

## **PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **Meeting #1 Summary**

**DATE:** July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**RE:** Tom Staed Veterans Memorial Bridge: Subcommittee- Educational Aspects

#### *Discussion*

- The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the content of the memorials that will be on the bridge and the grounds surrounding the bridge. The discussion should focus on the educational aspects of the memorials not the location of them.
- Educational mission: to provide educational information to protect the memory of those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice to provide us with the freedom and way of life we have.
- The veteran community respects Tom Staed and everything he has done for the community, but he was not killed in action or from injuries of war, so they believe the name of the bridge on the entryway plaque should be Veterans Memorial Bridge to honor all veterans. They believe that they should honor Tom Staed in the memorial grounds with memorial features.
- Should have a single monument in the middle of the area denoting the five branches of service and their mottos. Have a separate area denoting other organizations like the Merchant Marines, Volusia Honor Air, etc. Also, lighting is very important to the educational effects of the area. Some of the memorials can be laser etchings in granite (Laser Imaging & Design Incorporated). Could have the flags engraved in granite. Memorials should include basic information about the wars and the amount of and the names of the Volusia County soldiers who died in combat.
- Not much room on the east side for memorials or parking. Will have fishing piers on both sides of the bridge because the height of the bridge takes away the possibility of fishing off the bridge.
- All three bridge designs will have a large space on top so there is room for lookouts. The bridge type does not interfere with the types of memorials.
- Discussed having QR codes on or near the memorials so that the kids can scan the code and get more information about the wars on their own phones. This will give the bridge a unique signature. QR codes will also allow for audio for the visually impaired.
- Issue arose about people crossing the street on the east side. Would have to go to Peninsula Drive to cross the street and to get to the other side of the bridge. Concerns were raised about adding a flashing pedestrian cross walk with rumble strips near the base of the bridge because of the grade and stopping sight distance. The memorials would have to be the same on both sides unless we can figure out a way to not have the people cross the street at the base of the bridge safely.
- The subcommittee agreed that Tuesday afternoons (3:00 to 4:00 or 4:00 to 5:00) work best. Time needs to be within Chamber of Commerce working hours.
- No public comments. Meeting adjourned.