

**Minutes of the Regular
Veterans Memorial Board
Held at: American Legion Bryan Mudgett Post No. 7
2311 Legion Avenue
On: August 21, 2013 at: 4:00 pm**

Voting Members Present:

Joe Epstein	Chairman
James Dickman	Vice-Chair
Paul Hill	Member
Mario Salinas	Member
Charlie Daniell	Member
Geri Cunningham	Member

Voting Members Absent:

Bill Hollenkamp	Member
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Board Secretary Present:

Luis Renteria	Parks Superintendent
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Others Present:

Judith Ortega	Soil and Water Conservation
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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 AUGUST 21, 2013

The motion was made by James Dickman and seconded by Charlie Daniell to approve the agenda of the July 17, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Paul Hill, Joe Epstein Geri Cunningham, Mario Salinas

No – None

Absent –Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

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

The motion was made by Mario Salinas and seconded by Charlie Daniell to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting. The vote was as follows:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Geri Cunningham, Paul Hill, James Dickman

No – None

Absent –, Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

4. VETERANS PARK ACTIVITIES:

Joe Epstein said the Duster has arrived and the fence is the next thing that will go up. Joe said the Duster dimensions are 10'x20' and the fence will be 20'x30', 6ft high with 4 ½ inches off the ground and is being fabricated by Jamie's Welding and then it will be painted by the city after it is installed.

Joe Epstein said the dedication for the Duster is scheduled for September the 18th at 11:00 a.m. The Governor is scheduled to be here. Joe said the committee will start sending out invitations on September 1st. Others that are invited and will probably attend are General Salas, Tim Paul, Chief of Staff, and Tim Hale, Veteran Services. There will also be state and federal representatives. A reception will then follow at the Stevens Inn. The dedication will be devoted to the Duster, the New Mexico National Guard and especially the Carlsbad Army National Guard that trained on the Duster. They will be the special guests.

The Committee discussed purchasing a plaques for the Duster in regards to what, who and when it was used and after further discussion they all agreed on an idea of what it will say. Joe will put the wording together and pass it by the Chief of Staff, NMNA.

The motion was made by Jim Dickman and seconded by Mario Salinas on purchasing a stainless steel 12"x18" plaque with the appropriate wording based on who and what the Duster was used for. The votes were as followed:

Yes – Joe Epstein, Geri Cunningham, Paul Hill, Charlie Daniells

No – None

Absent –, Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

Joe Epstein said that if the CAAF Norden Bombsight Vault is also in place by September 18th, it will be mentioned during the dedication of the Duster.

Joe said he talked to Jed Howard about a display inside of the large room which is where the Norden Bombsights were and the small room will simply be witness to the 1943 graffiti that is on the inside. The doors to the bombsight will be kept locked and opened only during special events.

Jim Dickman said the monitoring system is up and working but not being monitor by the Community Service Officer's (CSO) because the internet has not been connected in their office. Jim said he will go over the manual and start monitoring it himself from his I-Phone. Jim said the CSO will not monitor 24 hours a day. It will only be a reactive system that will record when it senses movement. Joe asked Jim to get with him and show him the server so that they start monitoring.

Joe Epstein said Jon Tully before retiring had proposed to purchase a Bollard and chain fence surrounding the Park and he said Steve McCutcheon is also on board with the proposal. This will keep citizens from driving into the park and cause damage to blocks. Joe will look into the pricing and bring it to the board for further discussion.

Joe Epstein said The New Mexico National Plaque (NMNG) has been replaced. Sadler is working on the Ruiz plaque to stand vertically, next to Bataan monument. The Bataan stone with the names of 135 Eddy County Veterans on Bataan should be completed by the end of September.

Joe said the Vietnam stone is cracking and will be replaced by Sadler & Son; this will take about four (4) months.

5. FINANCIAL STATUS:

Joe Epstein gave the financial status the beginning balance was \$35,000.00 the cost is about 25,000.00 leaving the balance at approximately \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00. Joe did say there are still outstanding invoices that need to be paid.

6. DONATIONS/SPONSORSHIP:

American Legion donated \$1,000.00 which made up the difference on the Bataan Stone the cost was \$2,600.00.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 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 James Dickman. The vote was as follows:

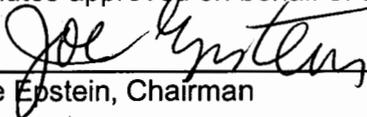
Yes – Joe Epstein, Paul Hill, Geri Cunningham, Charlie Daniell

No – None

Absent - Bill Hollenkamp

The motion carried.

Minutes approved on behalf of the Board of Trustees by:



Joe Epstein, Chairman

9/20/13

Date