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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Special Meeting**  
**Regarding Questionnaire on Interpretive Site**  
**Friday, January 30, 2009, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Parks and Recreation Office**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Parks and Recreation Staff Present:** Don Kearney

**Others Present:** Bob Jamison and Alan Wieskamp of TSP

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2008, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Alan Wieskamp of TSP started the discussion by asking the Board members what they would like to see in an interpretive center. He told the Board that the purpose was not to design, but to determine square footage and types of items that would be on display. He provided examples of different interpretive centers like the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center in Sioux City. He mentioned dioramas and other methods of displaying information.

Larry Ritz provided a written summary of his thoughts to Alan. Some of his suggestions were:

- Battlefield scenes, dioramas so people can experience what it was like.
- USO shows, etc., behind-the-scenes stuff that was part of each era, "Life of a soldier."
- WWII—two sections—European and Pacific.
- We will have to be careful what policies we put in place for accepting items for display.

*Ron Mielke:*

- Be sure to present the different eras—plan for the future.
- Will this have to be staffed?
- What are the operational costs?
- Keep in mind space limitations—Lewis & Clark in Sioux City could give us an idea of their space needs and operational costs.

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- Need list of pavers and directory—can come in vestibule and see where pavers are—would like to have it available year-round.
  - Could we place it near the current tennis court location?

*Dwight Hahn:*

- Could it be placed back in the wooded area? Was not supportive of the tennis court area.

*Rich Crawford:*

- Rich mentioned that it would be ideal if we could recreate the sounds and smells that would make it feel like you were really in the battle.
- He suggested that pictures could be displayed. He also mentioned the Truman Museum and their 200-seat theatre and Mount Rushmore's continuous showings of the history of the area.

*Dave Nordlund:*

- Suggested displaying the communications and entertainment of each era or conflict. He also mentioned the center at Quantico where it was sectioned off by war eras.

Bob Jamison suggested talking to Bill Hoskins about the possibility of running the museum for us. It could become a major operation with a significant investment of time.

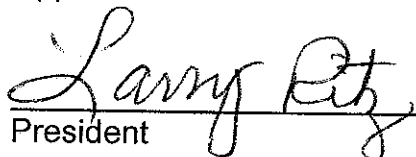
Don Kearney will contact Bill Hoskins to discuss how a facility might be run or staff based on his current experience with the museums.

After considerable discussion, Rich moved to look at all areas within at the park boundaries with an eye on expansion possibilities. Ron seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The Board decided to meet again on Monday, February 9, 2009, at 7:30 a.m. at the Park Office. The meeting on February 13, 2009, will still be held to discuss other business.

Meeting adjourned.

Approved:

  
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President