

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Meeting #9 Summary

DATE: February 4th, 2014

RE: Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge: Memorial Plaza Discussion

Discussion:

- The Subcommittee Chair mentioned two recommendations to the committee to consider: naming the WWII memorial as the “Veterans Memorial” and keeping Option D for the memorial plaza.
- Option D was then discussed in detail:
 - This option melded together Option A & B. It kept the spacious amphitheater feeling of A and the spine feeling of B. The flags are in the back of the rotunda as discussed from the last meeting along with the stones in a semi-circle at the back of the rotunda. The field stones (Arlington Stones) can be incorporated in this design. Option D still has the trench feeling without the enclosed solitude feeling. The spine is located in the front section in the center of the main aisle. The amphitheater layout opens from the trench. Overall it feels like A with B merged into it. There are 2 ramps/aisle walkways on the sides. There is also a circuitous route in the back of the amphitheater to allow for easy access during events.
 - There is an area at the entryway to the plaza that is open and there was a design that was shown in Option C that was eliminated. There are 50 tiles, one for each state, that are in the shape of the map of the United States. The tiles look like tiles are missing to represent soldiers missing in action. Florida is located at the farthest east point leading you to the plaza entry focal point.
 - The committee discussed some concerns about the pavers, ramps, and use of facility. Then requested the public’s comment. The public did not have any comments.
- A motion was made to accept Option D. The motion carried.
- A motion was made for the Veterans Memorial to be called the “Veterans Memorial”. The motion carried.
- The subcommittee was suspended until needed again since they fulfilled their duties.
- Fishing Pier Discussion:
 - The piers on the east and west will be simplistic. The east side will make a T shape to reach the waters of the existing old channel. The west side will make an L shape close to the current channel. Both fishing piers are located on the northern side of the bridge with extensions reaching towards the south under the bridge.
 - Concerns about parking, charging stations, lighting and ramp inclines were mentioned and discussed.
- Public Comment: Concerns about bus stops during the 2 year detour were brought up.
- Next PAC meeting is April 1, 2014; a public meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 11, 2014; No PAC meeting in March.