

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting**  
**Friday, August 13, 2010, 7:30 a.m.**  
**Parks and Recreation Office**

**Members Present:** Larry Ritz, Dwight Hahn, Ron Mielke, Dave Nordlund, and Bob Jamison.

**Members Absent:** None.

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

**Others Present:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2010, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Interpretive Center:** Tory Miedema gave a summary of the Interpretive Center project being proposed in the CIP. There is \$68,400 in sales tax and \$68,400 in donated funds for design in 2014. Larry Ritz asked staff to work on an overall project timeline to begin scheduling the Board's fund-raising drive. The Board is looking into the possibilities of getting on the Community Appeals Fund-raising Drive.

**Harriet Kelly Donation Request:** The Board discussed having Harriet Kelly sponsor the *Never Came Home* monument. She was considering a donation of between \$2,000 and \$4,000 in memory of her late husband. The construction cost of the monument was \$8,280. The Board discussed the possibility of having joint sponsors for the monument. Tory handed out an exhibit produced by Jon Jacobson of Confluence showing his recommendation of how to recognize Mrs. Kelly for the donation. Don said he would contact Mrs. Kelly to discuss her donation. A motion was made to allow Harriet Kelly sole sponsorship of the *Never Came Home* monument if she would contribute half of the \$8,280 cost of the construction (\$4,140) and agree to be recognized as shown on the exhibit. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Fund-raising Report:** There is currently \$143,032.83 in the checking account. The unencumbered balance as of July 31, 2010, is \$75,378.53. A spreadsheet was provided showing all expenditures/encumbrances, including the three construction projects completed earlier this year and the schematic design for the Interpretive Center.

**Paver Engraving Question:** Dwight Hahn asked about a paver donation from Iona Flaskey listed on the July 31, 2010, financial report. The report showed a donation of \$300 with two names listed—Christopher and Deborah Vanderlinde. Hahn asked staff to check to see if this is one paver with two names or two pavers with one name on each. He also would like to make sure they are both veterans. The Board wanted to make sure this question is asked every time a paver is sold.

**Public Input:**

**Honor Flight Recognition Request:** Former Board member, Rich Crawford, sent an email to the Board earlier in the week regarding recognition of the Honor Flight attendees and program. Ritz suggested having a piece of the WWII exhibit in the future Interpretive Center reserved for Honor Flight recognition, with the theme of the "Greatest Generation." He also thought a sculpture or interpretive piece within the park would be appropriate. Bob Jamison suggested approaching Tom Brokaw to sponsor the piece since he coined the phrase "Greatest Generation." The Board decided to invite Rick Tupper, Honor Flight South Dakota Board member, to the next meeting to talk about the subject. Ron Mielke will invite him. They also suggested that Tupper should touch base with Bill Hoskins, of the Siouxland Heritage Museums, to store the Honor Flight material for use in the future Interpretive Center.

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 **Friday, October 8, 2010, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



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President