

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Friday, June 12, 2009, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Parks and Recreation Office**

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

**Members Absent:** Ron Mielke.

**Parks and Recreation Staff present:** Don Kearney and Tory Miedema.

**Others Present:** Bob Jamison.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished business:**

**Interpretive Center:** The Board asked if the Interpretive Center was proposed in the CIP. Tory Miedema said the design was put in 2014 at \$144,000 and was not changed during the CIP balancing process. The next step will be City Council approval of the CIP later in the year.

**Vets' Park Video:** Don Kearney said the City has not had any luck getting other TV stations to air the video because of the length. Most stations only have 30-second spots available for public service announcements. Larry Ritz said he had a contact at KDLT he could talk to. Bob Jamison said KELO has a 10:30 p.m. spot for local news segments and could talk to Tom Simmons about the possibility of getting it on.

**New business:**

**Fund-Raising Report:** The total to date is \$644,906, with an unspent balance of \$95,186.

**Flag Day/Keeble MOH Itinerary:** Rich Crawford and Susie Garry finalized the itinerary with all the interested groups prior to the meeting. Rich provided copies of the itinerary, flyer, and postcards for the event. The flyers will be put at all of the various veterans organizations. Rich and Susie were also going to meet with Clarence Kooistra at the park to finalize the plans after the meeting. The Keeble MOH plaque will be installed on Sunday at 10 a.m. before the ceremony begins.


**Going Home Dedication:** Don met with Rex Roling and other members of the planning committee. The dedication will take place on November 7, 2009, at 1 p.m., with tents set up in case of bad weather. The committee has started working on a draft itinerary and list of invitees. They are looking to get a big-time guest speaker, possibly John McCain or Bob Dole. They are planning for approximately 300 to 500 people. Don will provide more updates at future meetings.

**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 on **August 14, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:

  
President