

Veterans' Memorial Park Advisory Board Meeting
Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30 a.m.
Parks and Recreation Office

Members present: Ron Mielke, Lawrence Ritz, Bob Jamison, and Rick Tupper.

Members absent: Dwight Hahn.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney and Tory Miedema.

Others present: Jon Jacobson, Confluence.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2011, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Paver Directory Update: Jon presented a number of different concepts for the paver directory to get feedback from the Board. The Board preferred the outdoor LCD signage option. Jon will produce some concepts showing potential locations, layouts, and appearances. He will also try to arrange a demo or illustrate how the software will function. The Board will review the material at the October meeting and provide final approval for the concept.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report: The total to date is \$733,226 with an unspent balance of \$105,633.03.

Park Policies and Guidelines Update: Don provided the Board with proposed changes to the policies and guidelines for the park. The changes were prompted by a recent request to have a memorial service at the park. In addition, the District Supervisor for the park recommended a few changes to help with maintenance and day-to-day operations. The Board asked staff to check the City ordinances to see if they address scattering ashes on public property. If they do not, the Board would like to add the prohibition of scattering ashes at Veterans' Memorial Park in the policies and guidelines. A motion was made to approve the updated policies and guidelines for the park. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Replacement of Existing Pavers: Don presented the proposed policy and order forms for those who request to replace existing pavers with a new paver. The fee basically covers the cost of the paver, engraving, and a couple hours staff time to process the request and install the paver. The Board asked staff what the procedure is for replacing pavers that have become unreadable or noticeably worn. Nothing has been done to date. The Board asked staff to

check the condition of the existing pavers and see how much it would cost to replace the weathered ones. They thought the pavers in the corner of one of the gardens had weathered more than the others and were unreadable. A motion was made to approve the proposed policy and order forms. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.


Submarine Memorial: Don informed the Board that he had been contacted by the Sioux Falls chapter of the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated. They are interested in bringing a submarine memorial to Sioux Falls, possibly in Veterans' Memorial Park. Don will update the Board when he receives more information from the group.

Public Input: The Board talked about their future plans and schedule for the Interpretive Center and the Community Appeals submission. They would like to resume efforts in November. KELO-TV will be doing a live show featuring the Honor Flight program at 7 p.m. on September 12. There will be an alumni gathering before the show. Rick would like to propose some type of recognition for the Honor Flight program within the park in the near future. He also encouraged the Board to do a presentation of the Interpretive Center to the Honor Flight group. He thinks there is potential for a possible donation to the future building with the primary focus being on World War II.

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 **October 14, 2011, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Office located at 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:


President