

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE VETERAN'S MEMORIAL CITIZEN'S ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
LAGO VISTA, TEXAS
MAY 9, 2016**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of April, A.D., 2016, the Veteran's Memorial Citizen's Advisory Committee held a Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 5803 Thunderbird, in said City, there being present and acting the following:

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Bohn	Committee Member	Rich Raley	Councilman
Michael LaPlant	Committee Member	Melissa Byrne Vossmer	City Manager
Jim Speckmann	Committee Member	Laura Fowler	Recreation Manager
Janet Sue Thompson	Committee Member		
Jimmy Thornton	Committee Member		
Michael Gray	Committee Member		
Michael Schnieder	Committee Member		

Committee Chair, Dick Bohn called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm and recognized that all Committee Members were present.

The numbering below tracks that of the agenda, whereas the actual order of consideration may have varied.

Opened for citizen's comments, none given.

1. On a motion by Michael Gray, seconded by Jim Speckmann, the minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Discuss Veteran's Park Current State and Condition by subcommittee members Jim Speckmann and Jimmy Thornton. Met April 27t, 2016 at Veteran's Park. Park in great condition. Measurement approximately 120' x 116' within the sidewalks. Grass well maintained. Recently struck by lightning and damaged irrigation system. Pine Tree may still have life, needs a qualified arborist to care for it and bring up to best health. Flag pole in middle of park, good condition. Curving sidewalks appear to be in good condition. Concrete by gazebo is slightly cracked, can be filled. Stone bench part of Original Park. Really good condition. Gazebo is in generally good condition. Needs some repairs and to be painted /stained. Netting to prevent bird nesting. ADA should be converted to concrete. Reorient opening of gazebo to face center. Possibly rock up the sides, copper style roof to dress up. The Veteran's sign should be reoriented 90* to make more visible to traffic. CapMetro needs refreshing but overall doesn't interfere with park. Paint and cleanup. Phone needs to be removed. Trash needs to be emptied. Bike rack is to be installed, maybe instead a kiosk or sign to inform passersby. No biking and skating sign needs to be replaced. Large street lamp illuminated traffic at Dawn & Thunderbird. See if it can be moved across the street, replace with an antique style fixture. Electric pole is not necessary, should be removed if possible. Large building along park side is for sale. Cedar tree should be removed. A faux wall possibly to be constructed. Lighting for wall to illuminate path. Overall nice park.

Lacks a monument to honor Veteran's. Open center add flagpoles, ground lighting, additional sidewalk, possibly paver bricks. Bullets attached. Recommend a water feature in the center.

3. Janet Sue Thompson and Michael LaPlant Discussion of Proposed design and elements for consideration. Reviewed other parks. Common elements; flags, service medallions, logos, emblems. Stone, bronze or metallic type emblem. US seal. Bricks with Veteran's name. Water features, flames, statues, sculptures, walls, benched, gardens, religious symbols, separate structures like gazebo or awnings, separate areas for different wars, Purple Heart Memorial tribute, flag disposal for proper disposal. Hometown Hero type waterproof display. Special lighting designated parking for disabled Veteran's or Purple Heart recipients. Design needs a professional designer to capture aesthetics and design.

Jackie Gray, 2604 Hopkins Cove. Comment is complementive to Jonestown's Veteran's Monument. Suggests gathering more feedback from community before you decide on a design.

4. Electronic Memorial suggested by Michael Gray. Searchable for City Veterans. Information about different wars. Jan Steele, Sunup Cove spoke of a project done to honor Veteran's. Video interviews of local Veterans. Interactive screens to hold so much information. Austin Veteran's Resource group from AT&T. Councilman Rich Raley will reach out for help. Highlight a Veteran as a draw in option, promotes repeat visitors.
5. Mike Schnieder and Michael Gray discuss 4 ideas for public events. Possible location at the actual Veteran's Park, Booth at 4th of July event, T-shirt design contest available to public and students to be worn at the dedication and on Memorial Day. A 5K walk/roll at the high school track since all Veterans are there that day anyways. Brick purchases for branches and special units in military. Seek designs for donations once design has been selected. Soliciting locally from big donors and offer a limited edition miniature replica of the Memorial for large levels of funding. Place a donation option on utility bill. Churches locally can be approached with a proposal for competitive fundraising. T-shirt sales. Bumper stickers to display your contribution. Competition between branches to compete to raise funds amongst the branches. Utilize social media. Posters featuring local Vets to have them displayed at local establishments & schools.

Discussed project roundabout cost. Suggested a design be established.

6. Discussion of brick pavers. Have a day where purchased bricks could be laid, invite public to select location if they attend that day. Discussed possible layouts. WwwBricksRus.com Not eligible if dishonorable discharge. Verification of status and payment discussions.
7. Discussion of timeline design selection, fundraising.
8. Skip June and July meeting due to schedule conflicts. Next Veteran's Memorial Citizens Advisory Committee meeting will be July 13, 2016.

Agenda item material to be added to the packet should be emailed or brought in to Sandra Barton or Laura Fowler to be added to Agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bohn adjourned the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Richard Bohn, Chairman

ATTEST:


Laura Fowler, Parks & Recreation Manager

On a motion by Committee Member M. SCHNIEDER, seconded by Committee Member J. SPECKMANN, the above and foregoing instrument was passed and approved this 10th day of October, 2016.