

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES FOR September 12th, 2019

Advisory Council Members Present: Mark Orr, Craig Anderson, Brendan Moore, Marcy Haas, Joe Brownell, Melissa Wilkerson, Claude Frerichs

Advisory Council Absent: Dr. William Jackson, Jim Gordon

Ex-Officios Present: Diane Bartels, Lynn Johnson, Chris Myers, Shawn Quinn, David Ross, J.J. Yost, Maggie Stuckey, Roy Rivera

1. - Call to Order

2. - Open meetings act

3. – All stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance

***4. - Minute approval** – Moved by Anderson and Seconded by Wilkerson, unanimous approval

5. - Public Comments

Bartels: Gave brief description about “Wreaths across America” They are looking for monetary donations. Kick-off at State Capitol, December 9th at 11:00 a.m. at Wyuka Cemetery., December 14th, 11:00 a.m. across the world event.

6. - Financial reports:

Stuckey: Review of financial statements, 24 orders for 2020 so far. Met 100 brick threshold.

Ross: Company in Florida, Brick Markers, has agreed to take the names from existing WW2 Bricks and transpose them into a file for creation of replacement bricks. Photos of existing bricks will be sent to Brick Markers. Add the 24 orders and build another 100, approx. 2500 for WW2.

Stuckey: Report about folders, distributed red folder, includes information about the garden, council, brochure, and sponsorship forms different companies have received folders. Claude added Sampson Construction and Berry Law. Sponsorship of \$250.00 received by Changing Spaces SRS – sponsoring Veteran’s Day and will also have staff volunteering during the event. Please let Maggie know if you are adding companies to the list. If a company would like a presentation, that is also an option. Sponsorship funding goes towards events, unless otherwise stated.

7. - Facilities:

Moore: Placement of WW2 Brick Holder-

Yost: Figuring out final quote, 10 holders that will replace 19 holders that are in the WW2 Plaza today, they will donate replacement first new style holder, in the works with getting bricks ordered with Brick Markers in Florida, and this is a good winter project. Demo space to make space for the new. Work on layout. Going from 19 to 10 holders. Target date for brick dedication next year. Also weather dependent and construction - Arrowstone is on board and working over the winter, also helping us find a possible masonry company. Maybe installation before holders are set. Bring it all out as 1 piece.

Wilkerson: It is important that we are consistent about messaging, good communication the about demolition process.

Moore: Discussion about benches, locations, style, color, perhaps get a committee together, to discuss this item.

Orr: Roy to find memorials information and bench information. Would like to have something by December for interested parties in benches.

Yost: Sealing of concrete brick holders in progress, hired Dickey Hines Muir, moving forward in corrective measures, a sealer would go over concrete and bricks, we stopped them before the sealing because there are some bricks that the lettering is fading out, if we put the sealer, this will prevent us from doing that.

Orr: Had questions about warranty, in case of mistakes. It is doubtful that they would warranty an incorrect name, but there is a workmanship quality that is expected.

Yost: In process to execute a contract with Jensen Conservation to do the next phase of memorial conservation, half of the memorials were done a year ago and split the second half into two halves and do a quarter this year and another quarter next year. Work to be done in fall depending on weather.

Korea 4 restoration is done, special thanks to Craig Anderson his work saved around 500 - 700 dollars.

8. – Events & Publicity Committee:

Orr: **Patriot Day Ceremony** went well, about 30-40 people were present, event went very smoothly.

Bartels: Veterans Day - gave brief description about needs and programs, received donations from Costco last year for cookies, the year before Russ's gave a discount. STUCKEY stated VMGAC already has \$250.00 sponsorship for the event. Costco will be contacted for cookie donation. LaRue coffee- do they still exist - still need coffee and coffee cups.

Pearl Harbor- Still need a Speaker, Chaplain, Taps and refreshments. Looking for youth to help out. Contact Diane with any ideas.

Thank you cards: There was a brief discussion in regards to Thank You cards. Will there be a process to confirm Thank You cards are given to sponsors. Pre-sign cards.

9. – Executive Committee:

Veteran's Parade – Funding discussed in newspaper article at this point comes to \$5,000.00 from City Operating Contingency Fund and \$5,000.00 from City Council, parade has been growing in size every year. \$40,000.00 for complete event. Promoting the event Veteran's parade, yard signs and posters. November 9, 2:00 p.m. 14th to 21st on K St. Last year we met at Lincoln High School parking lot in front of McDonald's, four members. Prepare brochures? What colors to wear? Military uniforms. Use Facebook to promote event. ***Idea presented for Points of Contacts for the Monuments/Memorials.***

Orr: Establish Nominations committee - Who would like to be part of the nominations committee, get ahold of Dr. Jackson, ready and voting by December. Dr. Jackson will head that committee.

Orr: Executive committee was going to be under Budget committee. Give budget ideas to Brendan or myself.

10. – Staff Reports:

Nothing to report

Meeting adjourned at 7: 47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roy Rivera, Recording Secretary

Mark Orr, Chairman