

PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

Meeting #8 Summary

DATE: January 7th, 2013

RE: Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge: Memorial Plaza Discussion

Discussion:

- The Subcommittee asked the full committee to vote on the following:
 - Pier Insignias: Having them on the face of the piers with the main piers receiving an inscription with the insignia.
 - Gateway Sign: To have one that is not an arch across the roadway, but rather having the name of the bridge on pilasters on either side of the roadway as you enter both sides of the bridge.
 - Windows at Overlooks: Having windows of history that start on the west side and continue along the bridge and then cross to the north side and come back to the west side. These would be approximately 12"x18" and would show information like how many served in a particular war.
 - Western Pedestrian Underpass: It will be ADA compliant and will cross under the western side of the bridge to allow for a complete circuit for people journey through the memorials across the bridge and back down to the memorial plaza. There will not be a staircase. The ramp will be roughly 100 feet in length.
 - Focal Point: Starting the memorial plaza in the southwest corner by the corner of the courthouse parking lot. There will be 5 soldiers coming out of the pond and two civilians standing at this point helping the soldiers out of the pond to greet them as they return home. There will also be a kiosk of information about the plaza and different memorials along with a Tom Staed memorial at this location.
 - Flag Poles: Have 7 poles one with 1 USA and 5 for the branches of service and one for the POW/MIA.
 - Brick Pavers: Have them located towards the bottom of the memorial near the water around the rotunda of whichever design is chosen.
- All seven items were approved by the PAC Committee. These items will be included in whichever Memorial Plaza design is chosen.
- There were three designs (A, B, and C) discussed that would incorporate all the previously mentioned elements.
 - Option A: It is a traditional design circular in shape with wide open areas. It looks like a typical amphitheater. The seating is facing towards the water. There are large stones for each branch of service in a circular format around the rotunda with the flags along the back side on the water's edge of the rotunda. This is a very open, radial design leading your focal point to the center stage of the rotunda. The view from the overlook is very nice, open, and clean looking.

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- Has more of a music feel to it. It is people friendly and easily accessible. It is capable of having big events.
- Option B: It is a unique design to match the uniqueness of the bridge. It is a linear design with rounded elements towards the front. The focal point is the Volusia County memorial in the spine or trench area of the design instead of the center stage of an amphitheater. The seating is facing the bridge and people would be facing each other. This design differs by having a center aisle with a trench like feel with steps or levels on either side of you raised up 18” in three tiers.
 - This trench or spine design is a more secluded, compact, protected feeling that allows people to view the memorial and also allow for an event towards the center rotunda. Has more of a memorial feel to it.
- Option C: Circuitous designs with a center rotunda, except the steps or levels are in a linear rectangular format. The center rotunda is rectangular in shape with the point of the square towards the water edge. The rotunda has a water feature like a pond. The only issue with this design is that the water feature takes away from the center stage focal point.
- The PAC Committee voted to keep option A and option B and to have the Design Team draw up an Option D combining some elements of A and B. Option C was voted out.
 - Option D: shifting the stones to be in a semi-circle shape with 5 stones one for each branch of military, incorporating the spine into the amphitheater design, but pushing the spine back towards the parking lot so as not to intrude on the rotunda, and having the flags (either in the back or on the spine).
- Option D will be presented at the next Subcommittee meeting on January 27th, 2014. It will be discussed there and then another motion will be brought up to the full committee in the February PAC meeting.