

**Minutes of the Regular
Veterans Memorial Board
Held at: American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7
2311 Legion Avenue
On: November 20, 2013 at: 4:00 pm**

Voting Members Present:

Joe Epstein	Chairman
James Dickman	Vice-Chair
Charlie Daniell	Member
Bill Hollenkamp	Member
Paul Hill	Member
Mario Salinas	Member

Voting Members Absent:

Geri Cunningham	Member
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Board Secretary Present:

Luis Renteria	Parks Superintendent
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Others Present:

Linda Rountree	Public Works Executive Secretary
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1. ROLL CALL OF VOTING MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roll call of those present was taken by Joe Epstein. It was determined that a quorum was present.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA OF November 20, 2013

The motion was made by Mario Salinas and seconded by Bill Hollenkamp to approve the agenda of the November 20, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Charlie Daniell, James Dickman, Paul Hill, Mario Salinas, Bill Hollenkamp

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The motion was made by James Dickman and seconded by Paul Hill to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Charlie Daniell, Bill Hollenkamp, James Dickman, Mario Salinas, James Dickman, Paul Hill

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

4. VETERANS PARK ACTIVITIES:

Joe said the dedication held on Memorial Day was a great success and Mario Salinas made a comment that this was one of the best yet.

Joe Epstein said they are going to create a Bataan Site Plan. The board will be creating a 4'x4' replica of what the 200th did in El Paso and place it along side of the monument. Joe said the City has agreed to build the base. The stone will be 4'x4' stone it will rise up to the same angle as the Bataan Stone 1 ½" x 16 " it will start at 3-inches and rise up to 7 ½ inches. Joe said Concrete Impression will create the pieces. They will be sealed to 200th CAAA, the logo, and two (2) Zia's. Both Joanna and Bemis have both taken a look at it. Concrete Impression will create these items. Joe said they will be in relief. They will not need to be painted because they will come in color. Joe is still waiting on the estimate and will bring it to the committee when he receives it.

Joe Epstein said the board requested that the city remove the two grills from in front of the vault and they have removed them both. The arch will be determined as soon as they know which missile they will be getting. The arch will go from one pad to the other reading "Freedom Isn't Free"

Luis Renteria said they have not set a date for the installation of the fence, because the city is purchasing an auger instead of renting one. He said they did purchase the chain and the 4"x4" post and said that as soon as the auger comes in they will set a date and start digging the holes for the installation of the post. Mario Salinas ask Joe if a price for the post has been determined. Joe Epstein said they will probably be around \$75.00 and said the committee will need to vote on a set price, and then print letters for donations.

Joe Epstein said he will need help and asked Bill Hollenkamp if he could go with him to the bomb site by Seven Rivers where he has located two (2) more bomb components that are almost free of rust. He said the one that has been donated to the park is concrete and the metal case has rusted away. He feels that if this is all they have, people viewing this will not recognize it as a dummy bomb but just a piece of concrete. Joe said he picked up other components which include nose and fins and he has talked to the Welding Department about welding these onto the concrete, He said that maybe they could have triple dummy bomb site and they can be placed by the arch with a sign reading "Dummy Bomb Components".

5. FINANCIAL STATUS:

Joe said he just signed an invoice from Sadler & Son in the amount of \$200.00 for slab #23 and said that at this time there has just been brick activity. He said when the Bataan Stone comes in it will be \$2,600.00 and will be paid for by contributions made by relatives and also the contribution of \$1,000 from the American Legion.

6. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP:

Joe asked members of the Board to continue soliciting for donations.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 4:00pm at the American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7, located at 2311 Legion Avenue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

