

May 4, 2012

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE SIOUX FALLS VETERANS' MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD was held on Friday, May 4, 2012, at 7:30 a.m. at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office. This meeting was postponed from the regularly scheduled date of April 13, 2012.

Members present: Ron Mielke, Rick Tupper, Bob Jamison, and Gene Tornow.

Members absent: Lawrence Ritz.

Parks and Recreation staff present: Don Kearney, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Tory Miedema, Park Development Specialist.

Others present: Dave Nordlund.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2012, meeting. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Paver Replacement Project Update—Tory Miedema reported that the new limestone pavers are expected to be cut and delivered in the next couple weeks. A new paver engraving contract was also completed to engrave all the replacement pavers and remain open to engrave any new orders through the end of next year. The new orders will be done first to get those orders installed as soon as possible. The rest of the pavers will be replaced in sections throughout the summer. A sign will be produced and placed in both paver gardens to explain what is going on. The paver kiosk project has been put on hold until the pavers are renumbered and put in a consistent format. This will help with programming the kiosk and setting it up for easy download updates.

New Business:

Fund-Raising Report—The total raised to date is \$744,151 with an unspent balance of \$108,742. The Board asked for an update on the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation account set up for the "Going Home" fund-raising campaign. They wanted to know the balance and what restrictions were in place for its use. Don Kearney will talk with Candy Hanson and provide an update.

Flag Day Event Planning—Kearney provided a draft agenda for the event. We are looking for a guest orator to do a dramatic reading as part of the program. The Board will check around to see if they have any recommendations. We also need to identify who will be the master of ceremonies.

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Dickey Chapelle Paver Request—Jim Webb requested to purchase a paver for Dickey Chapelle. Dickey was not a veteran, but served as a war correspondent and was killed in Vietnam. The Board previously set a policy that all people recognized by a paver must be a veteran. They did not want to make this exception for fear it would open the door to numerous other requests. A motion was made to deny the request. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input:

“My Vietnam” Video—Dave Nordlund brought a DVD of a production done by Lonnie Carpenter that featured Lonnie singing a song he wrote called “My Vietnam.” The taping was done in Veterans’ Memorial Park and featured some great pictures of the park. Dave brought it to the Board to see if they would like to use it as a promotional piece for the park. The Board suggested contacting the producer to see what kind of footage they had of the park.

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 **Friday, June 8, 2012, at 7:30 a.m.** at the Parks and Recreation Administration Office, 100 East Sixth Street.

Approved:



President