

Jefferson Barracks Community Council
General Membership Meeting
March 12, 2010
Jefferson Barracks National Guard Building 37

Welcome and introductions by Art Schuermann

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2,231.19

News from Art:

Jefferson Barracks Master Plan:

- Available at www.slcec.com
- There is a 5 page executive summary that Art will email out to the list
- At the next meeting in May, Woolpert, Inc. will make a presentation on the plan

Col. Newman:

Joint Readiness Center:

- 160,000 sq. ft.
- Will contain Army National Guard, Army Reserve and some Marine Reserves
- Opening approximately in June
- Has space for 2,000 – 3,000 soldiers
- Several facilities will open up when the units move into the new building. This opens up the potential for new missions.
- Guard will renovate buildings as funds become available
- Will open up the parade ground for use by organizations that reflect the military

JB VA Medical Center

- Presentation by Dan Jay (Christner) and Fabian Grabosky (VA)
- This is considered a major project for the VA (\$10 million+)
- Planning stages started 6 or 7 years ago
- Project was approved by Congress in 2004
- Currently in design phase with Christner
- There will be a new 3 storey outpatient clinic; new engineering building (to consolidate other facilities); new medical rehab; new tenant building; and new warehouse.
- Whole complex will become more compact with an internal pedestrian spine and outer loop for vehicles
- Site improvements will try to make the roads and signage easier to get around
- Energy plant/generator: will be a nice looking building that is expandable. It is designed to be blast resistant
- Chapel will be incorporated into the rehab building. The glass from the existing chapel will be included in new building

- Spinal Cord Center: building 52 will double space for spinal cord patients – not more beds, but more privacy
- Pete McBrady – funding is not yet approved for all of this
- This kind of investment is a rare opportunity – the last major investment at JB was in the 1950's.

JB National Cemetery

- Presentation by Seth Langton
- 30 acres transferred from Medical Center to Cemetery
- Phase I drawings being completed and will then go out to bid
- Phase IA contains 10,000 crypts/Phase IB new columbarium – space for 5,800 cremated remains
- Columbarium will also have a walkway along the bluff
- Working on new way finding system
- Adding a new committal shelter and memorial plaza
- Cemetery will engage the bluff more

Fisher House

- Should be ready for use in June

AROUND THE ROOM:

Freedom River Walk:

- The walk will be held Saturday September 11, 2010

Friends of JB: Glenda

- Parks Activity guide is out
- March 17th: GRG will do a presentation at the Visitor's Center
- March 13th from 12 pm to 3 pm there will be a reception for Veteran's organizations at the Powder Magazine building
- WWII weekend: there are 6 tables left for the dance
- 10 interpretive signs are coming

World War II Weekend:

- 5 weeks away
- Many PR opportunities
- Talk to Kevin Owens or Jeff

Brendan Fahey:

- There are grant opportunities out there. Talk to him or a representative from Sen. McCaskill's office

Telephone Museum:

- New sidewalk installed

Girlfriend's Project: Julie

- April 12th dinner with State commander
- May 1st: Persons for Pantries: dinner auction for Operation Food Search at Orlando Gardens
- September 26th: 3rd Annual baby shower

JB Food Pantry:

- Food always welcome at the JBCC meetings

Consensus: The general consensus of those at the meeting supported the entire VA hospital and cemetery projects. It was noted that issues related to the National Historic Preservation Act will need to be addressed. (Historic issues were not addressed at this meeting of the JBCC.)

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY MAY 14, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS VISITORS CENTER.