

**Minutes of the
Veterans Memorial Board
Special Meeting
Held at: American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7
2311 Legion Avenue
On: May 22, 2013 at: 4:00 pm**

Voting Members Present:

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

Voting Members Absent:

Geri Cunningham	Member
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Board Secretary Present:

Luis Renteria	Parks Superintendent
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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 May 22, 2013

The motion was made by Bill Hollenkamp and seconded by Paul Hill to approve the agenda of the May 22, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, James Dickman, Mario Salinas, Charlie Daniell

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2013 REGULAR MEETING

The motion was made by Mario Salinas and seconded by James Dickman to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Charlie Daniell, Bill Hollenkamp, Paul Hill

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

4. VETERANS PARK ACTIVITIES:

Joe Epstein said he does not have an update on the Bataan Stone and the laser etching, but he will be getting it from Sadler and he will send out an email to the Board Members to let them know when it will be delivered. Joe said the stone will not be ready for Memorial Day celebration or the Duster dedication, it is coming from Europe and will it be a while before it gets here.

Joe said the city is deciding whether they will be picking up the Duster from Santa Fe or ask the National Guard to transport it to Carlsbad. The Duster will be on loan and will be stored at Public Works fenced lot until the site is ready. Joe wrote a letter to the Elks requesting a donation of \$2,500 to buy the materials to build the fence for the duster. The site will be similar to the Locomotive at the Beach Area,

Joe said he did talk with the Governor and she did agree to be the dedication official for the duster. He also talked to the General of the National Guard and he will attempt to attend the dedication. Adon Rodriguez and George Brantley are putting a list together of those who trained on the duster and all of those will be special guests.

Joe said the flag pole is in and they are working on finishing the placement of the stones from the Carlsbad Army Airfield that will be placed around the base of the flag pole. Joe said he also got the big stone from the Permian Basin Training Center.

Bill Hollencamp said he made an observation and said he would like to see more landscaping above the commemorative bricks at the Park. He suggested gravel stones which would not require much up-keeping except replacing stones. Luis Renteria said they are redoing part of the irrigation system which will include the Veterans Park. He said this will hopefully be done around September of this year. After further discussion Joe said he will talk to the Living Desert and ask them to suggest plants for this area.

Jim Dickman made a motion that the Board donates a brick space for most recent Vietnam Veteran from Carlsbad, Clark David Franklin who's name did not get put on the Vietnam Monument because he enlisted in Alamogordo, NM. Mario Salinas second the motion.

Yes – Joe Epstein, Charlie Daniell, Bill Hollenkamp, Paul Hill

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

There will be a celebration on Memorial Day from 11:15am to 12:00pm which will give an opportunity for the members to tell the public what is new and what is coming.

5. FINICIAL STATUS:

Joe said there is a new plaque which has been agreed to by AAUW. The board sent a check to the Carlsbad Foundation but there is not a final plan yet. Joe said he received another donation from Frank Bertagnolli and his wife. This makes donation number seventeen from Frank.

6. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP:

Mario told Joe he will ask for a donation of \$1,000 from the American Legion in the amount of \$1,000 to be used on the Bataan Stone Project.

Joe told the members to continue soliciting for donations.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 4:00pm at the American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7, located at 2311 Legion Avenue.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mario Salinas and seconded by Jim Dickman to adjourn. The vote was as follows:

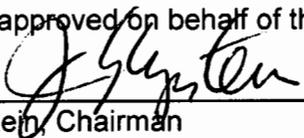
Yes – Joe Epstein, Charlie Daniell, Bill Hollenkamp, Paul Hill

No – None

Absent – Geri Cunningham

The motion carried.

Minutes approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:



Joe Epstein, Chairman

6/19/13

Date