

**Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 7:30 am
Antelope Enclosed Shelter
3200 Memorial Dr
Lincoln, Nebraska

Advisory Council Members Present: Jim Murphy, Craig Anderson, Thad Fineran, Amber Pace, John Mamaril, Joe Brownell

Others Present: Joyce Peck, Diane Bartels

LPR/Lincoln Parks Foundation Staff Present: Maggie Stuckey-Ross, J.J. Yost, Shawn Quinn, Randy Gordon, Jamie Granquist, Mike Comstock

1. Call to Order (roll call):

Craig Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and Jamie Granquist called the roll.
Quorum was met with 6 members present

2. Welcome & Introductions:

Craig opened the floor to brief introductions of attendees around the room.

3. Recognition of Open Meetings Act:

Craig recognized that the meeting is subject to the open meetings act and referred the Council to the related poster in the back of the room.

4. Pledge of Allegiance:

Craig led the pledge of allegiance outside, overlooking the Garden.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Thad moved and Jim Seconded. **The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.**

6. Public Comments for items not listed on the Agenda:

None.

7. Finance Report: Randy Gordon, Lincoln Parks Foundation

Added Veterans' sponsorship grant fund, for donations and contributions to fund for purchase of brick for vets who cannot afford it. Easy to apply, just call LPF and ask.
Brick sales and endowment funds explained by Gordon.

8. Committee Reports

Facilities Committee:

J. J. Yost & Shawn Quinn updated that the Seabee Monument was struck by tree limb in July 31st storm. Damage has been addressed with clearing of branches & Spidel did a minor repair to

the monument. A couple of adjacent trees will be removed by contractor later. The monument joint was compromised and LPRD will work with local monument vendor to repair permanently.

Events and Publicity Committee:

ROLLING Calendar of Events: Please add these dates to your calendar!

Memorial Day 2025 (organizer Lincoln Memorial Day Observance Association): Monday, May 27 evening ceremony/typically 8pm

Bricks of Honor Dedication 2025 (organizer Lincoln Parks Foundation), Saturday, June 8, 10 am

Patriot Day 2024 (organizer VMGAC/coordinate with City-wide event at State Capitol), Wednesday September 11 **REVIEW:**

Small turnout, maybe a dozen or so. Suggestion of more promotion to help boost awareness & attendees. Capitol event with LFR is the main event, ours is more supportive & recognition. Small numbers for both. The group discussed suggestions about getting the PR into more hands, radio, Neighborhood Extra, etc.

Veterans Day Parade 2024 (organizer Lincoln Veterans Parade Group/Veterans Day Parade Committee), November 10th. Same route, Lincoln High start. 2pm. Gather around 1:15 or 1:30pm to organize and setup with banners & walk with family members or supporters. Details for group to come, first week of November.

Veterans Day 2024 (organizer VMGAC), Monday, November 11 at 11am in Auld Pavilion Carole is the Event Lead and is getting everything together. Working on details and organizational items currently.

Pearl Harbor Day 2024 (organizer VMGAC), Saturday, December 7 at 11:55 am in Auld Pavilion. Events team has talked about guests for events, memorabilia, and speakers.

Ad Hoc Committee - LPS Collaboration:

Diane Bartels met with the LPS team and Jaci. Project is a work in progress. Thoughts are to have age groups and appropriate outreach for details and putting information on paper & create a script. Steps include gathering all the knowledge, local history, and identify goals of project.

Executive Committee:

Nominating Committee (to present slate of officers at December Annual Meeting)

9/11 Monument vetting update 20 names currently in the progress for identification of next of kin and contact addresses for letter mailing from LPRD about monument inclusion feedback.

9. Announcements:

Please let Craig/Mike know your committee selection, if you are not yet on a committee.

One Council vacancy from Thomas Blanton's Resignation – awaiting recommendations from the Mayor's Office – Let Mike or Craig know if you know of anyone potentially interested.
Next meeting: Budget meeting - send budget suggestions to Executive Committee or Mike.

10. Adjourn:

Thad moved and Jim seconded. **Meeting adjourned at 8:05 am**

Next Quarterly Meeting: December 12th, 2024, 7:30am (Antelope Enclosed Shelter, Antelope Park, S. 32nd & Veterans Drive)

Respectfully Submitted:



Jamie Granquist, Recording Secretary