m. An auxiliary plan will be put together in case of bad weather on that day. The Board and Rex decided to put together a committee to plan the event and come up with a list of people or associations that should be included. Ron will contact these people and invite them to sit on the committee. The fundraising drive covered the expenses for the entire project, including the consulting services. The Board and Rex talked about the possibility of selling the three benches as a sponsorship. A motion was made to sell the sponsorship of the benches around the "Going Home" sculpture, with one sponsorship reserved for the Rolfing family, one to the Veterans' Park Advisory Board, and the other sponsor to be approved by the Veterans' Park Advisory Board. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input: None

With no further business before the Board, a motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on **June 12, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.**, at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President
(Vice)