

# CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL BOARD

Rio Vista Recreation Center  
Westbrook Conference Room

February 12, 2008

A meeting of the Veterans Memorial Board of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8866A West Thunderbird Road in open and public session in the Westbrook Conference Room at 5:05 p.m.

Members present: James Foulk, Phil Hanson, Larry Lichtenberg, and Thomas Schaefer.

Members excused: Reed Webber.

Members absent: Anthony Foglio and Doris Gosney.

Municipal officials present: Kirk Haines (Parks Manager) and Kristine Carr (Administrative Assistant)

Audience: Cecilia Chan (Arizona Republic)

1C) Disposition of Absence. In regards to Members Absent from the board meeting that took place 01/08/08, no communication has been received regarding the nonattendance of Anthony Foglio. Thomas Schaefer requested contact be made with Mr. Foglio regarding future board participation; and, with consideration to Mr. Folgio's health, if he is physically able to continue as an active member of the Veterans Memorial Board.

2C) Minutes. Phil Hanson made the motion to approve the minutes. A second motion was made by Thomas Schaefer; and, the Board approved the 01/08/08 meeting minutes.

3C) New Sponsorship. Kirk Haines shared with Board members a request for new sponsorship made by the City of Peoria Police Supervisors. This organization submitted an application to sponsor the Gulf War event: Operation Desert Storm. James Foulk made the motion to approve new sponsorship. Phil Hanson seconded the motion; and, the Board approved the City of Peoria Police Supervisors application for new sponsorship.

4R) Plaque Events. The Board reviewed the language, punctuation, and grammatical content for the following plaque events:

**Desert Storm.** No changes to be made; plaque event was Board approved.

**The United States Ship Constitution.** Thomas Schaefer made two (2) suggestions regarding the United States Ship Constitution: 1) Reformat the title to read, The USS "CONSTITUTION" (add quotes to, and capitalize *Constitution*); and, 2) title the "ship" referenced in the last sentence of the paragraph. Approval pending requested changes.

**Fort McHenry.** It was agreed upon by the Board to replace the *colon* mark after the word *advance* in the second sentence with a *period* mark; and, as a result, there would

be a need to capitalize *the* following the punctuation change. Approval pending requested changes.

**New Orleans.** No changes to be made; plaque event was Board approved.

**Monterrey.** It was agreed upon by the Board to replace the *colon* mark after the word *city* in the second sentence with a *period* mark; and, as a result, there would be a need to capitalize *the* following the punctuation change. Thomas Schaefer requested the word *evaluate* be replaced with *evacuate* in the final sentence. Approval pending requested changes.

**Buena Vista.** No changes to be made; plaque event was Board approved.

**Siege of Vera Cruz.** It was agreed upon by the Board to insert the following sentence at the end of the paragraph: "This was the first use of amphibious landing by the US Navy." The veracity of this statement must be researched before Board action may be taken.

**Capture of Mexico City.** No changes to be made; plaque event was Board approved.

**Fort Sumter.** It was agreed upon by the Board to make the following changes to the second sentence: Strike "At 4:30 AM," and start the sentence with "On April 12," insert a *comma* after the word *fort*, move "thirty-six hour" in front of *bombardment*, and insert a *comma* after the word *bombardment*. The sentence should read, as follows: On April 12, Confederate cannons open fire on the fort, and after a thirty-six hour bombardment, the garrison surrenders. Approval pending requested changes.

Thomas Schaefer made the motion to continue review of the following plaque events at the next scheduled meeting: USS Monitor and Confederate States Ship Virginia, Shiloh, and Desert Storm. A second motion was made by Phil Hanson, and the Board approved the topic carryover.

5R) Peoria Veterans Recognition Event. In regards to the "Peoria Veterans Recognition Event," Thomas Schaefer provided that City Ordinance 06-31 allows the Board the opportunity to organize Veteran-related public events. Thomas Schaefer suggested that Reed Webber serve as sub-committee chair to the "Peoria Veterans Recognition Event," and Doris Gosney assist as co-chair. Before the Board moves forward in organizing a recognition event, the subcommittee shall fulfill the following conditions: 1) associate the event with Board established goals and purposes; 2) develop a presentation that focuses on Veteran-related issues; 3) ascertain event contributors; and 4) establish an event date. Due to the nonattendance of subcommittee members, Kirk Haines recommended this topic carryover for discussion at the next board meeting. Thomas Schaefer made a motion to continue discussion of the "Peoria Veterans Recognition Event" at the next scheduled meeting. A second motion was made by Phil Hanson, and the Board approved the topic carryover.

6R) Future Design Services. In regards to individual recognition plaques, Kirk Haines communicated that estimated costs for architectural services would range between \$15,000 and \$18,000. Available funding must be reviewed before taking action. James Foulk made the motion to pursue this topic further upon review of available funds. A second motion was made by Larry Lichtenberg; and, the Board approved the motion.

7R) Signage for the Veterans Memorial Wall. Larry Lichtenberg expressed concern regarding the signage (or lack thereof) promoting the Veterans Memorial Wall within the Rio Vista Recreation Center. Phil Hanson made the motion requesting the City investigate available funds to produce (a minimum of) two (2) signs promoting the Veterans Memorial Wall. A second motion was made by Larry Lichtenberg; and, the Board approved the motion.

Reports from Staff. Kirk Haines met with the American Legion Post 110 to speak about the Veterans Memorial Wall. The presentation went well, and the group was supportive of the memorial. Mr. Haines is scheduled to present to the VFM West next week (02/19/08), at the SCW Foundation Building in Sun City West.

Report from Department Director. None

Report from Board. Phil Hanson is scheduled to meet with the NE Veterans Association, March 15th. It would be appreciated if Mr. Haines can make a 10-minute presentation to this group. The next Veterans Memorial Board meeting is scheduled for 03/11/08.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, Phil Hanson made to motion to adjourn. A second motion was made by Larry Lichtenberg. The Veterans Memorial Wall Board Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Thomas Schaefer, Chairperson

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Kristine Carr, Staff Assistant