



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Veterans Park Ad Hoc Committee

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Chair English called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chair English, Vice Chair Burris, Board Member Bailey and Board Member Stephens

Absent 1 - Board Member Wilson

Also Present:

Staff Liaison Jeff Nelson and Assistant City Clerk Adrian Jimenez.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Staff Liaison Jeff Nelson.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [23-1436](#) Approve Minutes of the August 23, 2023 Veterans Park Advisory Committee Meeting

A motion was made by Vice Chair Burris, seconded by Board Member Bailey, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

6. Unfinished Business

- A. [23-1247](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Presentation of a Prisoners of War (POW) Obelisk

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding obelisk vs. flags for Prisoners of War (POW), cost, design options, Commission approval, park uniqueness, essential recognition, and feasibility.

Chair English passed the gavel to Vice Chair Burris.

A motion was made Chair English, seconded by Vice Chair Burris, to direct staff to

contact the designer to add an obelisk as an option to design and researching cost.

Discussion continued regarding options and design.

The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Vice Chair Burris passed the gavel back to Chair English.

There was no public comment.

7. New Business

A. [23-1438](#) Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ideas to Generate More Public Support

Chair English announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding ideas and thoughts, North Report visibility, local radio stations, public announcements, park support, North Port Sun, city resources, donations, park participation, notice letters, social media, public support, material and design donations, volunteer list, Movie on the Green announcements, and sponsorships.

There was no public comment.

8. Updates

A. [23-0554](#) Updates Regarding Developing A List of Possible In-Kind Donations (Jeff Nelson)

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Nelson provided an update to include design firm list for donations, specific needs, donations from groups, Prisoners of War (POW) options, granite monument, and additions and alternatives for donations.

B. [23-1437](#) Updates Regarding Circle of Honor Plans (Jeff Nelson)

Chair English announced the item.

Mr. Nelson provided an update to include project application review, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) application, site plan and requirements, gopher tortoise habitat, survey's, breaking ground timeline, review process, and joint presentation with Commission and Veterans Park Ad Hoc Committee.

9. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items to include Prisoners of War (POW) design and cost.

Mr. English spoke on the city reaching out to citizens to promote the Board.

10. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

11. Adjournment

Chair English adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

By: _____
Chuck English, Chair