

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Meeting #12 Summary

DATE: November 18th, 2014

RE: Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge: Final PAC Meeting

- Discussion on Bridge Overlooks and Plaques:
 - The overlooks need to be able to expand to create extra space to place additional plaques.
 - The overlook over the park will include a plaque dedicated to Tom Staed and a plaque that describes the purpose of the Veterans Memorial Bridge.
 - All plaques will be reviewed to ensure the information and spelling of names is correct.
- Discussion on Tuscawilla Memorial:
 - The memorial will be moved from its current location into the plaza without destroying the structure towards the end of the bridge construction stage-approximately 2 years. The memorial has a crack and will need to be moved very carefully under supervision.
 - Some of the funding to move this memorial will come from a donation, but the remaining cost will have to come from another outside source. Currently, still looking for funding for the relocation process of this memorial. Looking for schools to help fund this project.
- Discussion on Charging Stations:
 - Continuing to look for areas to place the charging stations leading down to the pier. This will be looked into further.
- Walkways and Fishing Piers:
 - The walkways will be made from wood and will be replaced by the county in the future, as necessary.
 - The fishing piers budget is \$495,000. This contributes to the project being over budget.
- Discussion on the 5 Stone Plaques:
 - The 5 stone plaques will be of the fallen soldiers from Volusia County and will be placed in alphabetical order on the spine of the memorial in the park.
 - The backdrop of the spine facing the river will hold 5 stone plaques that are all laser etchings.
 - Stone 1- “Support Our Troops”
 - Stone 2- Prisoners of war and the missing in action (POW & MIA)
 - Stone 3- “Volusia County” for those who served from Volusia County and the five branches of the military
 - Stone 4- Congressional Medal of Honor (3 versions)
 - Stone 5- Purple Heart Decoration
- Permits:
 - There are 3 permits that are required for this project. The permits include a Water Treatment Permit, an Army Corps Permit, and a Coast Guard Permit.

- Before the Army Corps permit can be issued, a biological opinion study must be performed for the small tooth sawfish. This is a 6 month study that began 2 months ago.
- Advertising and Meetings:
 - June is the goal to start advertising, cannot advertise until after permits are issued.
 - There will be a pre-bid meeting to explain the design of the bridge.
 - The public meeting will take place in January or February.
- Project Funding:
 - The memorial plaza is currently not funded.
 - Trying to look for a way to have the bridge and the park be under one contractor. It will be faster and both will open to the public at the same time.
 - FDOT will be funding the bridge, fishing piers, pond, the 10 foot sidewalk leading down to the fishing pier, and the educational aspects of the bridge.
- Public Comment:
 - Many agree with moving the Tuscawilla Memorial into the plaza.
 - Believe the construction of the Memorial Plaza is a high priority.
 - Prioritize the project. Complete the bridge and then fund and construct the plaza.
- Meeting Adjourned