



VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION

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April 6th, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes

Present: Scott Brinkmeier Pat Gorman Rod Harrington Keane Hudson Mike Jordan
Mike Mills Al Wikoff Roger Willey

Called to Order: On April 6th, 2021 at 6:35pm the special meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Keane Hudson, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

501(c)(3): The Board of Directors of the Veterans Memorial Park Museum (VMPM) 501(c)(3) organization was discussed., Tom Bushman, Pat Gorman, Rod Harrington, Keane Hudson, Mike Mills, Charlie Thomas, and Al Wikoff had previously volunteered as members. The motion was made by Scott Brinkmeier and seconded by Mike Jordan to accept this membership, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Regarding the Officers of the Veterans Memorial Park Museum 501(c)(3) organization, the previous nominations of Charlie Thomas as Chairman, Mike Mills as Vice Chairman, Keane Hudson as Secretary, and Tom Bushman as Treasurer was motioned by Rod Harrington and seconded by Scott Brinkmeier, passing by voice vote.

VMP Website: Commissioner Pat Gorman recommended Tony Winstead of Dixon take over the VMP website design and hosting duties, as he offered to do so pro bono and has extensive experience in website design and hosting. Mr. Winstead has previously designed the Loveland Community House and Reagan Home websites. Meyer Computer Consulting hosts the current VMP site, honorourvets.org, and will be contacted about transitioning responsibilities to Mr. Winstead.

Sponsors: Discussion was brought to the table by Vice Chairman Keane Hudson regarding sponsorships of the VMPM by local businesses to raise funds to support the new museum.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Pat Gorman reported that former Marine Brandon Robbins volunteered to help with improvement projects around the park and museum. The commission agreed that Mr. Robbins's help would be appreciated and useful.

Buildings and Grounds Chair Mike Mills suggested supplying local funeral homes, morticians, and cemeteries with informational brochures for memorial stones. Vice Chairman Keane Hudson said he will come up with brochures to share with these local organizations.

Buildings and Grounds Chair Mike Mills discussed the feasibility and minimum volume requirements of bringing a concrete mixer truck to the museum for casting bollards and a flag pole base at the front of the new building.

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Commissioner Scott Brinkmeier asked about the availability of the attorney to discuss finalizing the formation of the 501(c)(3) organization for the museum. Vice Chairman Keane Hudson confirmed that the attorney will be present for the April 28th, 2021 general meeting.

Vice Chairman Keane Hudson recommended that the storage shed adjacent to the Headquarters building either be replaced or the roof be repaired: the roof is sagging due to supporting the weight of heavy snow over multiple winters, resulting in diminished rain drainage capability, which further weakens the roof. Low-cost repairs will be explored as only functionality is required of the storage shed.

Vice Chairman Keane Hudson provided dates for memorial stone installation: orders are due by April 15th, 2021, for installation on June 13th, 2021.

Artifacts Chair Al Wikoff reported that the window on the northern door of the new building had been damaged by an apparent intruder or vandal. Buildings and Grounds Chair Mike Mills said a replacement door would be purchased and installed.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made at 7:33pm by Rod Harrington, seconded by Scott Brinkmeier, and passed by voice vote.

Next meeting will be April 28th, 2021.

Submitted by,

Roger Willey, Acting Secretary

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