

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

### **Meeting #2 Summary**

**DATE:** September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

#### ***Discussion***

- The next subcommittee meeting is Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:40 in the same room at the Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce.
- The bridge approaches on the east and west- suggested having a gateway denoting the Veterans Memorial Bridge.
- Bridge deck level and walkways- suggested a chronological ‘window’ of each war along the bridge walkways and look outs, which depict the names and dates of the wars, the number associated with KIA’s and WIA’s and a graphic of the war.
  - Have different windows on both sides of the bridge. There are about 20 window spaces available.
  - Granite laser etchings will cost approx. \$150/sq ft, but the company is flexible with bulk orders.
- Bridge piers facing north and south at the water level on both sides- suggested having a large insignia of the Seal of the United States on the right and an inscription, to be determined, on the left, both as part of the pier structure.
- The Veterans Memorial Plaza area (on the north side of the west end of the bridge)- suggested that this memorial plaza hold the local involvement of Volusia County residents.
  - Dedicate to those who were killed by war, with their names in an inscription as to the periods of war they were killed in. Including approximately 300 names.
  - Recognize the five branches of the Armed Services with regard to other local services like the Merchant Marines, Volusia Honor Air, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, MOAA, the First Responders, etc.
  - Have the plaza be dedicated in the name of Tom Staed with a separate monument/memorial feature.
  - The fishing piers should not be part of the memorial area for plaques/monuments.
  - Have the walkways encompass the Memorial Plaza.
  - Have the fishing piers on the west side be similar to the ones on the east side.
  - Consider specific lighting and construction materials in the memorial plaza, with exception to the brick named pavers.
- Took out the pond to the south, to make more room, and enlarged the other two ponds by combining them into one. The pond is now to the south and is a wet pond, which means it will always have water in it.
- Idea of a sleeping or kneeling soldier in the pond. Another idea was to have many marching soldiers from the different branches, showing a progression through time.
- Parking location under the bridge will be discussed more in detail at the next meeting.
- No public comments. Meeting adjourned.